

## THIS ACTIVITY CONSISTS OF 3 PARTS:

Listen to the extract from a radio programme about names and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1.  | The US starts trends in names that Britain sometimes follows.                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2.  | Using nouns as names is a completely new fashion.                               | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3.  | Names that seem to come from nature could come from surnames.                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4.  | 'Ridge' is a name that is inspired by nature.                                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5.  | 'Lyric' is a relatively popular name.   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6.  | All the different months are popular as names.                                  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7.  | 'Blue' is a popular name for boys.  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8.  | 'Apple' is probably becoming popular because of the company of that name.       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 9.  | People soon accept names that seem strange at first.                            | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 10. | The Beckhams' daughter was named after a famous writer.                         | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 11. | 'Rowling' is a popular name because of the Harry Potter writer.                 | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 12. | There is a Dutch family with six children whose names all use the same letters. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

12 points

### 2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

places	anagrams	abstract qualities	food names
safety and warmth	jobs	inspired by nature	fictional characters

- Examples of names that are \_\_\_\_\_ are 'Honor' and 'Passion'.
- Examples of names that suggest \_\_\_\_\_ are 'Shelter', 'Bay' and 'Harbor'.
- Examples of names that could be \_\_\_\_\_ are 'Frost', 'Wolf', 'Fox' and 'Bear'.
- Examples of \_\_\_\_\_ are 'Olive' and 'Clementine'.
- Examples of names that are \_\_\_\_\_ are 'Chelsea' and 'Brooklyn'.
- Examples of names that are \_\_\_\_\_ are 'Taylor', 'Mason' and 'Cooper'.
- Examples of names taken from \_\_\_\_\_ are 'Bella', 'Edward' and 'Hermione'.
- Examples of names that are \_\_\_\_\_ of each other are 'Alex', 'Lexa', 'Xela' and 'Xeal'.

8 points

3. Answer the following questions:

***Do you like your name? Why/ not?***

***Is there a story how you have got your name? Have you been named after someone?***

***Does your name have any particular (or, special) meaning?***

***If you could change your name, would you? [Why/Why not?]***

2 points per complete answer