



- 1 Her name's Katheryn, but she's called
- 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**

- a his father, Robert Downey Senior.
- b Barbara Vine.
- c ~~Katy for short.~~
- d **for** Bradley.
- e is Sting.
- f Peter Gene Hernandez to Bruno Mars.

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 _____ is the name between a person's first name and surname
- 3 a woman's _____ is her surname before she gets married
- 4 a woman's _____ is her surname after she gets married
- 5 your _____ is your whole name, including your first name, any middle names, and your family name
- 6 your _____ 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 ²_____ name and surname are known worldwide, but few people know what the rest of the writer's ³_____, A.M.C.C., stand for. Agatha had two ⁴_____ names, Mary and Clarissa, so her ⁵_____ name was Agatha Mary Clarissa Christie. Christie was, in fact, her ⁶_____ name – in 1914 she married Archie Christie ('Archie' is ⁷_____ for Archibald). Agatha's ⁸_____ 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 ⁹_____ her name again.

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

