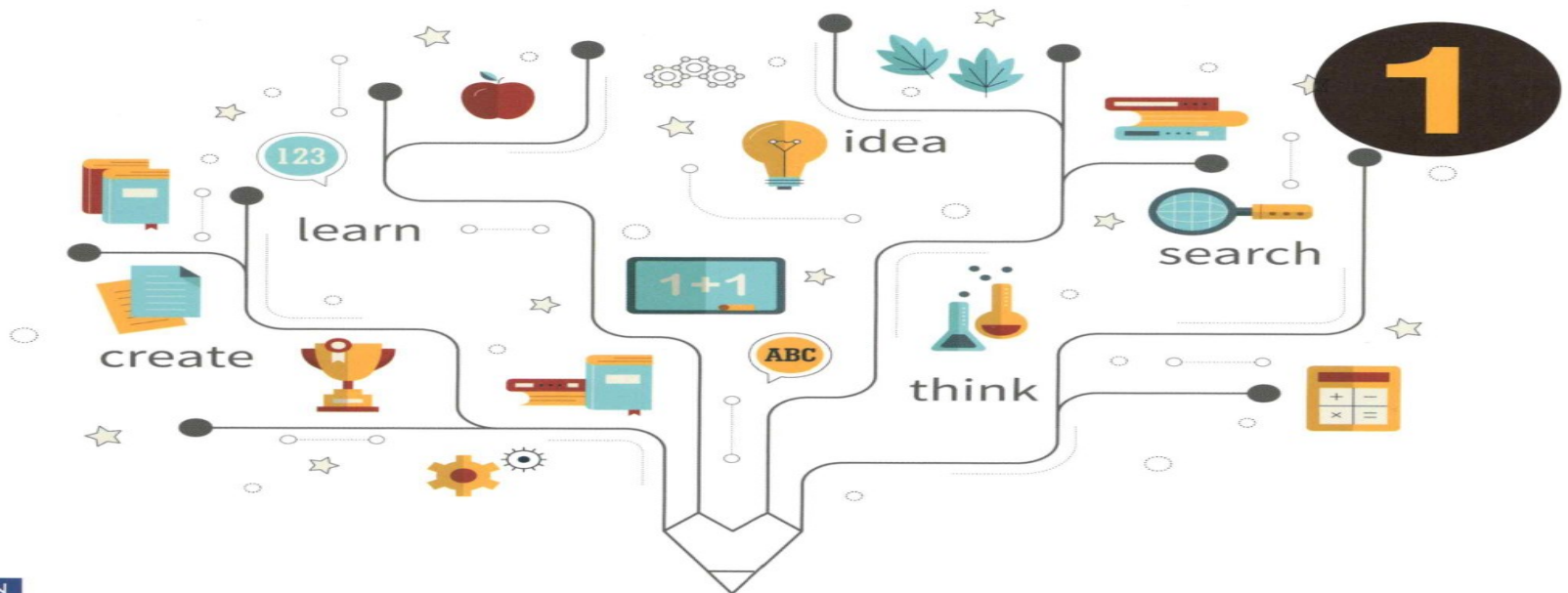


Active English DISCUSSION

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1 Names

Brainstorming Me

- What do you know about your name? What does it mean?
- What are the most popular names in your country?

Task 1

Us 2

- Look at this table. Talk about it with your partner.
- Can you guess the top boys' and girls' names in the USA, the UK and Korea?
- Write ①, ②, ③, ④, ⑤ next to the names.

The answers are in the Answer Key at the back of the book.

Most Popular Baby Names in 2015					
USA		UK		Korea	
girls	boys	girls	boys	girls	boys
① Amelia Emily Lily Olivia Sophia	③ Jack Jacob Muhammad Noah Oliver	④ Amelia Emily Isla Olivia Poppy	② Charlie Harry Jack Jacob Oliver	Ji-u Min-seo Seo-hyeon Seo-yeon Seo-yun	Ju-won Min-jun Seo-jun Si-u Ye-jun

Here are some of these names and their meanings:

Noah	→	Comfort, rest	Olivia	→	Olive, peace
Harry	→	Army commander	Sophia	→	Wisdom
Charlie	→	Manly	Isla	→	Island
Muhammad	→	Praised	Emily	→	Industrious

Task 2

- Ask people about their names.

