What is CPAP and how is it used?

"The methods that we use to help a baby breathe include either use of a ventilator or another apparatus known as a CPAP machine, which stands for continuous positive airway pressure. And what determines whether a baby needs a ventilator, or a CPAP is basically the amount of respiratory distress that the baby is in.

Generally, babies who are requiring more support or are in greater respiratory distress will require ventilators, and often times then those babies can be weaned to a CPAP machine as they continue to improve."

