Listen to the extract from a radio programme about names and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

Do the preparation exercise before you listen. Then do the other exercises to check your understanding.

**Preparation**

Write the words in the correct group.

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1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

1. The US starts trends in names that Britain sometimes follows.  
   True  False
2. Using nouns as names is a completely new fashion.  
   True  False
3. Names that seem to come from nature could come from surnames.  
   True  False
4. 'Ridge' is a name that is inspired by nature.  
   True  False
5. 'Lyric' is a relatively popular name.  
   True  False
6. All the different months are popular as names.  
   True  False
7. 'Blue' is a popular name for boys.  
   True  False
8. 'Apple' is probably becoming popular because of the company of that name.  
   True  False
9. People soon accept names that seem strange at first.  
   True  False

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10. The Beckhams’ daughter was named after a famous writer.  
11. ‘Rowling’ is a popular name because of the Harry Potter writer.  
12. There is a Dutch family with six children whose names all use the same letters.

2. Check your understanding: gap fill
Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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1. Examples of names that are __________ are ‘Honor’ and ‘Passion’.
2. Examples of names that suggest __________ are ‘Shelter’, ‘Bay’ and ‘Harbor’.
3. Examples of names that could be __________ are ‘Frost’, ‘Wolf’, ‘Fox’ and ‘Bear’.
4. Examples of __________ are ‘Olive’ and ‘Clementine’.
5. Examples of names that are __________ are ‘Chelsea’ and ‘Brooklyn’.
6. Examples of names that are __________ are ‘Taylor’, ‘Mason’ and ‘Cooper’.
7. Examples of names taken from __________ are ‘Bella’, ‘Edward’ and ‘Hermione’.
8. Examples of names that are __________ of each other are ‘Alex’, ‘Lexa’, ‘Xela’ and ‘Xeal’.

Discussion
Do you have a common or an unusual name? Do you like your name?