

Identity Vocabulary

Complete the definitions with a word from the list.

first name full name initials maiden name
married name middle name

- 1 your first name _____ is a name that your parents choose for you when you are born
- 2 a _____ is the name between a person's first name and surname
- 3 a woman's _____ is her surname before she gets married
- 4 a woman's _____ is her surname after she gets married
- 5 your _____ is your whole name, including your first name, any middle names, and your family name
- 6 your _____ are the first letters of all your names

Complete the missing words with the vocabulary seen in previous exercises.

The story behind a name

Agatha Christie is the bestselling novelist of all time. She wrote 66 detective stories under her own name and six romances under the ¹pseudonym Mary Westmacott.

Agatha Christie's ² _____ name and surname are known worldwide, but few people know what the rest of the writer's ³ _____, A.M.C.C., stand for. Agatha had two ⁴ _____ names, Mary and Clarissa, so her ⁵ _____ name was Agatha Mary Clarissa Christie. Christie was, in fact, her ⁶ _____ name – in 1914 she married Archie Christie ('Archie' is ⁷ _____ for Archibald). Agatha's ⁸ _____ name was Miller. Agatha and Archie Christie divorced in 1928, and when Agatha got married a second time – to the archaeologist Max Mallowan – she did not ⁹ _____ her name again.

As for Agatha Christie's family, she had a sister, Margaret Frary Miller, who was ¹⁰ _____ 'Madge' for short. Madge was ¹¹ _____ after their grandmother's sister, Margaret West. Agatha also had a brother, Louis Montant Miller, whose ¹² _____ was 'Monty'.

