

Reading and Use of English

MULTIPLE MATCHING: PAPER 1, PART 7

- 1** You are going to read an article about a family choosing a name for a baby. For questions 1–10 choose from the people (A–D). Each person may be chosen more than once.

Which person

- 1 does not like their name? ____
- 2 is not concerned about other people's opinion of the name? ____
- 3 wants to make a change from tradition? ____
- 4 had trouble because of their name? ____
- 5 is happy to give the baby a name which doesn't come from their own country? ____
- 6 doesn't suggest a name for the baby? ____
- 7 says their name is not very modern? ____
- 8 wants the baby to have the first name of another family member? ____
- 9 has changed their opinion of the name because of a recent decision? ____
- 10 has a name which is not understood in other countries? ____

- 2** Now read the text again and find words that mean the following:

- 1 pregnant (introductory paragraph) _____
- 2 a difficult decision (introductory paragraph) _____
- 3 the history and culture of a nation or people (paragraph A)

- 4 very pleased or excited (paragraph A) _____
- 5 to other countries (paragraph B) _____
- 6 when people attack or laugh at someone in an unkind way (paragraph C)

- 7 almost (paragraph D) _____
- 8 become an adult (paragraph D) _____

The Name Game

Steven and Maria have been married for two years and now Maria is expecting their first child. They know the baby will be a boy, but now they have a dilemma which is very familiar to couples who come from different countries. Steven is from Scotland and Maria from Greece, and they have to decide whether to give their baby a British or a Greek name. We spoke to Steven's family in Inverness and Maria's family in Thessaloniki.

A Dimitra, Maria's mother



Of course I'm just happy that I'll be a grandmother! Maria is my only child. My husband was from a different generation and his parents were very proud of our Greek heritage, so they gave him the name Aristotélos. He was a wonderful man and I've been a widow for ten years now, so I'd be thrilled if they named the baby after his grandfather. It would be a bit unusual though because, here in Greece, we normally give the first-born baby a name from the father's side of the family.

B Hamish, Steven's brother

Steven and Maria said that they think the baby needs to have a name that works in both countries, something very international. I personally don't think that should be a big issue. Take my name: it's very common here in Scotland, but when I go overseas, people don't understand it because they've never heard it before. But that's only a problem when you meet people. I'm Scottish and I'm proud I have a Scottish name. I think they should just choose a name that's interesting.



C Hilary, Steven's uncle

It's always a problem naming a baby and everyone has an opinion. But I can only give my personal experience. My parents gave me a name that's quite old-fashioned and could be a man or a woman's name, and I've never been fond of it. I had a lot of bullying when I was at school because of it. So that's what they have to be most careful about. What's wrong with James or John? They're common names.



D Maria



Everybody keeps asking me what name I'm going to give my baby and I just don't know what to do. Practically everyone I know has suggested a name to me, except Steven! He's as worried as I am. Originally, I was worried because our plan was to live in Britain and I was worried that the baby wouldn't know about his own culture. Luckily, Steven has just found a job in Athens and I now know our child will grow up here in Greece. So, I think it would be fine for him to have a British name, if we can think of a nice one. I have told Steven though that we must give the baby Aristotélos as a middle name. That's very important for my family.