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Names

Teacher's notes

Summary

This DVD programme can be used as support to materials in Unit 1 of the Student's Book after the section *What's in a name?* It is a series of questions and answers about the names of the people interviewed.

Language focus

Grammar: question forms

Vocabulary: *bible, judge, leopard, emperor, army, valley.*

Background information

All the people interviewed live in the UK.

Matthew is from the USA.

Darina's family is from the Czech Republic.

Claudia is from the UK but is married to someone from Nigeria.

Harald is from Norway but has lived abroad for a long time.

Katalin is from Hungary.

Joseph is from the UK.

Procedure

Before you watch

- 1 Ask the students to complete the table with the names.

			
Jack	Harald	Emily	Sarah
James	William	Rachel	Adriana
Harry	Joseph	Madeline	Darina
Adam	Ryan	Alice	Esme
Matthew	Kieran	Anna	Laura
Charles	David	Claudia	Katalin
		Rosemary	

- 2 Tell the students to discuss the questions. Ask some pairs to tell the rest of the class about their discussions.

While you watch

- 3 Ask the students to read the article and think about what the missing information might be. Then play the programme and tell the students to complete the gaps.

Note: Explain that the written information is a magazine article based on the programme which has people explaining their names. Ask the students to focus on the missing information, not on the exact phrasing of what the people say.

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| a) son | h) Norway |
| b) gift | i) first |
| c) grandmother | j) surname |
| d) German | k) Turkey |
| e) married | l) hat |
| f) Nigeria | m) English |
| g) teaches | n) son |

- 4 Ask the students if they remember who says what. Then play the programme again and tell the students to write the names.

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| a) Claudia | b) Harald | c) Matthew |
| d) Joseph | e) Darina | f) Katalin |

If there is time, let the students watch the complete programme at the end so they can enjoy the whole film.

After you watch

- 5 Put the students into pairs to discuss the names. Examples of unusual and surprising information are the length of the meaning of Claudia's short surname; the fact that Katalin's name came from a hat and the fact that two of the English surnames originally meant 'son of'.
- 6 Put the students into groups and tell them to ask and answer the questions. They can take a few minutes to think about their own names and make notes before they start.

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DVD script (05:44)

(N = Narrator; M = Matthew; D = Darina;
C = Claudia; H = Harald; K = Katalin; J = Joseph)

N: What's your full name?

M: Matthew J. Davidson.

N: Where does your name come from?

M: Well, I don't really know. Um, well, obviously Davidson, son of David, um, for my last name. And Matthew is an Old Testament Bible name.

N: Does your first name mean anything?

M: Yes, it does actually. It means 'gift of God'.

N: Would you like a different name?

M: No. I love my name.

N: What's your favourite name?

M: Matthew.

D: My full name is Darina Rosemary Richter. My first name comes from Slovakia. It doesn't have a special meaning, but I know my grandmother chose it. My second name is German and it means 'judge'.

N: How did your parents choose your name?

D: Er, my grandmother chose my first name. She knew a girl that lived next door to her with the same name, and she liked it.

N: Would you like a different name?

D: No, I wouldn't.

N: What's your favourite name?

D: My favourite name is Madeline. If I have a child I think I will call her Madeline, if it's a girl.

C: My full name is Claudia Mba, which is my married name. It's a Nigerian name and it has a very long meaning even though it's a very short word. It means that you can say what you like about leopards, but if you're faced with one, then you'll still run away!

N: Does your other name mean anything?

C: No, not really. It's derived from, um, it's a Roman name and it comes from the emperor Claudius. It's a female version of that.

N: How did your parents choose your name?

C: My dad teaches Latin and Greek so I think that's probably where that one comes from.

N: Would you like a different name?

C: No, I like my name. My surname causes some problems because people never know how to pronounce it, but at least it's interesting. My favourite name for a girl is Esme, because I think it's very pretty. I don't really have a favourite boy's name.

N: What's your full name?

H: Harald Dahle.

N: And where does your name come from?

H: It comes from Norway.

N: Does your first name mean anything?

H: Um, yes, it means 'the man who leads the army'.

N: And your other names?

H: My surname means 'valley'.

N: How did your parents choose your name?

H: I don't know really.

N: Would you like a different name?

H: Not really, no.

N: What's your favourite name?

H: Adriana.

N: Why?

H: It's my wife's name.

N: What's your full name?

K: Katalin Süle.

N: Where does your name come from?

K: My first name comes from Hungary, and my second name also comes from Hungary but perhaps from Turkey too.

N: Does your first name mean anything?

K: Um, it probably does, but I don't know what it means.

N: And your other names?

K: My surname doesn't mean anything.

N: How did your parents choose your name?

K: Um, they put some names in a hat and my sister pulled my name out, my first name out.

N: Would you like a different name?

K: Um, I don't think so.

N: What's your favourite name?

K: Anna.

N: Why?

K: Um, I like the sound of it.

J: My full name is Joseph Vaughan Wilson.

N: Where does your first name come from?

J: I don't know.

N: Does your first name mean anything?

J: Not in English.

N: And your other name?

J: Um, well, I believe Wilson originally means 'son of Will' a long time ago, but, er, now I don't think it really has any meaning.

N: How did your parents choose your name?

J: Um, I think they just chose it because it was a name they liked.

N: Would you like a different name?

J: When I was little I wanted a different name, but now I'm quite happy with it. My favourite name is probably my name, for a boy.