

Upper Beginner – Lesson 1
What's in a Name?



I. Let's Listen....

A. Listen and practice.

Beth : Sun Hee, this is David Garza. He's a new club member from Mexico.

Sun Hee : Nice to meet you, David. I'm Sun Hee Park.

David : Hi. So, you're from Korea?

Sun Hee : That's right. I'm from Seoul.

David : That's cool. What's Seoul like?

Sun Hee : It's really nice. It's big and very exciting.

B. Listen to the rest of the conversation.

What city is David from?

What's it like?

II. Let's Read....

What's in a Name?

Look at the names in the article. Do you know any people with these names? What are they like?

Your name is very important. When do you think of yourself, you probably think of your name first. It is an important part of your identity. Right now, the two most popular names for babies in the United States are “Jacob” for boys and “Emily” for girls. Why are these names popular? And why are some names unpopular.

Names can become popular because of famous actors, TV or book characters, or athletes.

Popular names suggest very positive things. Unpopular names suggest negative things.

Surprisingly, people generally agree on the way they feel about names. Here are some common opinions about names from a recent survey.

Boys' Names

George: average, boring

Jacob: creative, friendly

Michael: good-looking, athletic

Stanley: nerdy, serious

Girls' Names

Betty: old-fashioned, average

Emily: independent, adventurous

Jane: plain, ordinary

Nicole: beautiful, intelligent

So why do parents give their children unpopular names? The biggest reason is tradition.

Many people are named after a family member. Of course, opinions can change over time. A name that is unpopular now might become popular in the future. That's good news for all Georges and Bettys out there!

Write the letter T for statements that are TRUE and F for statements that are FALSE.

- ___ 1. Your name is part of your identity.
- ___ 2. People often feel the same way about particular name?
- ___ 3. Boy's names are more popular than girls' names.
- ___ 4. People are often named after family members.
- ___ 5. Opinions about names can change.

IV. Let's Talk...

What are popular names in your country?

Why are they popular?

V. Pronunciation: Linked Sounds

◆ Final consonant sounds are often linked to the vowels that follow them.

Please repeat:

read **only**

come **in**

My **name is** Elizabeth Silva

Sun Hee **is over** there.

I'**m a** new club member.