

Match the sentence halves.



- 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.

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

c Complete the text with the words in **a** and **b**. Write one word in each space.

The story behind a name

Agatha Christie is the bestselling novelist of all time. She wrote 66 detective stories under her own name and six romances under the ¹**pseudonym** 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 Frary 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 _____ was 'Monty'.

