

# ➤ Questions

1. Are there any traditions about naming babies in your country?
2. How do people choose names for the next generation?
3. Does your name have any special meaning?
4. Do you like your name?
5. Would you like to change your name?
6. Do people in your country ever change their name?
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Please Note:

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.



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**used to + infinitive** = good use of grammar

**to be named after** = to call someone or something by the same name as another person or thing

**to be dying out** = to be slowing disappearing

1. Are there any traditions about naming babies in your country?

**Not as much as there used to be.** In the past, children **were often named after** grandparents, but that tradition seems **to be dying out** now.



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**I guess** = I think

**trendy** = fashionable

**to stick to** = to continue to do something

**for generations** = for a long time

## 2. How do people choose names for the next generation?

**I guess** that there are names that are **trendy** and popular and these are chosen by some, whereas others **stick to** traditional names that have been used **for generations**.



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**I'm not entirely sure** = I don't know

**There is a tendency** = this usually happens

**relatives** = people in your family  
e.g. grandparents, aunts, uncles etc

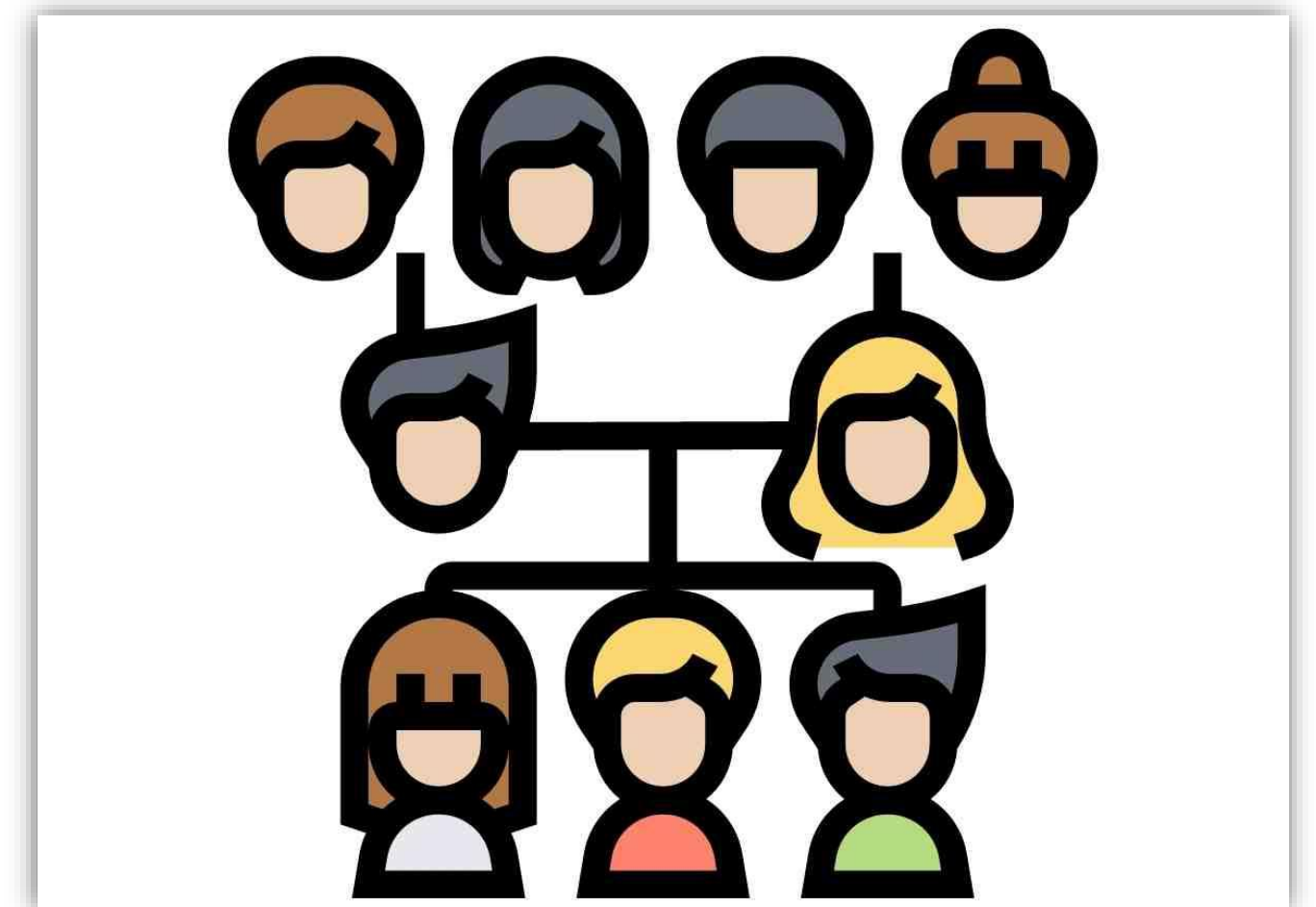
### 3. Does your name have any special meaning?

**I'm not entirely sure** but I was given my name because it was the name of my aunt. **There is a tendency** in my family to use names of **relatives**.



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**to loathe** = to hate

**I can't stand it** = I hate it

**shorten** = to make something shorter e.g. Rebecca - Becky

#### 4. Do you like your name?

I don't love it but I don't **loathe** it either. **I can't stand it** when people **shorten** my name though and that happens far too often.



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**a burning desire** = a strong wish

**I'm happy enough** = I'm pretty happy

**out-of-date** = old-fashioned

## 5. Would you like to change your name?

No, I don't have **a burning desire** to do this. **I'm happy enough** with my name. It's not a modern name but it's not **out-of-date** either.



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**As a rule** = usually

**to take someone's name** = to stop using your name and start using their name e.g. Rebecca Smith changes to Rebecca Park

Your **spouse** is your husband/wife

**commonly** = usually; often

6. Do people in your country ever change their name?

**As a rule**, no. Some people **take their spouse's name** when they get married but it is not something that is **commonly** done.



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Rebecca

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MAINLY  
MOSTLY  
USUALLY



**irritated** = annoyed

**to wind me up** = to annoy someone

## 7. What name do people call you at home?

My close friends and family use my full name because they know that I get **irritated** when it is shortened. My little brother sometimes shortens it **to wind me up** though.



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