Names – worksheet with key

Speaking

1. Discuss these questions:
   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?

Listening

2. 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) c) Apple

Key

1 a
2 b
3 b
4 c
3. Work with a partner. Write all the names you remember from the audio. Add your names to the class list on the board.

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 ________.

Key
   a) nouns
   b) surnames
   c) month
   d) colour
   e) Place
   f) jobs
   g) letters