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Kanye West changes his name to Ye

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211021-ye.html>

The rapper Kanye West has changed his name to Ye. Judges in California approved his request for the name change. Kanye Omari West is the name that appeared on his birth certificate. However, the artist now has a new, shorter name. Ye, 44, has no legal middle name or surname. He has wanted to change his name for a long time and finally, his wish is now reality. Three years ago, he announced that he was, "the being formerly known as Kanye West". Ye did not give any reasons for his name change. He said it was for "personal reasons" but did not offer any more explanations. The rapper has had the nickname Ye for a long time. It is even the name of his eighth studio album.

The music website billboard.com reported that one of the requirements for name changes in California is for the person to publish it in a newspaper. This is so anyone who might be harmed by the change can object. Ye did this four different times in September. He put notices that he wished to change his name in the Daily Commerce newspaper. One of the only times Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He spoke to a radio host called Big Boy. He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that it means "you". He said: "I believe "ye" is the most commonly used word in the Bible, and in the Bible, it means "you". So, I'm you, I'm us, it's us."

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<https://www.billboard.com/articles/news/9646949/kanye-west-changed-name-ye/>

WARM-UPS

1. RAP MUSIC: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about rap. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

rapper / name change / birth certificate / surname / middle name / nickname / album music website / newspaper / California / September / radio host / Bible / years ago

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ONE NAME: Students A **strongly** believe we only need one name; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GIVEN NAMES: What do you think of these given names, and why? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	What I Think	Why?
My name		
My parents' names		
My favourite singer's name		
The name of my country's leader		
My grandparents' names		
The name of my speaking partner		

5. ARTIST: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "artist". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MUSIC GENRES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best music genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Rap
- Classical
- Pop
- Country
- Rock
- Electro
- Opera
- Jazz

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 1. approved | a. A family name. |
| 2. request | b. A thing that is asked for. |
| 3. appeared | c. A paper that shows where and when someone was born, and details of who their parents were. |
| 4. birth certificate | d. Accepted something as being good or acceptable. |
| 5. legal | e. A shorter name that friends call you. |
| 6. surname | f. Was written somewhere. |
| 7. nickname | g. OK by the law. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. requirement | h. Hurt. |
| 9. publish | i. A small piece of information in a newspaper, on a website or on an information board. |
| 10. notice | j. The presenter of a television or radio programme. |
| 11. harmed | k. Something that is needed to do something. |
| 12. object | l. Print something for people to see. |
| 13. host | m. Very often; frequently. |
| 14. commonly | n. Say you disagree with or dislike something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211021-ye.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Judges in New York said it was OK for Kanye West to change his name. **T / F**
2. The name Kanye did not appear on Ye's birth certificate. **T / F**
3. Ye still has a legal middle name and surname. **T / F**
4. "Ye" is the name of Ye's eighth studio album. **T / F**
5. There are no requirements to change your name in California. **T / F**
6. Ye put a notice in a newspaper four times about his name change. **T / F**
7. Ye spoke about his name change to a radio host 10 years ago. **T / F**
8. Ye said there is no word in the Bible used more than "ye". **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. approved | a. hurt |
| 2. request | b. desire |
| 3. legal | c. conditions |
| 4. wish | d. spoken |
| 5. personal | e. ok'd |
| 6. requirements | f. protest |
| 7. harmed | g. private |
| 8. object | h. appeal |
| 9. talked | i. frequently |
| 10. commonly | j. lawful |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Judges in California approved | a. in a newspaper |
| 2. the name that appeared on his birth | b. name |
| 3. Ye, 44, has no legal middle | c. host |
| 4. He said it was for personal | d. word in the Bible |
| 5. It is even the name of his eighth | e. his request |
| 6. publish it | f. reasons |
| 7. anyone who might be harmed | g. to change his name |
| 8. notices that he wished | h. studio album |
| 9. He spoke to a radio | i. by the change |
| 10. the most commonly used | j. certificate |

