

# WHY DID THEY CALL YOU THAT?

## MATCH THE SENTENCES HALVES



- 1 Her name's Katheryn, but she's called c
- 2 Gordon Sumner's **nickname** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The singer **changed his name** from \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Robert Downey Junior is **named after** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Ruth Rendell sometimes wrote under the **pseudonym** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Brad is **short** \_\_\_\_\_

- a his father, Robert Downey Senior.
- b Barbara Vine.
- c ~~Katy for short.~~
- d **for** Bradley.
- e is Sting.
- f Peter Gene Hernandez to Bruno Mars.

## 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

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USE THE WORDS IN THE PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES TO COMPLETE THE TEXT

## 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 <sup>1</sup>*pseudonym* Mary Westmacott.

Agatha Christie's <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ name and surname are known worldwide, but few people know what the rest of the writer's <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, A.M.C.C., stand for. Agatha had two <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ names, Mary and Clarissa, so her <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ name was Agatha Mary Clarissa Christie. Christie was, in fact, her <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ name – in 1914 she married Archie Christie ('Archie' is <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for Archibald). Agatha's <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her name again.

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

