## No. 1 - News!

1. Listen to the recording. The accent you'll hear is Mark from England. Really try and focus and concentrate on what you are listening to. Don't panic if you can't understand every word. Try and see if you can understand the general idea. Feel free to take notes and then after you've heard it once, tell me about what you have heard.

- 2. Now listen again for more specific details and be ready to answer questions about what you have heard.
  - a. Where is Luca from?
  - b. What had he always wanted to do?
  - c. Why was his dream difficult to accomplish?
  - d. What was he told he'd only be given?
  - e. What did the orphanage phone to say to him?
  - f. How many times had Alba been rejected by adoptive families?
  - g. How long has Luca worked with disabled people?
  - h. How did he feel when he first held Alba?
  - i. What did Luca do on social media?
  - j. Now let's review some of the vocabulary: to adopt

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## Recording No. 1 – Mark Clyndes – English

Naples resident Luca Trapanese had long wanted to adopt a child, but that presented problems for a gay, single man in Italy. "I was told that I'd only be given a child with an illness, a severe disability or with behavioural problems," says Trapanese, 41. But he didn't hesitate when an orphanage called to say they had a month-old baby called Alba with Down's Syndrome that had been abandoned by her mother and rejected by 20 potential adoptive families.

Trapanese says: "Since I was 14, I have volunteered and worked with disabled people, so I felt I had the right experience. When I first held Alba in my arms, I was overcome with joy." Trapanese has documented his and his daughter's life together over two years on social media–challenging stereotypes about fatherhood and the idea of family. "I didn't mean it to be that way," he says. "This is nothing but our life story."