GAP FILL

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The rapper Kanye West has changed his name to Ye. Judges in California (1) _____ his request for the name change. Kanye Omari West is the name that (2) _____ on his birth certificate. However, the (3) _____ now has a new, shorter name. Ye, 44, has no legal middle name or surname. He has wanted to change his name for a long time and (4) _____, his wish is now reality. Three years ago, he announced that he was, "the being (5) _____ known as Kanye West". Ye did not give any (6) _____ for his name change. He said it was for "(7) _____ reasons" but did not offer any more explanations. The rapper has had the nickname Ye for a long time. It is even the name of his eighth studio (8) _____.

finally
appeared
personal
formerly
artist
album
approved
reasons

The music website billboard.com reported that one of the (9) _____ for name changes in California is for the person to (10) _____ it in a newspaper. This is so anyone who might be harmed by the change can (11) _____. Ye did this four different times in September. He put notices that he (12) _____ to change his name in the Daily Commerce newspaper. One of the (13) _____ times Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He spoke to a radio (14) _____ called Big Boy. He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that it means "you". He said: "I believe "ye" is the most (15) _____ used word in the Bible, and in the Bible, it (16) _____ "you". So, I'm you, I'm us, it's us."

only
requirements
commonly
wished
object
means
publish
host

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Judges in California approved _____
 - a. his requested
 - b. his reject
 - c. his leak West
 - d. his request
- 2) He has wanted to change his name for a long time and finally, his wish _____
 - a. is now reality
 - b. is now realism
 - c. is now realty
 - d. is known reality
- 3) He said it was for "personal reasons" but did not offer _____
 - a. any morish explanations
 - b. any Moor explanations
 - c. any moor explanations
 - d. any more explanations
- 4) The rapper has had the nickname Ye for _____
 - a. a longs time
 - b. a longing time
 - c. a long time
 - d. a wrong time
- 5) It is even the name of his _____
 - a. eighth studio album
 - b. eighth stew duo album
 - c. eighth study album
 - d. eighth studios album
- 6) one of the requirements for name changes in California is for the person _____
 - a. to published it
 - b. to publish it
 - c. to publishes it
 - d. to publisher it
- 7) This is so anyone who might be harmed by the _____
 - a. change can subject
 - b. change can object
 - c. change can inject
 - d. change can reject
- 8) One of the only times Ye has talked about _____
 - a. his news name
 - b. his newly name
 - c. his new name
 - d. his anew name
- 9) He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that _____
 - a. it mean "you"
 - b. it meanings "you"
 - c. it meaning "you"
 - d. it means "you"
- 10) He said: "I believe "ye" is the most _____
 - a. commoner used word
 - b. commonly used word
 - c. come on used word
 - d. come only used word

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The music website billboard.com reported that (7) _____ requirements for name changes in California is for the (8) _____ it in a newspaper. This is so anyone who might be harmed by the change can object. Ye did this (9) _____ in September. He put notices that he wished to change his name in the Daily Commerce newspaper. One of (10) _____ Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He spoke to a (11) _____ Big Boy. He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that it means "you". He said: "I believe "ye" is the (12) _____ word in the Bible, and in the Bible, it means "you". So, I'm you, I'm us, it's us."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211021-ye.html>

1. Where were the judges who approved Ye's name change request?
2. Where did the name Kanye Omari West appear?
3. For how long had Ye wanted to change his name?
4. What reasons did Ye give for his change of name?
5. What was the name of Ye's eighth studio album?
6. What website reported name-change requirements?
7. How many times did Ye put a notice in a newspaper?
8. When did Ye speak to a radio host called Big Boy?
9. In the Bible, what does the word "ye" mean?
10. What did Ye say was the most commonly used word in the Bible?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211021-ye.html>

