

# First Names, Middle Names, Last Names

Story 1,  
Tracks 1-25

## Review Key Words<sup>1</sup>

- name** A name is what someone or something is called.
- middle** If something is in the middle, it is between two things.
- nickname** A nickname is a name that you use instead of your real name; sometimes a shorter way to say your real name.



## Write a Prediction

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## Read the Story<sup>2-4</sup>

4 What's your **name**? This  
8 **question** may seem **easy**, but  
9 sometimes it isn't. Many people new  
15 to America get **confused** about  
20 American names. Most Americans  
24 have three names: a first name, a  
31 **middle** name, and a family name.  
37 Most often, people use first names  
43 when talking to someone. Bill, Tim,  
49 Anna, and Sally are all first names.  
56 Some people use a **nickname** instead  
62 of their first name. **For example**,  
68 people might call Matthew, "Matt."  
73 Many people have middle names.  
78 Jack Michael Miller's middle name is  
84 Michael.  
85 The family name, or surname,  
90 comes last; this name is also called a

98 last name. Americans have many  
103 **different** last names. Last names  
108 you might **hear** often in America are  
115 Smith, Johnson, and Jones.  
119 Americans often put last names in  
125 **alphabetical order**. Sometimes you  
129 will see a name **printed** with the last  
137 name first. Robert Smith's name will  
143 **appear** in the telephone book as,  
149 "Smith, Robert." When the last name  
155 comes first, a **comma** goes between  
161 the last name and the first name.  
168 What if someone asks you to  
174 write your **full** name? Write your  
180 first, middle, and last name. Amy  
186 Marie Johnson is a full name.

words read \_\_\_\_\_

- errors \_\_\_\_\_

= \_\_\_\_\_  
cold score

words read \_\_\_\_\_

- errors \_\_\_\_\_

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hot score

expression

## Answer the Questions

### Identifying the main idea<sup>5</sup>

1. What is the main idea of this story?
  - a. In America, people often put things in alphabetical order.
  - b. Most Americans have a first, middle, and last name.
  - c. Some people use a nickname instead of their first name.

### Recalling a fact<sup>6</sup>

2. When a name is printed with the last name first, what goes between the last and first name?
  - a. a comma
  - b. a middle name
  - c. a surname

### Getting meaning from context<sup>7</sup>

3. What does **hear** mean in this story?
  - a. to be told by others
  - b. in this place
  - c. to receive sound with the ears

### Making connections within the text<sup>8</sup>

4. If you need to find John Richard Adams' telephone number, which name would you look for first in the telephone book?
  - a. John
  - b. Richard
  - c. Adams

### Processing information<sup>9</sup>

5. Why do American names confuse some people?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Developing vocabulary<sup>10</sup>

6. Write bold-faced words from the story that mean the same as the bold-faced word or words in each sentence below.
  - a. She wants the names on the list to **display** in alphabetical order.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. They were cousins, but their last names were **not the same**.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. On the paper, there was a **mark to separate** my last and first names.  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Applying information<sup>11</sup>

7. Fill in the blanks with bold-faced words from the story.

Beth looked at the names \_\_\_\_\_ on the nametags on the table. Her \_\_\_\_\_ name was Elizabeth Marie Edwards. Because they were set out in \_\_\_\_\_, her nametag was after Dan Edwards' name tag. Her \_\_\_\_\_ name, Marie, was not on the nametag. She crossed out Elizabeth and wrote her \_\_\_\_\_, Beth.

Number Correct: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Learn New Words

### alphabetical order<sup>12</sup>

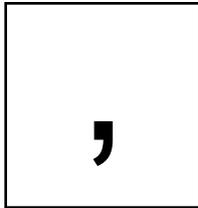
If things are in alphabetical order, they are listed starting with A and ending with Z. *The teacher listed the students' names in alphabetical order, putting Amy Abbot's name first on the list and Will Zimmerman's name last.*

### appear<sup>13</sup>

Appear means to come into sight or to be able to be seen. *When it gets dark, the moon and stars appear in the sky.*

### comma<sup>14</sup>

A comma is a mark used when writing. It shows where to make a short stop in a sentence or where to separate words in a sentence. *I put a comma between each item on my grocery list of eggs, milk, and sugar.*



### confused<sup>15</sup>

Confused means not fully understanding something. *I was confused about the rules of the game, so I asked my brother to explain them to me again.*

### different<sup>16</sup>

Different means not the same. *Julie likes to wear her hair in different styles; sometimes she wears it curly, and sometimes she wears it straight.*

### easy<sup>17</sup>

Easy means not hard to do. *I studied all night for the test, so it seemed easy when I took it.*

### for example<sup>18</sup>

For example are words a person sometimes says just before showing or telling you what something is like. *People sometimes get sick when they eat too much sweet food; for example, too much cake and ice cream can cause a stomach ache.*

### full<sup>19</sup>

Full means whole or complete. *I wrote his full address on the envelope and put it in the mail.*

### hear<sup>20</sup>

Hear means to be aware of sound with your ears. *I can hear the birds singing in the trees.*

### middle<sup>21</sup>

If something is in the middle, it is between two things. *She is the middle daughter of the three sisters; she has an older sister and a younger sister.*



### name<sup>22</sup>

A name is what someone or something is called. *The name of the first President of the United States was George Washington.*

## Learn New Words, Continued

### **nickname**<sup>23</sup>

A nickname is a name you use instead of your real name; sometimes a shorter way to say your real name. *Most people call Catherine by her nickname, Cathy.*

### **printed**<sup>24</sup>

Printed means written or marked. *The name of his company is printed on the side of his truck.*

### **question**<sup>25</sup>

A question is something people ask in order to learn. *He asked the teacher a question about the new lesson.*