

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