

WHILE READING / LISTENING

GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

A website in Britain has just _____ a study into the strange names some people _____. TheBabyWebsite.com created a list called 'The Most Unfortunate Names in Britain'. Some of the names have been with people _____ birth; others got the names after they _____. The bizarre, unlucky names include Barb Dwyer, Hazel Nutt, Jo King, Justin Case, Barry Cade and Mary Christmas. A spokesperson for the website gave one _____ for why people have these names, saying: "When the parents of some of those people _____ their children, many probably didn't even realise the implications at the _____." He added: "Parents really do need to think carefully _____ when choosing names for their children."

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The list is a wake-up _____ for today's parents to think more _____ about the names they give to their children. It is very _____ to name babies after pop stars and actors. Popular names for children today include Miley, Britney and Brad. TheBabyWebsite explained how difficult life _____ be with a strange name: "There must be tremendous embarrassment every time they have to _____ themselves to anyone, especially to a crowd. Even their teachers must have had to hold back their _____ sometimes." Americans also have some curious names, such as Carrie Oakey and Bill Board. We _____ the best married-couple names on the BBC's website; Mr and Mrs Mee – Rob's a banker and Sue's a _____.

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