

NAMES

1 Underline the correct alternatives.

- 1 He was innocent but it took him years to *live/clear/make* his name.
- 2 I was named *before/after/of* my grandfather.
- 3 My married name is Kovacs but my *maiden/principle/single* name is Warsawski.
- 4 Zara made a name for *self/her/herself* as the best designer in the business.
- 5 He's a good actor but not a *house/household/family* name like Brad Pitt or Johnny Depp.
- 6 His real name is Keanu but his *nickname/friendly name/fun name* is Nunu.

THE CONTINUOUS ASPECT

2A Complete the pairs of sentences using the same verb. Use one simple form and one continuous form. Some verbs are in the negative.

- 1 a) My friend _____ to visit next week.
b) Harada is Japanese. He _____ from Osaka.
- 2 a) I _____ a cold for two weeks – I can't seem to get rid of it.
b) I _____ tennis lessons for two years.
- 3 a) My office _____ painted yesterday so I worked from home.
b) The garden _____ really beautiful when I was a child, but now it's a mess.
- 4 a) The children _____ homesick at all – they love travelling.
b) The economy _____ any better so our jobs are still at risk.
- 5 a) They knew me already because I _____ for that company before.
b) I was exhausted because I _____ for sixteen hours without a break.

B Work in pairs. Discuss why we use the simple or continuous forms in the sentences above.

In 1a) it's a future plan so this uses the present continuous.

DESCRIBING HABITS

3A Find and correct the mistakes in sentences 1–6. There is one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 I'm prone leaving things until the last minute, and then I always have to rush.
- 2 I don't tend needing as much sleep as I used to.
- 3 I keep forget people's birthdays.
- 4 My parents were always very strict and they wouldn't to let me out late at night.
- 5 I'm more inclination to phone people than to send them a text.
- 6 I'm always tidy my house. I can't stand it when it's in a mess.

B Work in pairs. Change information in the sentences above to write three or four sentences about your partner (guess if necessary). Then compare your sentences to check.

A: I guess you're prone to leaving things until the last minute.

B: Actually, I tend to be quite organised.

PERSONALITY

4A Complete the words in sentences 1–6.

- 1 We're m_____ enough to disagree but still respect each other.
- 2 You're right. I hadn't noticed. That's very pe_____ of you.
- 3 He was a very o_____ man. He refused to do what I asked.
- 4 She is a c_____ teacher. She prepares her lessons carefully.
- 5 It's important to remain o_____ -m_____ and consider all options.
- 6 I'd have asked more questions, but I didn't want to seem too i_____.

B Work in pairs and take turns. Choose a word from Exercise 4A and describe an occasion when you can be like this. Can your partner guess the word?

A: In the office, I work hard and make 'to do' lists.

B: Conscientious?

SPECULATING

5A Match the sentence halves.

- 1 I reckon
 - 2 If I had to make a guess,
 - 3 I wonder if
 - 4 She gives the impression
 - 5 I'd hazard
 - 6 There's something
 - 7 It looks to me
 - 8 I'm pretty
- a) as if Nataly has an artistic streak.
 - b) a guess that Felix has a tendency to be a little absent-minded.
 - c) Guido's probably obsessive about keeping his house tidy.
 - d) of being a little apathetic about politics.
 - e) sure that Olga is a fitness fanatic.
 - f) I'd say that Monika is a conscientious student.
 - g) Alex has a solitary side to his nature?
 - h) mysterious about Martha.

B Write two or three sentences speculating about things that might happen in the next year. Compare your ideas with other students.

If I had to make a guess, I'd say that the government will change within the next twelve months. I'm pretty sure this government won't get through the next elections.

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