

GET A DIFFERENT NAME DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Do you like your name? Have you ever thought about changing it? Well, on Get A Different Name Day you can. This special day always falls on February 13th. It is the creation of the website www.wellcat.com. They say the day is: "For the pity of millions of us who hate our birth names. On this day we may change our names to whatever we wish and have the right to expect colleagues, family and friends to so address us." They have a point. We did not choose our names. Our parents made that decision. Maybe most of us would change our name if we could. The trouble is, if we don't like our name, we are stuck with it for many years as we grow up. But all is not lost. You can have it legally changed.

Most of us have a given name and some of us have a middle name. One of the biggest influences on our given names is family tradition. Our parents wanted to name us after a fondly-remembered aunt or a grandparent. Another huge influence is popular culture. There are a lot more Brads and Kylies in the world today because of the actor Brad Pitt and singer Kylie Minogue. Lots of people do change their name. There are many reasons for this. Actors want a better-sounding name; people who change religions also commonly change names; people who enter witness protection programmes change their names for security reasons. American actor Rob Morrow called his daughter Tu. Would you change your name if you were Tu Morrow?

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. This special day always falls | a. our birth names |
| 2. millions of us who hate | b. as we grow up |
| 3. change our names to | c. point |
| 4. They have a | d. changed |
| 5. we are stuck with it for many years | e. whatever we wish |
| 6. You can have it legally | f. on February 13th |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. some of us have | a. influence is popular culture |
| 2. One of the biggest influences | b. a middle name |
| 3. name us after a fondly- | c. sounding name |
| 4. Another huge | d. security reasons |
| 5. Actors want a better- | e. on our given names |
| 6. change their names for | f. remembered aunt |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Do you like your name? Have _____ about changing it? Well, on Get A Different Name Day you can. This special day always falls on February 13th. _____ of the website www.wellcat.com. They say the day is: "For the pity of millions of _____ birth names. On this day we may change our names to whatever we wish and _____ expect colleagues, family and friends to so address us." They have a point. We did not choose our names. Our parents made that decision. Maybe _____ change our name if we could. The trouble is, if we don't like our name, we are stuck with it for many years as we grow up. _____. You can have it legally changed.

Most of us have a given name _____ a middle name. One of the biggest influences on our given names is family tradition. Our parents wanted _____ fondly-remembered aunt or a grandparent. Another huge influence is popular culture. There _____ and Kylies in the world today because of the actor Brad Pitt and singer Kylie Minogue. Lots of people do change their name. There are _____. Actors want a better-sounding name; people who change religions _____ names; people who enter witness protection programmes change their names _____. American actor Rob Morrow called his daughter Tu. Would you change your name if you were Tu Morrow?

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL**Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

Do you like your name? Have you ever _____ about changing it? Well, on Get A Different Name Day you can. This special day always _____ on February 13th. It is the creation of the website www.wellcat.com. They say the day is: "For the pity of millions of us who _____ our birth names. On this day we may change our names to whatever we _____ and have the right to expect colleagues, family and friends to so _____ us." They have a point. We did not choose our names. Our parents made that _____. Maybe most of us would change our name if we could. The _____ is, if we don't like our name, we are stuck with it for many years as we grow up. But all is not _____. You can have it legally changed.

*address**wish**falls**lost**decision**thought**trouble**hate*

Most of us have a given name and some of us have a _____ name. One of the biggest influences on our given names is family _____. Our parents wanted to name us after a _____-remembered aunt or a grandparent. Another _____ influence is popular culture. There are a lot more Brads and Kylies in the _____ today because of the actor Brad Pitt and singer Kylie Minogue. Lots of people do change their name. There are many _____ for this. Actors want a better-sounding name; people who change religions also commonly change names; people who _____ witness protection programmes change their names for _____ reasons. American actor Rob Morrow called his daughter Tu. Would you change your name if you were Tu Morrow?

*world**fondly**enter**reasons**middle**huge**security**tradition*

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Do you like your name? Have you ever thought *for / about* changing it? Well, on Get A Different Name Day you can. This special day always *falls / feels* on February 13th. It is the creation of the website www.wellcat.com. They say the day is: "For / At the pity of millions of us who hate our birth names. On this day we may change our names to whatever we *wishes / wish* and have the right to expect colleagues, family and friends to so *address / addressing* us." They have a point. We did not choose our names. Our parents made that *decide / decision*. Maybe most of us would change our name if we could. The trouble is, if we don't like our name, we are *stuck / stick* with it for many years as we grow up. But all is not *lost / found*. You can have it legally changed.

