

the ARTICLE (for teachers)

What's In a Name?

In many countries, the woman takes her husband's family name when they get married. Long, long ago, this meant that the woman had become the property of her husband. Times have definitely changed.

Thankfully, the original purpose of the tradition has lost all of its meaning in most countries. What's more, with greater independence and the pursuit of careers, more and more women select to keep their pre-marriage identity. They either keep their maiden name or use a hyphen to add their husband's name to theirs. However, what options does a man have if he wants to take his wife's name instead?

Back in 2005, Michael Buday found the answer. He discovered that it's ridiculously time-consuming and troublesome to change his name. He would have to pay more than \$300 in licensing fees, and also need to place an advertisement in a newspaper for four weeks to announce the change. And that's not all because he would also need to attain a judge's approval too. Forty-three other states in the U.S. have similar, old-fashioned policies on the books. And although Buday decided to sue the state of California only, it may impact other states too. The lawsuit challenges the longstanding and outdated belief that a "proper man" doesn't take his wife's name.

Michael Buday had never really thought about a name change before he met Diana Bijon. But she raised the idea while they were dating. She had no brothers, and wanted to preserve her family name. Buday didn't know his father, and the first real father figure in his life was his fiancée's dad. As a result, he wholeheartedly agreed.

Teacher's Notes:

* Underlined words in red typeface are the answers.

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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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STEP ONE

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

STEP TWO

Word Search: Find the target words (in bold) with their exact match. How long did it take to find all the words?

ridiculously pursuit	purpose wholeheartedly	attain maiden	announce preserve	longstanding selecting
<p>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</p>				

STEP THREE

Vocabulary Match: Match the words in column A (from the article) with the best choice in column B. Use a dictionary for any words you don't know, but be sure to check your English-English dictionary, too.

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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.				

STEP FOUR

The Article: 1) Read the article, but don't worry about the missing words. 2) Fill in the blanks with today's vocabulary, followed by all the other words. 3) Read the article again, and circle any unknown words/phrases. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand the words or phrases you circled. 4) Answer the questions to check your comprehension.

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

STEP FIVE

Discuss: Write down five vocabulary words from today's article that you want to use.

a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
e.	

Now talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Every time you use a vocabulary word, place a check next to it.

a.	What was your general impression after reading this article?
b.	Do you think it's fair that women are expected to change their names after marriage? Why/not?
c.	Would you expect your fiancée to change his/her name (or would you change your name)?
d.	For what reasons might you change your name? Do you think they are good reasons?

Score yourself:

10 or more times: Fantastic! Be sure to review the words at home.

6-9 times: Pretty good! You're on your way to acquiring today's vocabulary. Try writing your own sentences at home for additional practice.

5 or less times: Try harder next time! To acquire new vocabulary, you need to use the new words as much as possible.