

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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.

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.)

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

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