

Real World Graduation: Question 91: Birth Certificate

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Question 92

When a baby is born in a modern hospital located on U. S. territory, what is the first thing that goes on the birth certificate?

- a) The baby's name
- b) The names of the parents (or the mother alone, if the father is deceased or his identity is uncertain, or the mother does not wish his identity to be revealed)
- c) The date of birth
- d) The place of birth
- e) The attending physician's name

Answer to Question 92

This is a trick question. All of the answers are false. The first thing that goes on the birth certificate is the Social Security Number. This is done so the government can attach a serial number to the child, and make sure that the child's assets and any taxes due can be tracked and assessed from birth. The single most important thing about a birth is that the baby be assigned a 3-digit area number, two-digit group number, and a four-digit serial number, which when put together become the infant's Social Security Number [1]

[1] <http://people.howstuffworks.com/social-security-number2.htm>