



- 1 Her name's Katheryn, but she's called C
- 2 Gordon Sumner's **nickname**
- 3 The singer **changed his name** from
- 4 Robert Downey Junior is **named after**
- 5 Ruth Rendell sometimes wrote under the **pseudonym**
- 6 Brad is **short**

b Complete the definitions with a word from the list.

first-name full name initials maiden name
married name middle name

- 1 your first name is a name that your parents choose for you when you are born
- 2 a middle name is the name between a person's first name and surname
- 3 a woman's maiden name is her surname before she gets married
- 4 a woman's married name is her surname after she gets married
- 5 your full name is your whole name, including your first name, any middle names, and your family name
- 6 your initials are the first letters of all your names

The story behind the name (fill in the gaps)

Agatha Christie is the bestselling novelist of all time. She wrote 66 detective stories under her own name and six romances under the ¹pseudonym Mary Westmacott.

Agatha Christie's ²full name and surname are known worldwide, but few people know what the rest of the writer's ³initials, A.M.C.C., stand for. Agatha had two ⁴maiden names, Mary and Clarissa, so her ⁵full name was Agatha Mary Clarissa Christie. Christie was, in fact, her ⁶married name – in 1914 she married Archie Christie ('Archie' is ⁷short for Archibald). Agatha's ⁸middle name was Miller. Agatha and Archie Christie divorced in 1928, and when Agatha got married a second time – to the archaeologist Max Mallowan – she did not ⁹change her name again.

As for Agatha Christie's family, she had a sister, Margaret Fray Miller, who was ¹⁰known 'Madge' for short. Madge was ¹¹named after their grandmother's sister, Margaret West. Agatha also had a brother, Louis Montant Miller, whose ¹²name