- 1) Where were the judges who approved Ye's name change request?
 - a) in court
 - b) California
 - c) in an office
 - d) on the Internet
- 2) Where did the name Kanye Omari West appear?
 - a) on the Internet
 - b) on the radio
 - c) in neon lights
 - d) on his birth certificate
- 3) For how long had Ye wanted to change his name?
 - a) ages and ages
 - b) years and years and years
 - c) a long time
 - d) forever
- 4) What reasons did Ye give for his change of name?
 - a) personal reasons
 - b) many reasons
 - c) strange reasons
 - d) compelling reasons
- 5) What was the name of Ye's eighth studio album?
 - a) West
 - b) Ye
 - c) KW
 - d) Kanye
- 6) What website reported name-change requirements?
 - a) billboard.com
 - b) kanyewest.com
 - c) namechange
 - d) breakingnewsenglish.com
- 7) How many times did Ye put a notice in a newspaper?
 - a) 6
 - b) 5
 - c) 4
 - d) 3
- 8) When did Ye speak to a radio host called Big Boy?
 - a) three years ago
 - b) two years ago
 - c) the day before yesterday
 - d) a month ago
- 9) In the Bible, what does the word "ye" mean?
 - a) we
 - b) there
 - c) yes
 - d) you
- 10) What did Ye say was the most commonly used word in the Bible?
 - a) we
 - b) he
 - c) ye
 - d) be

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211021-ye.html>

Role A – Rap

You think rap is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): rock, classical or jazz.

Role B – Rock

You think rock is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): rap, classical or jazz.

Role C – Classical

You think classical is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): rock, rap or jazz.

Role D – Jazz

You think jazz is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): rock, classical or rap.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211021-ye.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'name' and 'change'.

name	change

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• approved• birth• shorter• finally• personal• eighth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• reported• publish• harmed• radio• means• commonly
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YE (FORMERLY KANYE WEST) SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Ye (formerly Kanye West) in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

YE (FORMERLY KANYE WEST) DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'rapper'?
3. What do you know about Ye (formerly known as Kanye West)?
4. What do you think of Ye changing his name?
5. Why do you think he changed his name?
6. How happy are you with your name?
7. What would you change your name to?
8. What do you think of middle names?
9. What do you think of Ye's songs and raps?
10. Do you have a nickname?

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YE (FORMERLY KANYE WEST) DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'name'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do your names mean?
15. Who is the best rapper ever?
16. What do you think of hyphenated names?
17. Do you prefer to be called by your given name or surname?
18. How does Ye compare to other rappers?
19. Do you think the name Ye or Kanye is better?
20. What questions would you like to ask Ye?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The music website billboard.com reported that (7) _____ of the requirements for name changes in California is for the person to publish it in a newspaper. This is so anyone who might be harmed (8) _____ the change can object. Ye did this four different times in September. He put notices that he wished (9) _____ change his name in the Daily Commerce newspaper. One of the (10) _____ times Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He spoke to a radio host called Big Boy. He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that it (11) _____ "you". He said: "I believe "ye" is the most commonly used word in the Bible, and in the Bible, it means "you". So, I'm you, I'm us, it's (12) _____."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) Judged | (b) Judges | (c) Judgment | (d) Adjudged |
| 2. | (a) appear | (b) appeared | (c) apparent | (d) appearance |
| 3. | (a) shorts | (b) shorten | (c) shored | (d) shorter |
| 4. | (a) final | (b) finally | (c) finals | (d) finality |
| 5. | (a) on | (b) by | (c) at | (d) for |
| 6. | (a) off | (b) odd | (c) even | (d) every |
| 7. | (a) one | (b) once | (c) only | (d) ones |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) on | (c) by | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) for | (d) to |
| 10. | (a) only | (b) just | (c) merely | (d) barely |
| 11. | (a) means | (b) meaning | (c) mean | (d) meanie |
| 12. | (a) us | (b) up | (c) uh | (d) um |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Judges in California papvoerd his request
2. birth eacttfriice
3. middle name or sumrnea
4. he cnnueanod that he was
5. more tpaasxeinnol
6. the name of his eighth siudot album

Paragraph 2

7. one of the eeruinrsetqm
8. ubpilhs it in a newspaper
9. anyone who might be hdamer
10. ensotic that he wished to change his name
11. He spoke to a radio osht
12. the most omlynmoc used word

