

the ARTICLE (for teachers)

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Teacher's Notes:

* Underlined words in red typeface are the recommended vocabulary for this lesson.

WARM-UPS

Select one or all of the following warm-up activities.

1: **Define:** What does "maiden name" mean? Can you use it in a sentence? Can you give examples?

2: **Brainstorm:** Brainstorm with a partner(s) words and ideas associated with "maiden name" for 2 minutes. Spend another 5 minutes or less discussing the words and ideas together.

3: **Title:** Speculate and/or discuss the contents of today's article from its title: "What's In a Name?"

4: **Speculate:** Write in the missing word for today's article title: "What's () () Name?" Why did you choose these words for the blanks?

5: **Do you agree or disagree? Why?**

a.	Your name is your identity.
b.	Your name isn't as important as your character.
c.	It's important for a woman to change her last name when she gets married.
d.	Men should change their last name when they get married.
e.	Anyone should be able to change their name anytime they want.

VOCABULARY

Select one of the following vocabulary acquisition activities.

1: Vocabulary match: Individually or in pairs/groups, match the words in column A (from the article) with the best choice in column B.

a. purpose	q. choose
b. pursuit	r. get
c. select	s. reason
d. maiden	t. unmarried
e. ridiculous	u. enthusiastic
f. announce	v. continuous
g. attain	w. chase
h. longstanding	x. say
i. preserve	y. silly
j. wholehearted	z. maintain

2: Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blank with the correct word.

	ridiculously	purpose	attain	announce	longstanding
	pursuit	wholeheartedly	maiden	preserve	selecting
a.	The original () of the tradition has lost all of its meaning				
b.	There is greater independence and the () of careers for women.				
c.	More and more women are () to keep their pre-marriage identity.				
d.	They keep their () name.				
e.	Buday discovered that it's () time-consuming and troublesome to change his name.				
f.	He must place an advertisement in a newspaper for four weeks to () the change.				
g.	He would also need to () a judge's approval.				
h.	The lawsuit challenges the () belief that a "proper man" doesn't take his wife's name.				
i.	Michael Buday's fiancée had no brothers, and wanted to () her family name.				
j.	He () agreed.				

3: Define: Define each word, correctly pronounce it, explain the meaning and/or usage, and offer an example sentence to the class.

a.	purpose	c.	select	e.	ridiculous	g.	attain	i.	preserve
b.	pursuit	d.	maiden	f.	announce	h.	longstanding	j.	wholehearted

WORD RECOGNITION

1: **Word Search:** Find the target words (in bold). Time yourself, and see how many words you can find in three minutes. In five minutes. In ten minutes.

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N N E J W A N N O U N C E U G E O Z Q H S P K B S W P H N Z D I P J O N P E X M U Z I C R A T K F L O I K R R N T E I D I C M Z E D Q A P S C H D R W M E C W H N E O T E E I M F P Z L T F E A S T L T C R S E R I E S D A E T E R U A Z V K E K S I E R C S X L A I J O E S M A T W T J L O C P H C H T E M H J T E S U K A W I L E J R I Q K P D S D B T C M Z O A V X A L L L T I U S R U P J H E U C Z Y Y S H J Z J L R C B W G N I D N A T S G N O L P X N				

2: **Target Word Pool:** Find the target words (in bold) with their exact match. Time yourself, and see how many words you can find in three minutes. In five minutes. In ten minutes.

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matronly long term purposeful wholeheartedness withstanding pursuing heartening selected longstanding entertain wholesome ridiculousness preserve attainment maiden pursue selection preserved presuppose matron announcing longstranding attaining select pursued announced wholeheartedly retainer middle ridicule announcer wholehearted selecting porpoise persevere announcement ridiculous attain maidenly long suffering riderless purpose preservation unselecting				

pre- or post-COMPREHENSION

1: Word Association: Brainstorm words associated with today's topic for two minutes. Present to the class.

2: Brainstorm Questions: Brainstorm questions that you would like to ask about today's topic. Answer the questions without looking at the article.

