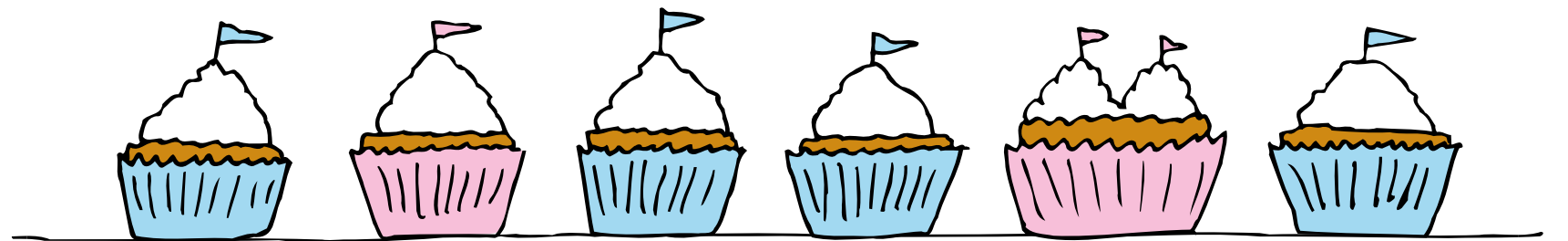


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Hurray, a baby has been born! For nine months, a baby grows in the mother's belly. After birth, people bring presents like toys, books, or small clothes. When you visit a newborn baby, you might get a present too. Cookies, sugarcoated almonds, and aniseed candies called comfits are some traditional gifts. Yummy, they're delicious! The comfits are usually pink if the baby is a girl, and blue if it's a boy.



Which cupcakes are for a boy, which one is for a girl, and which one is for twins?

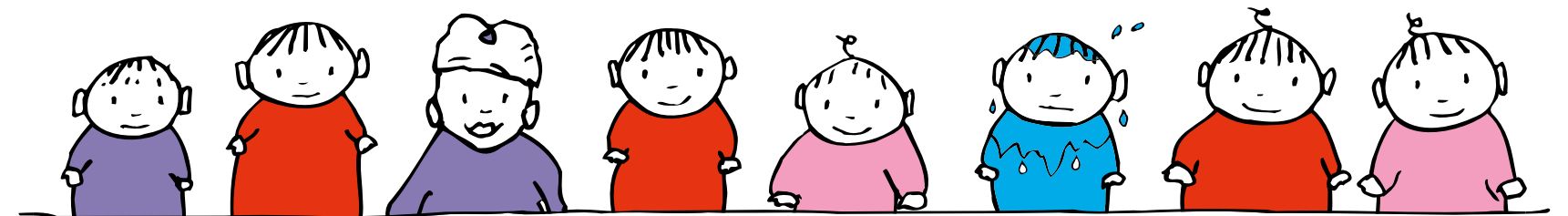
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*Flowers and fruit
for a baby on
the island of Bali*

*In the Philippines, mothers
wash their newborn children
in the river.*

Not everyone celebrates the birth of a baby with cookies and comfits. On the island of Bali, in Indonesia, people welcome a baby with incense, water, flowers, and fruit. But they wait to celebrate until the baby is a few months old. Until then, the baby's feet can't touch the ground. In villages in the Philippines, mothers wash their children in the river immediately after they're born.



Which baby is from the Philippines?