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BOOK 1

LESSON 01

# What's in a Name?

## Warm up

What is your full name?

Do you have an English name?  
How come?



Are there any names that are popular in your country right now?

Do you believe that someone's name can affect their life?



## Reading

### BRIT NEWS

While traditional names like Oliver, George, and Amelia are still all the rage in the UK, more and more parents are opting for quirky names like Paris and Hermione. In 2024, British baby names were inspired by everything from literature to locations. Many British children were also named after members of the Royal Family. There has been a shift in surname trends too. Traditionally, British women took their husband's last name after marriage, but are now 30% more likely to keep their maiden name or combine surnames with their partner.

What was the inspiration behind British names in 2024?

#### Most Popular Boy Names

1. Noah
2. Muhammad
3. George
4. Oliver
5. Leo
6. Arthur
7. Oscar
8. Theodore
9. Edward
10. Freddie

#### Most Popular Girl Names

1. Olivia
2. Amelia
3. Isla
4. Ava
5. Lily
6. Ivy
7. Elizabeth
8. Florence
9. Hermione
10. Paris

How do you feel about women changing their surnames after marriage?



## Reading

- Brit News continued -

Celebrity culture has undeniably impacted British naming conventions. Many celebs choose unconventional names for their children. Most notably, Coldplay's Chris Martin named his daughter *Apple*, and David Beckham's daughter was christened *Harper Seven*. Many ordinary people are now jumping on the bandwagon and following suit by giving their children kooky names.

However, those who do so may later regret it. Such names can attract attention, which can be a huge plus for those who wish to work in a creative industry, like film. But, on the flip side, those with unusual names may find it harder to be taken seriously in more traditional lines of work. While our names don't completely define us, they do play a part in how people perceive us and in our perception of ourselves. Still, whether you're a Harry or a Hagrid, you should be proud of your name!

How has celebrity culture impacted names in the UK?

What do you think of these unusual names?

What are the pros and cons of having an unusual name?

Are you proud of your name?



## Key Expressions

### Discuss and make an example

to jump on the bandwagon (idiom)

Meaning: to join in with a trend

Example: When kooky names started to become popular, lots of people jumped on the bandwagon.

to follow suit (phrase)

Meaning: to do the same thing as someone else

Example: Celebs tend to choose unusual baby names and now lots of people are following suit.

to perceive (verb) / perception (noun)

Meaning: to see or think of something in a particular way

Example: Employers often perceive those with traditional names as trustworthy.

an uphill battle

Meaning: something that is very difficult

Example: Learning English can feel like an uphill battle sometimes.

### Make your own sentences

\_\_\_\_\_ is / are all the rage right now.

e.g. Quirky names are all the rage right now.

Most notably \_\_\_\_\_.

e.g. Having a unique name has several benefits.

Most notably, it helps you to stand out from the crowd.

On the flip side \_\_\_\_\_.

e.g. Going by a nickname at work may make you seem more friendly. On the flip side, people might take you less seriously.



# Talking About Your Name

*Prepare a short talk (about 2–3 minutes) all about your name!*

## Helpful Words and Phrases

- Your first name and surname
- Your English name (if applicable)
- How you got your name
- The meaning of your name
- Any nicknames that you have
- How your name has affected your life
- How you feel about your name



## Helpful Words and Phrases

- I was named after...
- My name was inspired by...
- It has/ hasn't affected...

## Discuss

*Have a conversation with your teacher. Try to keep the conversation going!*

Do you agree that our names can impact how we are seen by others and how we see ourselves?

Are there any Korean naming conventions or popular trends?

Do you know of any other unusual celebrity baby names?

What are the pros and cons of having a very common name?

In your opinion, should parents consider the potential future impact of a name when naming their child?