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Write one of your own family's anecdotes, making sure that you exaggerate the story to make it funny. Your anecdote needs to be based on a real-life event involving someone in your family but should be larger-than-life to make it funny. Remember, anecdotes tend to be fictionalised versions of real life.



Challenge Task **
Explain why you think the family tell the story of August's birth in this way. How do you
think August's mum would have reacted at the time? How would her recount of the events at
the time have differed from the family anecdote retold on p. 6-7?

