

NAMES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) Do you like your name(s)?
- 2) What does your name mean?
- 3) Why did your parents choose that name for you?
- 4) What is the coolest name in the world?
- 5) If you could change your name, what would you change it to?
- 6) What names do you really dislike?
- 7) Are boys names better than girls names or is it the other way round?
- 8) What are good names to give to pets?
- 9) Can you guess the social status of someone in your country from his or her name?
- 10) What do you think of old people's names?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) Do you prefer people to call you by your given name of your family name (with Mr, Ms, Miss, Mrs, etc)?
- 2) What is the most ridiculous name you've ever heard?
- 3) Do you have a nickname and do you like it?
- 4) What do you think of the idea of naming babies after their parents?
- 5) Hyphenated (double-barreled) names are common in English speaking countries. If Mr Pilkington-Smythe married Ms Montague-Smith, the child could be called (Jane/John) Pilkington-Smythe-Montague-Smith. What do you think of this?
- 6) What thing in the world you like to be named after you?
- 7) What do you think of people naming their children after actors and pop stars?
- 8) How many middle names does a person really need?
- 9) Do you have problems with your name and legal documents?
- 10) Do you think children's names should be from their culture?

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