Names

Task 1: Speaking
Discuss these questions with a partner:

• Is your name traditional or modern?
• Does your name have a translation in other languages?
• Does anyone in your family share your name?
• Do you know any famous people with the same name as you?
• How do people in your country usually choose a child’s name?

Task 2: Listening
You are going to listen to a radio programme about fashions in names in Britain and the US. Before you listen, guess the answer to these questions. Then listen and check your answers.

1. _____ is a popular name these days.
   a) Bay    b) Beach    c) Sandy

2. ____ is a popular name for boys.
   a) Zebra    b) Bear    c) Lion

3. _____ is a popular name for girls.
   a) Red    b) Blue    c) Grey

4. ____ is a very popular name these days.
   a) Banana    b) Cherry    c) Apple
Task 3

Work with a partner. Write all the names you remember from the audio. Add your names to the class list on the board.

Task 4: Listen again and write ONE word in each gap.

a) The fashion at the moment is to have ______ as names.

b) Fox and Wolf used to be_______.

c) Some ‘_______’ names are common but others are unusual.

d) The singer Beyoncé named her daughter after a _______ and a plant.

e) _______ names like Chelsea used to be strange.

f) Taylor and Cooper used to be names of ________.

.g) A family in Holland gave their six children names with the same _______.