Most of us have a *given / giving* name and some of us have a middle name. One of the biggest *influences / influence* on our given names is family tradition. Our parents wanted to name us *after / later* a fondly-remembered aunt or a grandparent. Another *huge / hugely* influence is popular culture. There are a lot more Brads and Kylies in the world today because of the actor Brad Pitt and singer Kylie Minogue. Lots of people *have / do* change their name. There are many reasons for this. Actors want a better-sounding name; people who change religions also *common / commonly* change names; people who *entry / enter* witness protection programmes change their names for security reasons. American actor Rob Morrow called his daughter Tu. Would you change your name if you were *Tu Morrow / tomorrow*?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Do you like your name? Have you ever thought about (1) _____ it? Well, on Get A Different Name Day you can. This special day always (2) _____ on February 13th. It is the creation of the website www.wellcat.com. They say the day is: "For the pity of millions of us who (3) _____ our birth names. On this day we may change our names to whatever we wish and have the right to (4) _____ colleagues, family and friends to so address us." They have a point. We did not choose our names. Our parents made that decision. Maybe most of us would change our name if we could. The (5) _____ is, if we don't like our name, we are stuck with it for many years as we grow up. But all is not lost. You can have it (6) _____ changed.

Most of us have a (7) _____ name and some of us have a middle name. One of the biggest influences on our given names is family tradition. Our parents wanted to name us after a (8) _____ -remembered aunt or a grandparent. Another huge influence is popular (9) _____. There are a lot more Brads and Kylies in the world today because of the actor Brad Pitt and singer Kylie Minogue. Lots of people do change their name. There are many reasons (10) _____ this. Actors want a better-sounding name; people who change religions also commonly change names; people who (11) _____ witness protection programmes change their names for (12) _____ reasons. American actor Rob Morrow called his daughter Tu. Would you change your name if you were Tu Morrow?

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) change | (b) changes | (c) changed | (d) changing |
| 2. | (a) feels | (b) falls | (c) fails | (d) foils |
| 3. | (a) hate | (b) hates | (c) hating | (d) hatred |
| 4. | (a) expectation | (b) expectant | (c) expect | (d) expecting |
| 5. | (a) troubles | (b) troubled | (c) troubling | (d) trouble |
| 6. | (a) legality | (b) legal | (c) legally | (d) legal code |
| 7. | (a) gave | (b) giving | (c) given | (d) gives |
| 8. | (a) fond | (b) fondly | (c) fondness | (d) fondue |
| 9. | (a) culture | (b) cultures | (c) culturally | (d) cultured |
| 10. | (a) as | (b) for | (c) by | (d) at |
| 11. | (a) enter | (b) entrance | (c) entry | (d) entered |
| 12. | (a) securely | (b) securities | (c) secured | (d) security |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. iasclep day
2. aevthewr we wish
3. They have a oiptn
4. Our parents made that ciensiod
5. we are tkscu with it
6. have it llyleag changed

Paragraph 2

7. Most of us have a ginev name
8. family rioatdtnti
9. popular cutrlue
10. There are many ssrneoa for this
11. people who change islgeroin
12. twenssi protection programmes

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () day always falls on February 13th. It is the creation of the website www.wellcat.com. They say the day is: "For the pity
- () Most of us have a given name and some of us have a middle name. One of the biggest influences on our
- () the right to expect colleagues, family and friends to so address us." They have a point. We did not choose our
- () called his daughter Tu. Would you change your name if you were Tu Morrow?
- (**1**) Do you like your name? Have you ever thought about changing it? Well, on Get A Different Name Day you can. This special
- () like our name, we are stuck with it for many years as we grow
- () given names is family tradition. Our parents wanted to name us after a fondly-remembered aunt or a grandparent. Another
- () actor Brad Pitt and singer Kylie Minogue. Lots of people do change their name. There are many reasons for this. Actors
- () enter witness protection programmes change their names for security reasons. American actor Rob Morrow
- () want a better-sounding name; people who change religions also commonly change names; people who
- () up. But all is not lost. You can have it legally changed.
- () huge influence is popular culture. There are a lot more Brads and Kylies in the world today because of the
- () names. Our parents made that decision. Maybe most of us would change our name if we could. The trouble is, if we don't
- () of millions of us who hate our birth names. On this day we may change our names to whatever we wish and have

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. about thought ever you Have it changing ?

2. on falls always day special This 13th February

3. we to may whatever change we our wish names

4. could us our we of change if most would name

5. changed legally it have can You

6. influences our names biggest on given the

7. Another culture popular is influence huge

8. people change name of do their Lots

9. a - name want better sounding Actors

10. enter witness protection programmes people who

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE GET A DIFFERENT NAME DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Get A Different Name Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Get A Different Name Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Get A Different Name Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Get A Different Name Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.