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211021-ye.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () for the name change. Kanye Omari West is the name that appeared on his birth certificate. However, the artist now
- () publish it in a newspaper. This is so anyone who might be harmed by the change can object. Ye did this four
- () newspaper. One of the only times Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He spoke to a radio
- () host called Big Boy. He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that it means
- (**1**) The rapper Kanye West has changed his name to Ye. Judges in California approved his request
- () has a new, shorter name. Ye, 44, has no legal middle name or surname. He has wanted to change his name for a long
- () The music website billboard.com reported that one of the requirements for name changes in California is for the person to
- () known as Kanye West". Ye did not give any reasons for his name change. He said it was for "personal
- () "you". He said: "I believe "ye" is the most commonly used word in the
- () different times in September. He put notices that he wished to change his name in the Daily Commerce
- () reasons" but did not offer any more explanations. The rapper has had
- () time and finally, his wish is now reality. Three years ago, he announced that he was, "the being formerly
- () Bible, and in the Bible, it means "you". So, I'm you, I'm us, it's us."
- () the nickname Ye for a long time. It is even the name of his eighth studio album.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. in California request . Judges approved his name-change
2. his appeared certificate . The on that name birth
3. shorter artist a The name . has much now
4. it for reasons . personal said was He
5. studio of the eighth name album . It's his
6. changes . for the One name of requirements
7. the might change . harmed by who Anyone be
8. did different this four in Ye times September .
9. Big Boy . radio host a to spoke called He
10. The in most Bible . the word commonly used

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The rapper Kanye West has changed his name to Ye. Judges in California *approved / approval* his request for the name change. Kanye Omari West is the name that *appearance / appeared* on his birth certificate. However, the artist now has a new, *shorten / shorter* name. Ye, 44, has *no / not* legal middle name or surname. He has wanted to change his name for *a / the* long time and *finally / finality*, his wish is now reality. Three years ago, he announced that he was, "the being formerly *knowing / known* as Kanye West". Ye did not give any reasons *for / from* his name change. He said it was for "personal *reason / reasons*" but did not offer any more explanations. The rapper has had the nickname Ye for a long time. It is *odd / even* the name of his eighth studio album.

The music website billboard.com reported *what / that* one of the requirements for name changes in California is *for / at* the person to publish it in a newspaper. This is *so / such* anyone who might be harmed by the change can *object / subject*. Ye did this four different *times / timings* in September. He put notices that he wished to change his name *on / in* the Daily Commerce newspaper. One of the only *times / time* Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He *asked / spoke* to a radio host called Big Boy. He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that it *meaning / means* "you". He said: "I believe "ye" is the most *commonly / common* used word in the Bible, and in the Bible, it means "you". So, I'm you, I'm us, it's us."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ r_pp_r K_ny_ W_st h_s ch_ng_d h_s n_m_ t_ Y_.
J_dg_s _n C_l_f_rn__ _pp_r_v_d h_s r_q__st f_r th_
n_m_ ch_ng_. K_ny_ _m_r_ W_st _s th_ n_m_ th_t
_pp_r_d _n h_s b_rth c_rtf_c_t_. H_w_v_r, th_ _rt_st
n_w h_s _ n_w, sh_rt_r n_m_. Y_, 44, h_s n_ l_g_l
m_ddl_ n_m_ _r s_rn_m_. H_ h_s w_nt_d t_ ch_ng_
h_s n_m_ f_r _ l_ng t_m_ _nd f_n_lly, h_s w_sh _s
n_w r__l_ty. Thr__ y__rs _g_, h_ _nn__nc_d th_t h_
w_s, "th_ b__ng f_rm_rly kn_wn _s K_ny_ W_st". Y_
d_d n_t g_v_ _ny r__s_ns f_r h_s n_m_ ch_ng_. H_
s__d _t w_s f_r "p_rs_n_l r__s_ns" b_t d_d n_t _ff_r
_ny _m_r_ _xpl_n_t__ns. Th_ r_pp_r h_s h_d th_
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_f h_s __ghth st_d__ _lb_m.

