Hello everybody,

After Slovakia, Ukraine also made the headlines around the world recently. But the issue is a lot more serious and controversial. See for yourself.

There is a lot of new vocabulary for you to work with and learn.

Here are some words to understand before you begin:

* **surrogacy**

is an arrangement, whereby a woman (the surrogate mother) agrees to bear a child for another person or persons, who will become the child's parent(s) after birth. The process in short: An egg is removed from the intended mother or an anonymous donor and fertilized with the sperm of the intended father or anonymous donor. The fertilized egg, or embryo, is then transferred to the surrogate (a woman who „rents“ her own womb for 9 months) who carries the baby to term and then gives the baby to the commissioning parents (the couple who „ordered“ the baby and paid for him/her)

náhradné materstvo, prenájom maternice

* **hatchery**

a place where eggs are hatched under artificial conditions

liaheň

* **check-out chicks =** cashiers (pracovníčky za pokladňou v obchode)
* **fly under (the/someone's) radar**

To go without being noticed, detected, or addressed.

zostať nepovšimnutý

* **overseas =** abroad (zahraničie)
* **wail =** to cry loudly(nariekať)

Translate the following baby-care-related vocabulary yourself:

* **change nappies**
* **bathe a baby**
* **feed / breastfeed a baby**
* **cuddle a baby**
* **Kafka-esque** = very complicated

Translate the following baby-sounds/actions related vocabulary yourself:

* **to squall**
* **to mewl**
* **to puke**
* **mite=** a tiny person or child (špunt)

There is more vocabulary you can guess from the context or use a dictionary. You don’t have to understand every single word to get the idea.

So here’s the article, check out the video in the text to see what it looks like there. (Think about what the reality might look like when cameras are turned off.)

<https://mercatornet.com/ukraines-surrogacy-hatchery/62865/>

**Your tasks**

1. **Write a short comment on the article, include:**
   1. a short summary in simple words (2-3 sentences explaining what the article is about, for someone who has not read it for example)
   2. your opinion on surrogacy
      1. What do you think of the practice?
      2. Can you compare it with transactions such as buying and selling of goods/services? (Can humans be the object of transactions/commerce, i.e. can people be traded (ordered, bought&sold)? What about “faulty products” – can a baby with unforeseen defects/diseases be returned?)
      3. Surrogacy is legal in some countries, illegal in most. Do you think it should be legal or illegal everywhere?

Send your comment to [englishsosban@gmail.com](mailto:englishsosban@gmail.com) by Monday, May 25th.

1. **Write down 5-10 new items of vocabulary (words, phrases,..) in your notebook, write also the context to have an example sentence, and write a translation (in your own words).** A good way to remember a new word/phrase is to also write your own sentence using the word.