

What's in a name?

An introduction to language study as AS level

Your own name

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Produce a poster showing the names you are called and what meanings they have for you, for the people around you, and in wider society. Think about your first name(s) and your family name, your nicknames now and in the past, the names you use for your email address and your instant messaging identity, etc. Why do you have these names? How did you get them? What do they mean? Do they have a cultural or religious significance? Who understands their meanings? Are your names common or rare? Do they have a long history or are they new names?

For each one, explain why you chose it.