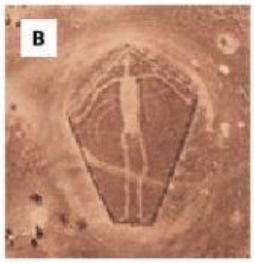
COOLIOSITIES

Match It

Can you match the geoglyphs to the images?

1 Nazca Lines (Peru) ☐
2 Paracas Candelabra (Peru) ☐
3 The Uffington White Horse (England) ☐
4 The Long Man of Wilmington (England) ☐
5 Steppe geoglyphs (Kazakhstan) ☐
6 Blythe Intaglios (California) ☐













Which of these geoglyphs would you most like to see? Why?

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN. AND KAREN...
Unlucky Names

Discuss

- How do you feel about each of the "embarrassing" names in the article? Do you "feel" them to be funny or embarrassing as well, or do they have different associations for you?
- Do you know any other names that people find embarrassing or funny?
- If you were choosing a name for a child, what criteria would be important for you? (Possibilities could include its sound, its meaning, family tradition, other people who have the name and many others.) Why?
- Do you think pop culture plays a role when people choose names in your country? How?

Another Unlucky Name: Brandon

Track 17

Read about the name Brandon and fill in the correct forms of the missing verbs.

ASSOCIATE — BECOME — CONGRATULATE — EXPRESS — GO — INTERVIEW — SEE — SHOUT



Placards



Bumper sticker

In the early 1990s, the boy's name Brandon was one of the top 10 baby names in the US. It has been gradually **1** _____ less popular over time, but in the last year or so it has **2** _____ a really dramatic drop. And it's all because of a mistake. On a US TV show in 2021, a sports journalist was **3** _____ the racing driver Brandon Brown. In the background, the crowds could be heard **4** _____ some phrase over and over. The journalist **5** _____ Brandon Brown on being so popular, thinking that the crowds were chanting "Let's go Brandon!"

They weren't. The crowd was full of Trump fans, and they were actually shouting, "F**k Joe Biden." The mistake **6** _____ viral, and soon "Let's Go Brandon" was appearing on placards, T-shirts and bumper stickers as a jokey way to **7** _____ the original statement. The name Brandon has become an anti-Biden nickname for the president himself. This ordinary name is now a political insult **8** _____ with bad language, so it's no wonder no one wants to call their babies Brandon any more.

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