

A website in Britain has just released a study (1) ____ the strange names some people have. TheBabyWebsite.com created a list called 'The Most Unfortunate Names in Britain'. Some of the names have been with people from (2) ____; others got the names after they married. The bizarre, unlucky names (3) ____ Barb Dwyer, Hazel Nutt, Jo King, Justin Case, Barry Cade and Mary Christmas. A spokesperson (4) ____ the website gave one reason for why people have these names, saying: "When the parents of some of those people (5) ____ their children, many probably didn't even realise the implications at the time." He added: "Parents really do need to think carefully (6) ____ when choosing names for their children."

The list is a (7) ____ -up call for today's parents to think more carefully about the names they give to their children. It is very common to name babies (8) ____ pop stars and actors. Popular names for children today include Miley, Britney and Brad. TheBabyWebsite explained how difficult life (9) ____ be with a strange name: "There must be tremendous embarrassment every time they have to introduce themselves to anyone, especially to a (10) _____. Even their teachers must have had to hold (11) ____ their smiles sometimes." Americans also have some curious names, such as Carrie Oakey and Bill Board. We found the best married-couple names on the BBC's website; Mr and Mrs Mee – Rob's a (12) ____ and Sue's a lawyer.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

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| 1. (a) at | (b) to | (c) into | (d) in |
| 2. (a) birthday | (b) birth | (c) born | (d) births |
| 3. (a) include | (b) inclusive | (c) including | (d) includes |
| 4. (a) in | (b) to | (c) by | (d) for |
| 5. (a) names | (b) naming | (c) named | (d) namely |
| 6. (a) through | (b) thought | (c) though | (d) trough |
| 7. (a) shake | (b) wake | (c) fake | (d) take |
| 8. (a) after | (b) before | (c) during | (d) while |
| 9. (a) should | (b) must | (c) needs to | (d) shall |
| 10. (a) crowd | (b) population | (c) gather | (d) people |
| 11. (a) past | (b) behind | (c) ago | (d) back |
| 12. (a) banked | (b) banks | (c) banking | (d) banker |