3: True or False?: Guess (before the article) or answer (after the article) whether the sentence is true or false. If false, correct the sentence.

a.	More women want to keep their pre-marriage identity, so they keep their maiden names.	T / F
b.	Michael Buday would need to advertise his name change in magazines and newspapers.	T / F
c.	Less than half of the states in the US have similar policies to California.	T / F
d.	Michael thought of changing his name, and Diana agreed.	T / F
e.	According to the article, other states may begin to change their laws too.	T / F

4: Questions: Answer the questions to check comprehension.

a.	Why did women take their husband's family name long ago?
b.	According to the article, why don't women change their names after marriage these days?
c.	What did California want Michael Buday to do in order to change his name?
d.	Who first suggested Michael change his name?
e.	Why did Michael decide to change his name?

5: Vocabulary: In pairs/groups, remember how the words were used in today's article.

a.	purpose	c.	selecting	e.	ridiculously	g.	attain	i.	preserve
b.	pursuit	d.	maiden	f.	announce	h.	longstanding	j.	wholeheartedly

6: Fragments: Remember how the fragments were used, and complete the sentence from today's article.

a.	In many countries, the woman...
b.	They either keep their maiden name, or use...
c.	He discovered that it's ridiculously...
d.	The lawsuit challenges...
e.	Buday didn't know his father, and...

post-COMPREHENSION

1: Vocabulary: Circle any additional unknown words/phrases in the article. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand the meanings. Present to the class.

2: Class Questions: Read through the article once more, and write down any questions that you would like to discuss in pairs/groups or as a class. Discuss.

3: Summarize: Work with a partner to summarize the article in your own words.

4: Discuss: Talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Remember to support your answers!

a.	Did you like this article?
b.	What was your general impression after reading this article?
c.	Is it easy to change your name in your country? Why/not?
d.	Do you think it's fair that women are expected to change their names after marriage? Why/not?
e.	Do you think it's fair that it's so difficult for a man to change his name? Why/not?
f.	Do you think it's fair that children usually take their father's family name? Why/not?
g.	Would you expect your fiancée to change his/her name (or would you change your name)?
h.	Have you ever thought about changing your name? Why/not?
i.	For what reasons might you change your name? Do you think they are good reasons?
j.	Do you agree or disagree? Your name is part of your identity, so changing it changes you.

5: Discuss: Discuss these other traditions. Decide if they are old fashioned, or are still important in some way.

a.	The newly married couple lived with or near the husband's family.
b.	The man traditionally was the breadwinner, while the wife stayed home to take care of the children.
c.	Choose one from your culture to discuss!

6: Google Search: Type "maiden name" into Google news and read additional articles on this topic. Discuss or write an essay about your findings.

STUDENT HANDOUT (the article)

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Notes:

STUDENT HANDOUT (fill in the blank)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

longstanding	announce	wholeheartedly	ridiculously	selecting
figure	pursuit	really	advertisement	family
maiden	property	purpose	attain	preserve

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STUDENT HANDOUT (extended listening)

Listen and fill in the missing sentences. Compare your answers with a partner, and then listen once more.

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STUDENT HANDOUT (notes)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary

1. Vocabulary Match:

a.	u	f.	w
b.	q	g.	s
c.	x	h.	y
d.	z	i.	t
e.	r	j.	v

2. Fill in the Blanks:

a.	assume	f.	longstanding
b.	signified	g.	broached
c.	pursuit	h.	preserve
d.	attain	i.	Estranged
e.	outdated	j.	wholeheartedly

pre- or post-Comprehension

1. True or False:

a.	T
b.	F
c.	F
d.	F
e.	F

2. Fragments:

a.	assume her husband's family name upon marriage.
b.	attach their husband's name to it via a hyphen.
c.	he would also need to place a public advertisement in a newspaper for four weeks.
d.	with no brothers, she wanted to preserve her family name.
e.	the first real father figure in Michael's life was his fiancée's dad.

Student Handout

1. Fill in the Blanks

a.	assume	i.	outdated
b.	signified	j.	longstanding
c.	tradition	k.	broached
d.	pursuit	l.	brothers
e.	what	m.	preserve
f.	consuming	n.	estranged
g.	licensing	o.	wholeheartedly
h.	attain		

2. Extended Listening

a.	the woman had become the property of her husband
b.	more and more women select to keep their pre-marriage identity
c.	use a hyphen to add their husband's name to theirs.
d.	it's ridiculously time-consuming and troublesome to change his name
e.	And although Buday decided to sue the state of California only