

a Complete the conversations with the correct subject pronoun, object pronoun, possessive adjective, or possessive pronoun, e.g. *I / me / my / mine*. Write your answers in the column on the right.



1 A Hey! Those are  coffees! our  
 B I'm sorry, we thought they were   
 2 A Sara got a new phone for  birthday.  
 B Wow!  always gets fantastic presents.  
 3 A I've met those people before, but I can't remember  names.  
 B His name is Ryan and I think  wife's name is Jessica.  
 4 A Tom! Are these  keys?  
 B No, I've got  here.  
 5 A Where's Sylvia? I think these are  glasses.  
 B No, they're not Sylvia's. Ask Ben, they might be   
 6 A Is this  car, sir?  
 B No, it isn't. That's  car over there.  
 7 A Have Ruth and Oliver chosen a name for  baby yet?  
 B Yes, he's called Patrick. They named  after his grandfather.  
 8 A I've left my book at home. Can I share ?  
 B Sorry! I forgot to bring , too!

b Complete the conversations with object pronouns and *for* or *to*. Write your answers in the column on the right.

1 A What beautiful flowers!  
 B Yes, my boyfriend sent    them to me  
 2 A Is that Sean's old bike?  
 B Yes, he sold    for £50.  
 3 A Where did you get those headphones?  
 B My friend got    in New York.  
 4 A Is that your tennis racquet?  
 B No, it's my brother's. He lent     
 5 A Have you seen our new logo?  
 B Yes, the Marketing Director showed    yesterday.  
 6 A Where did you buy that hat?  
 B My wife found    online.  
 7 A I didn't think George could afford designer sunglasses.  
 B He can't. His parents bought     
 8 A I love your sweater.  
 B Thanks. My grandmother made

# 1A Why did they call you that?

## 1 READING & VOCABULARY

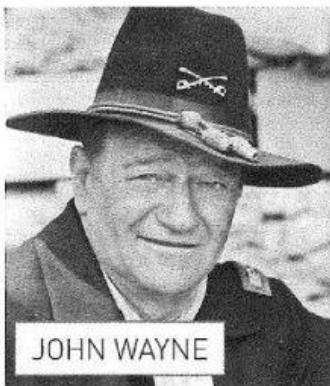
a Read the text once. What are the three main reasons the article gives for why people want to change their names?

b Read the text again and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).

- 1 More people change their names today than in the past. **T**
- 2 Elton John changed his name because it wasn't very masculine. **T**
- 3 Elle Macpherson changed her name because it wasn't very fashionable. **T**
- 4 Some ordinary people change their names to the name of a celebrity. **T**
- 5 The name 'Amy Winehouse' is more popular than the name 'Wayne Rooney'. **T**
- 6 Shaun McCormack is happy with his new name. **T**
- 7 Not everybody changes their name in search of fame. **T**
- 8 Wafah Dufour changed her name because she separated from her husband. **T**
- 9 A deed poll is an official document that says you have changed your name. **T**
- 10 British people have to pay a lot of money to change their names. **T**



ELLE MACPHERSON



JOHN WAYNE



ELTON JOHN

## DON'T LIKE YOUR NAME? THEN CHANGE IT!

These days, more and more people are changing their names. Last year in the UK, around 58,000 people decided that they wanted a different one. So why do people make this choice, and how easy is it to do so?

Celebrities change their names because they need to **create a new image** for themselves. In the past, male actors needed to have a masculine name, which is why Marion Robert Morrison chose to call himself John Wayne. Singers look for a name that their fans will remember, which explains why Reginald Kenneth Dwight decided to become Elton John. In the world of fashion, Eleanor Nancy Gow did not become successful until she changed her name to something more stylish: Elle Macpherson.

However, it is not only the famous who **seek to change their name**. Today, ordinary people do it too, and some of them do it **for fun**. They often find inspiration in their favourite singers or sporting heroes. In the past few years, 30 men have changed their names to Michael Jackson, 15 more to Wayne Rooney, and five women have become Amy Winehouse. But you have to **feel sorry** for Liverpool fan Shaun McCormack who changed his name to Fernando Torres six months before the Spanish footballer moved to a different club.

Other people have more serious reasons for changing their names. In many cases, they want to have more privacy, so they choose a name that will not **stand out**. John Smith is the most popular of these names, and recently, over 300 people have chosen it. Women who separate from their husbands often want to change their children's surnames to their own. Others want to escape the past or unwanted connection. After the events of 11 September 2001, US-born model Wafah Dufour took her mother's **maiden name** because she did not want to be associated with her uncle. His name was Osama bin Laden.

So how do you **go about** changing your name? In the UK, it is easy because no one is legally obliged to use the name on their **birth certificate**. However, if you want to change your name on your bank account or on official documents, you need **proof**. The proof can be a letter from a responsible person, such as a doctor, a public announcement in a local newspaper, or an official document called a **deed poll**. Deed polls are available free of charge on the internet, although some people prefer to pay a **solicitor** to help them with the papers.

The fixation with changing one's name shows no sign of slowing down, and there will probably be more Wayne Rooneys by this time next year. But whichever celebrity is popular at the time, their name will never be a match for the latest group of John Smiths.