

Name:

Day Two

The Name Game

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- the name he went by had changed
 - But the memory stings
 - Common American boys' names
 - Often teachers were less comfortable
 - It was considered acceptable
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- Luis loo | **EES**
 - Ramón Sánchez rah | **MOHN SAHN** | chez
 - StoryCorps **STOR** | ee **KOR**
 - Juanita wah | **NEE** | tuh
 - considered kun | **SID** | erd
 - prejudice **PREJ** | uh | dis
 - Muhammad moo | **HAHM** | ud



Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. The first one is done for you.

comfortable

Korean

acceptable

nicknames

teachers



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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Is your name Luis? Are you called Ming? If you lived in the 1950s or 60s, your name might have been changed at school.

Ramón Sánchez grew up in California in the 1950s. He talked about his name to <i>StoryCorps</i> . “My name, when I started kindergarten, was Ramón.” But by second grade, the name he went by had changed. “Raymond, hey Raymond,” kids would yell on the playground. Ramón remembers his classmate Maria being called Mary. His classmate Juanita became Jane. Ramón jokes about this now. But the memory stings.	51 65 77 90
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In schools in the 1950s, many kids had names from England. Common American boys’ names were Robert and John. Popular girls’ names were Mary and Susan. Often teachers were less comfortable with names that sounded different to them. If your name was Korean or French, they might not bother to learn the sounds. It was considered acceptable to just call you by an English name instead.	103 116 129 145 156
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Many immigrants changed their last names when they moved to America. They wanted to fit in and avoid prejudice. Sometimes families simply changed the spelling. The Henri family from Canada became the Henrys. The Boorda family from Russia became the Bird family when they came to New York.	168 181 194 204
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Nowadays kids still give each other nicknames. Nicknames are common when a first name sounds formal. Cameron gets called Cam for short. His friend, Mohammad goes by Mo. What’s different now? These names come from kids’ friends, not from teachers.	217 229 243 244
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

When Ramón Sánchez was growing up, teachers and some kids at school called him Raymond. Talk to your partner. If you were Ramón back in the 1950s, would you rather be called Raymond or Ramón?

We think he’d rather be called Raymond.

We think he’d rather be called Ramón.

Explain.