All

Name:
Meaning:

Name:
Meaning:

What's your name?

How do you spell it?

Name:
Meaning:

Name:
Meaning:

Name:
Meaning:

I think it means ...

I don't know.

I'm not sure.

What does it mean?

What's in a name?

Track 1

- Listen to Track 1 on the CD-Rom.
- Read this passage about 'names' together.
- While you read, match the words and phrases at the bottom of the page.
- Then answer the questions on the next page.

Us Groups

Do you think your name affects your personality? If you were called Kevin, would you be kind, gentle, and handsome, just like the meaning of your name? Or if you were called Jenny, would you be like a fair spirit or a white wave?



Imagine you are choosing a name for your baby. What name will you choose, and how will you choose it? Do you want a fashionable or a traditional name for your baby? Will you search on the Internet for the most popular baby names? Each culture has its favorite names and naming-customs, so here are some from around the world.

Mongolian names have beautiful sounds and meanings, such as *Bayaarm*: “Mother of Joy.” If you watch the movie *Dancing with Wolves* (1990), you will see that North American Indian names like *Chilam* (Snow Bird) and *Demothi* (Talks while Walking) describe what the mother saw when the baby was born. Eskimo babies are named by the elders, while in Russia long ago, you could tell someone's occupation and family relationship from their name. For example, “portnoi” means “tailor” and “ova” means “daughter.” So “Portnova” means “Daughter of the Tailor.”

Many people believe the stars and planets are important influences, so they look for astrological baby names, based on the Zodiac sign of the baby's day of birth. All in all, there are many things to think about when naming your child.



Match the words and phrases on the left to the definitions on the right.

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|--------------|---|---|---|
| culture | • | • | a job, career |
| custom | • | • | a large object which goes round the sun |
| elder | • | • | a pattern of life passed from one generation to another |
| occupation | • | • | a person who makes and repairs clothes |
| relationship | • | • | a senior, respected, aged person |
| tailor | • | • | connection between people |
| astrology | • | • | help to change, affect |
| planet | • | • | the arts, beliefs, and behaviors of a society |
| influence | • | • | telling the future from the study of stars and planets |

There are more reading passages at www.inkbooks.co.kr

Comprehension Check

1. Do people in different cultures use the same names?
2. Where is Mongolia?
☐ South America ☐ Asia ☐ Africa ☐ Europe
3. How do American Indian women choose their babies' names?
4. If *Pastukh* means 'shepherd,' what does *Pastukhova* mean?
5. What is the difference between the Western Zodiac and the Oriental Zodiac?
6. Why do people think of the stars and planets when choosing a baby's name?
7. This passage explains the best method of giving a name to a baby. ☐ True ☐ False

Think for Yourself

- ☐ How was your name chosen? Who chose it?
- ☐ If you could change your name, what would you choose?
 - What would it mean?
 - Why would you choose it?

Hello my name is

Background Information

Did you know?

- ☐ In Ethiopia, your father's first name becomes your last name. For example, If your father is called Birhanu Tesfay, your name could be Demesie Birhanu, and your child could be called Bein Demesie.
- ☐ In Wales, people used to be called by their occupations. For example: Evans the Bread (Baker) and Jones the Milk (Milkman).
- ☐ In England and the USA, many family names still refer to the ancestors' occupations. For example: Albert Miller, George Smith, Terry Baker, Alice Tailor and John Nobleman.
- ☐ The names of the royal princes (Harry, George, and William) ranked 3rd, 7th and 10th as baby names in the UK in 2015.
- ☐ In Portugal, people can have two, three or more family names. For example: José Eduardo Santos Tavares Melo Silva.
(given names) (mother's names) (father's family names).

