



## Ordinary Names

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Activity: watch the film of the Victorian teacher reading the Victorian register.



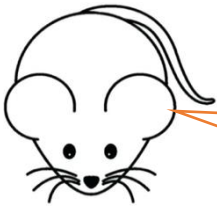
*Questioning Koala* (who always asks questions), asks this question today:

The teacher asks if anyone in the class has an *ordinary* name and a boy called Toilet says that he thinks his name is ordinary. I looked up 'ordinary' in a dictionary. Apparently, '*ordinary*' means '*normal*'. So, is

'Toilet' an ordinary name?

I'm responding racoon and I just want a quick response. Circle one answer:

YES or NO



I'm a reasoning rodent and I'd love to know the reason for why you answered Yes or No. Can you explain here?

I'm **Unsure Octopus**. I'm not sure if the answer to the question is Yes or No, but I'm also unsure about why that is. Can you help me? Can you think of a reason for why someone might be unsure about the answer?

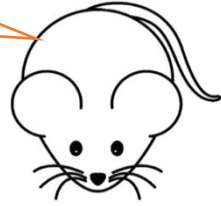
Which one of these is





*Questioning Koala wonders:* The teacher asks, “Why would anyone call their child ‘Scary Looker’?” Can you find that part in the video? Once you’ve watched it, can you help answer the teacher’s question? **Can you think of a reason for why this child is called Scary Looker?** If you are unsure like the Octopus, can you explain why you are not sure?

So, can you write down a reason for why the child is called Scary Looker, or why you are unsure?



Disagreeing Dog barks: **Woof woof, I disagree!** But Disagreeing Dog can’t think why he disagrees! Can you help him? **Can you think of a reason why someone might disagree with your answer and think something different?**

Someone might disagree with my answer because they think...

What about some of those other names, can you think of reasons for why someone might call their child these three names?

Someone might call their child **Princess Cheese** because...

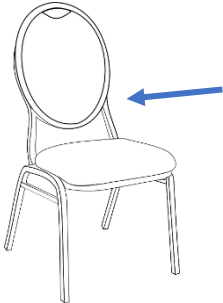
Someone might call their child **Happy** because...

Someone might call their child **Never** because...



I've been thinking and more questions come to mind. Here's one for you: why do things have the names that they do? For example, why is a chair called a 'chair'?

That sounds like another question for the reasoning rodent. Can you think of a reason for why a chair is called a



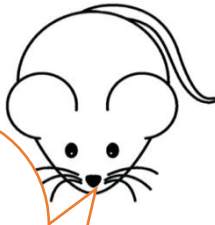
This is called a 'chair' because...



My last question is: where do the names of things come from?

This is a big question. Here are some ideas for how we could answer. Put a tick next to the ideas you agree with, a cross next to the ideas you disagree with, and a question mark next to ideas you are unsure about. After that, maybe put some of your own ideas down.

- The names of things come from what the things are used for.
- The names of things come from what someone decided to call them.
- The names of things come from what material they are made of.
- The names of things come from a book in a treasure box buried in the moon.
- The names of things come from what people agree to call them.
- The names of things come from what those things want to be called.
- The names of things come from dreams that people had about those things.



**Now your turn:**

The names of things come from...