This is the first section of the first chapter of **Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell.**

Use the text to answer the following questions.

1. Where was the baby found?
2. In your own words, explain briefly what had happened.
3. Match the words to their meanings as they are used in these sentences:

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| Participants | Suppose to be the case, without evidence |
| Scholar | People who take part |
| aristocratic | Belonging to the aristocracy (a group in society, supposed in Victorian times and before, to be the most powerful and often the most wealthy) |
| duet | Part of the body that makes voice sounds |
| Vocal chords | Two parts played together |
| assume | Someone who studies in depth |

1. Why had the people in the dining room not noticed that the water was flooding in?
2. What do you know about the man who rescued the baby? Find three things with evidence.
3. How old is the baby? How do you know?
4. What is the alternative explanation for the baby’s rosette, offered by the man who finds her?
5. The baby is described as having hair the colour of lightning and the smile of a shy person. What colour is the baby’s hair do you think?
6. Using the wrapping of the baby and the container it was in as evidence, what can you work out about the person who had set the baby afloat?
7. Look at the paragraph beginning, “Think of a night time with a speaking voice….” In this paragraph, the author describes Charles – on the basis of the description, draw what you think he looks like.