

## What's in a name?

### 1 Internet research: What does my name mean?

Do you know what your name means and where it comes from? Do the following activities to find out more about yourself – but don't take the results too seriously 😊.

a) Visit the website given below and find out more about your name.



Information about what names mean: <https://www.behindthename.com/>

- What does your name mean?
- Where does it come from?
- In which other countries is your name known?

b) Find out how popular your name is in the United States by checking on US name statistics.



US name statistics: <https://howmany-ofme.com>

c) Get some information on what your name says about your personality by running a numerology name reading on the homepage given below.



Numerology name reading:

<https://www.scientificpsychic.com/numerology.html>

d) Compile all the information you have collected in a poster produced either with a computer programme or by hand. Include pictures to visualise information that is important to you and to make your poster look nice.

### 2 Speaking: What's in a name?

Present your poster to the class and talk about your name and your findings. In your short presentation, include:

- information about your name
- information on what your name says about your personality
- your opinion on the results of your research: Do you believe in all that?

### 3 Video: Rare baby names you'll fall in love with

Watch the video and then answer the questions below.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CJNR0rCtZE>

1. Why might boys named "Noah" get mixed up with their classmates all the time?
2. Where might the name "Melina" come from?
3. Which name is quite popular in Europe, but not so much in the US?
4. Is the name "Sage" a boys' or a girls' name?
5. What's the name of a *Twilight* character who appears only in the books?
6. Has the name "Harlow" been used more as a first name or as a last name?
7. What's the job of the athlete Darian Steward?



**Key****3** Video: Rare baby names you'll fall in love with

1. Because Noah is the number one baby name for boys.
2. From the Greek word for honey.
3. Niko
4. Both – it's gender neutral.
5. Renata
6. last name
7. He is a football player.