



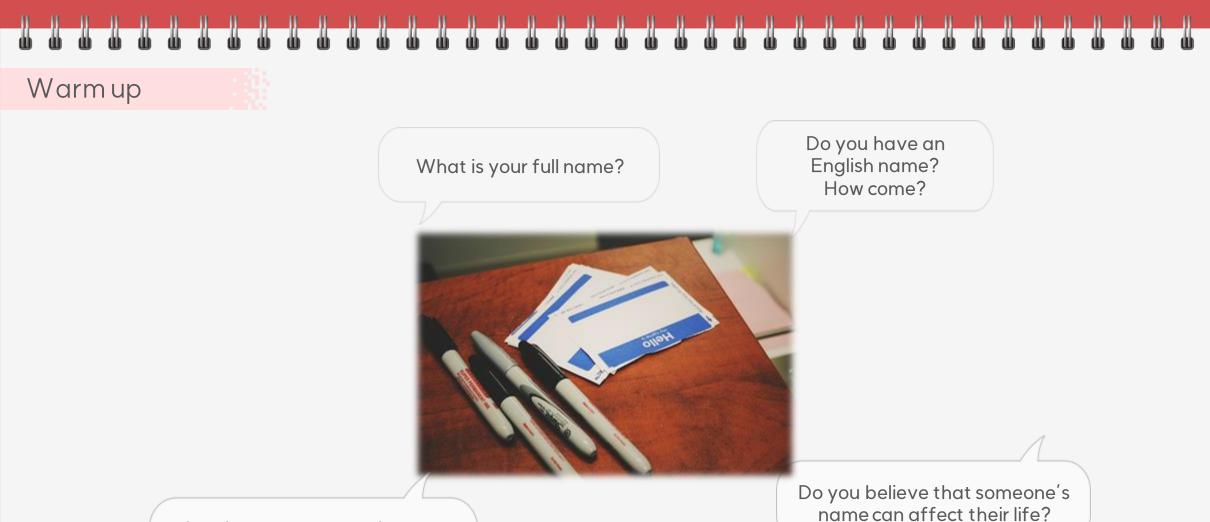


LESSON 01

What's in a Name?







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

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Reading		Most Popular Boy Names	Most Popular Girl Names
BRIT NEWS	What was the inspiration behind British names in 2024?	 Noah Muhammad George Oliver Leo 	1. Olivia 2. Amelia 3. Isla 4. Ava 5. Lily
While traditional names like Oliver, George, and Amelia are still <u>all the rage in the UK</u> ,		6. Arthur	6. lvy
more and more parents are <u>opting for quirky</u> names like Paris and Hermione.		7. Oscar	7. Elizabeth
In 2024, British baby names were <u>inspired by</u> everything from literature to locations.		8. Theodore	8. Florence
Many British children were also <u>named after</u> members of the Royal Family.		9. Edward	9. Hermione
There has been a <u>shift</u> in surname trends too.		10. Freddie	10. Paris
Traditionally, British women took their husband's last name after marriage,			

but are now 30% more likely to keep their <u>maiden name</u> or combine surnames with their partner.

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



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Reading

-Brit Newscontinued-

How has celebrity culture impacted names in the UK?

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

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

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

to perceive (verb) / perception (noun) Meaning: to see or think of something in a particular way Example: Employers often <u>perceive</u> 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 <u>all the rage</u> right now.

Most notably _____.

e.g. Having a unique name has several benefits. <u>Most notably</u>, 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. <u>On the flip side</u>, 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?