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th_ r_q__r_m_nts f_r n_m_ ch_ng_s _n C_l_f_rn__ _s
f_r th_ p_rs_n t_ p_bl_sh _t _n _ n_wsp_p_r. Th_s _s
s_ _ny_n_ wh_ m_ght b_ h_rm_d by th_ ch_ng_ c_n
_bj_ct. Y_ d_d th_s f__r d_ff_r_nt t_m_s _n
S_pt_m_b_r. H_ p_t n_t_c_s th_t h_ w_sh_d t_ ch_ng_
h_s n_m_ _n th_ D__ly C_mm_rc_ n_wsp_p_r. _n_ _f
th_ _nly t_m_s Y_ h_s t_lk_d _b__t h_s n_w n_m_
w_s thr__ y__rs _g_. H_ sp_k_ t_ _ r_d__ h_st c_ll_d
B_g B_y. H_ s__d "Y_" w_s fr_m th_ B_bl_ _nd th_t
_t m__ns "y__". H_ s__d: "_ b_l__v_ "y_" _s th_
m_st c_mm_nly _s_d w_r_d _n th_ B_bl_, _nd _n th_
B_bl_, _t m__ns "y__". S_, _'m y__, _'m _s, _t's _s."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211021-ye.html>

the rapper kanye west has changed his name to ye judges in california approved his request for the name change kanye omari west is the name that appeared on his birth certificate however the artist now has a new shorter name ye 44 has no legal middle name or surname he has wanted to change his name for a long time and finally his wish is now reality three years ago he announced that he was the being formerly known as kanye west ye did not give any reasons for his name change he said it was for personal reasons but did not offer any more explanations the rapper has had the nickname ye for a long time it is even the name of his eighth studio album

the music website billboardcom reported that one of the requirements for name changes in california is for the person to publish it in a newspaper this is so anyone who might be harmed by the change can object ye did this four different times in september he put notices that he wished to change his name in the daily commerce newspaper one of the only times ye has talked about his new name was three years ago he spoke to a radio host called big boy he said ye was from the bible and that it means you he said i believe ye is the most commonly used word in the bible and in the bible it means you so im you im us its us

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The rapper Kanye West has changed his name to Ye. Judges in California approved his request for the name change. Kanye Omari West is the name that appeared on his birth certificate. However, the artist now has a new, shorter name. Ye, 44, has no legal middle name or surname. He has wanted to change his name for a long time and finally, his wish is now reality. Three years ago, he announced that he was, "the being formerly known as Kanye West". Ye did not give any reasons for his name change. He said it was for "personal reasons" but did not offer any more explanations. The rapper has had the nickname Ye for a long time. It is even the name of his eighth studio album. The music website billboard.com reported that one of the requirements for name changes in California is for the person to publish it in a newspaper. This is so anyone who might be harmed by the change can object. Ye did this four different times in September. He put notices that he wished to change his name in the Daily Commerce newspaper. One of the only times Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He spoke to a radio host called Big Boy. He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that it means "you". He said: "I believe "ye" is the most commonly used word in the Bible, and in the Bible, it means "you". So, I'm you, I'm us, it's sus."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. YE (FORMERLY KANYE WEST): Make a poster about Ye. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MIDDLE NAMES: Write a magazine article about scrapping middle names. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on rap. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on rap. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. h	3. j	4. b	5. g
6. c	7. a	8. f	9. d	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- California
- On his birth certificate
- A long time
- Personal reasons
- Ye
- Billboard.com
- Four
- Three years ago
- You
- Ye

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Judges in California approved his name-change request.
- The name that appeared on his birth certificate.
- The artist now has a much shorter name.
- He said it was for personal reasons.
- It's the name of his eighth studio album.
- One of the requirements for name changes.
- Anyone who might be harmed by the change.
- Ye did this four different times in September.
- He spoke to a radio host called Big Boy.
- The most commonly used word in the Bible.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)