STARTER UNIT 1

1 Think of five names for boys and five names for girls in your country. Is your name a popular name in your language?

2A Look at the English names in the box. Which names are

1 for girls only?
2 for boys only?
3 for both girls and boys?

Olivia	William	Michael	Emily	Sam	Charlie
Alex	Liam	Emma	Oliver		

B 1.1 Listen to the names and repeat.

C Are any of the names the same, or similar, in your language?

3 Read the article. Check your answers in Exercise 2.



The top five English names for boys and girls

Have you got a name for your new baby? To help you, here are five popular names for girls and boys in the UK.

Girls	Boys
Olivia	William
Emily	Michael
Charlotte (or Charlie*)	Oliver
Alex*	Liam
Emma	Sam*

*Remember! Some names for girls are names for boys, too. Charlie, for example, is short for Charlotte, a girl's name, and Charles, a common boy's name. Alex is short for Alexander (a boy's name) or Alexandra (a girl's name). And Sam can be Samuel for a boy, but Samantha for a girl.

What's your favourite baby name?
Click here to let us know!

4 1.2 Listen to three conversations. Which names do you hear in each conversation?

Conversation 1:
_____, _____
Conversation 2:
_____, _____
Conversation 3:
_____, _____

5 Listen again. Match the sentences a)–d) with the conversations 1–3.

a) Welcome to the school. ___
b) Nice to meet you! ___
c) Pleased to meet you. ___
d) Welcome to your new class. ___

6 1.3 Listen and repeat the sentences in Exercise 5.

7 Choose one of the names in the box. Practise introducing yourself to your classmates with your new name.

Olivia	William	Michael	Emily	Sam	Charlie
Alex	Liam	Emma	Oliver		

A: *Hi, my name's Liam.*
B: *Hi, Liam. Nice to meet you!*



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