

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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| a. People in Britain have the strangest names in the world. | T / F |
| b. People were either born with strange names or married into them. | T / F |
| c. One woman in a report was named Barbed Wire. | T / F |
| d. The report says parents need to think more carefully about names. | T / F |
| e. The article says parents who wake up early choose better names. | T / F |
| f. Lots of people name their children after movie stars and singers. | T / F |
| g. The report suggested teachers have to try not to smile at some names. | T / F |
| h. The banker Rob Mee and the lawyer Sue Mee are married. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

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| 1. released | a. strange |
| 2. unfortunate | b. warning |
| 3. bizarre | c. well-liked |
| 4. realized | d. consequences |
| 5. implications | e. made public |
| 6. wake-up call | f. fantastic |
| 7. popular | g. peculiar |
| 8. tremendous | h. unlucky |
| 9. hold back | i. understood |
| 10. curious | j. contain |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. the strange names | a. implications |
| 2. the names have been with | b. couple names |
| 3. one reason for | c. people from birth |
| 4. realise the | d. call for today's parents |
| 5. Parents really do need | e. embarrassment |
| 6. a wake-up | f. why people have these names |
| 7. name babies | g. some people have |
| 8. tremendous | h. their smiles |
| 9. hold back | i. after pop stars |
| 10. the best married- | j. to think carefully |