



iEARN PROJECT **MY NAME**

Let me introduce
myself; my name is...

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My Name - Slovenia



Not only people, countries also have names. The name of our country is Slovenia. It is a small country in central Europe. Our neighbouring countries are Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. More information on Slovenia can be found [here](http://www.zari.org.ge/learn.htm).



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BRANKA

male

female

I am Branka and I live in Maribor, Slovenia.

I know that my parents made a list of names they liked before I was born. I guess they discussed all of them and decided to name me as they did. I also have a sister, but she does not have anything to do with my name, because she is younger than me.



My name is of Slavic origin and some claim it comes from "Vranka – Vrana," which means "The Crow" and is also a word for "Black" in older Serbian language. On the other hand it could be connected with defence, because other versions of my name are said to be Branislava or Bronislava which are derived from the Slavic elements *bron* "protection" and *slav* "glory".

The name is also popular in other languages. The versions are: Braňka (Slovak), Branislava (Serbian, Slovak, Czech), Bronislava (Czech, Slovak, Russian), Bronisława (Polish).

I think my name is right for me, because I can really protect my rights and the people who are close to me and who I care about.



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DAVID

male

female

My first name is David and it was given to me by my mother. She gave that name to me, because that was the name of her favourite singer.

David is a boy's name. It is of Hebrew origin, and its meaning is beloved. David is one of the most remarkable personalities in the biblical Scriptures. David has 21 variant forms: Daffy, Daffy, Dafydd, Dai, Dave, Davey, Davi, Davidde, Davide, Davidson, Davie, Daviel, Davies, Davin, Davis, Daven, Davon, Davy, Davyd, Davydd and Davyn.

Many famous people like David Beckham, David Copperfield have this name. I like my name, because it is well known all over the world. If you come to England or Germany almost everybody knows how to write your name.

I usually don't use my name in forums or chats, because there almost everybody uses pseudonyms which are called nicks. In school kids usually don't call their friends with their first name but with surname or with names that don't have anything in common with their first name.



David Beckham

I think David is a very popular name, so I am proud that I have that name, because many Slovenian names aren't so popular in other countries all over the world like David.

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JANI

JANI

male

~~female~~

My full name is Jani Škrlec. I'm fifteen years old. I'm from Slovenia; from a small village called Jurovski Dol. I am visiting a secondary school called SERŠ (Secondary School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science) in Maribor.

My first name is Jani. My father chose my name, because my brother's name was chosen by my mother. I like my name because it's very short and it's easy to remember. Nevertheless, some people have problems before they remember my first name. Sometimes they rename me to Jan or another similar name.

My name originates from the name John, in Slovene Janez. There are many other versions of my name in other languages, e. g. Jack, John, Gian, Juan... My name means midsummer day (Juhannus).



Jani Klemenčič

John Travolta

A famous person with my name in Slovenia is the sportsman Jani Klemenčič, a famous person with my name in a foreign country is the American actor, dancer and singer John Joseph Travolta.

My name isn't very popularly but still I like it. My schoolfellows call me with my surname (Škrlec) at school.

Jani Škrlec

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MATEY

male

female

My name is Matey Boban. As you can see I have no middle name. Most people that know me call me Boban. I like my name; I think everyone should like their name. And I think changing a name is stupid. Your name is your name and you should live with it.

I come from Slovenia, and I live in a town called Ptuj. My name was given to me by my parents; believe it or not but there is no story of how I got my name. My parents just said let's call him Matey, so my name is Matey.

My name refers to the apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot. I am the first in my family with this name. The official version of my name is Matey, but a lot of people call me Mato, Mat, Maty; those are unofficial versions of my name. Matthew, Mateo, Matthieu, Matte, Mate are some versions of my name in other languages.

When I write my name, I write it in the western order, that means I write my first name first and my family name second. If I used a pseudonym, I would use the name Matthew Drum.

I really like my name.

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MATIC

male

female

My name is Matic Muršič. Matic is my first name and Muršič is my surname. I don't have a middle name. I come from Slovenia and I live in Maribor. I am 15 years old and I'm visiting a secondary school called SERŠ.

My mother decided to name me Matic. There is no story about it, my mother just liked it. However, I don't have anything against it, actually I like it. When I was a child my parents called me Matico, but now they call me Matic.

The most famous Slovenian Matic is the athlete Matic Osovnikar.

My name is the Slovene form of Matthias which is used to refer to the apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot.



This is I, Matic



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MITJA

male

female

It's weird to write about your own name, but I think that if you dig a little bit deeper, you can find many new pieces of information.

Most people who know me know my name. A name for some people is just a word. A word that nobody cares about. But this is the conclusion of people who don't have enough time to think about this topic. They don't have time for anything but their job. They don't care what their name sounds like, looks like when written and even, how it feels like. A name is a lot more than just a word. It's a way of knowing people, a way of identifying... Having names is one of the most important things in our lives.

I am Mitja. My father picked that name, because he liked it. Maybe he liked the sound of it, or the letters, I don't know really. My mother however, wanted to name me Gašper. To be honest, thank god that my father didn't like it. I don't like it either and that's another proof of father-son genes.

I talked to my mom once; I was about 10 years old. She told me, that if I was a girl, my name would be Nina. I agreed with her. Nina is a very nice name and if I have a little girl once, I'd like to name her Nina. But I would never choose, to be a girl. I can't imagine myself being a girl. If we return to my name, I once thought, that it's very rare. But now I see that it just isn't. I know three people named like me just from my own class. Not to mention, how many Mitjas I know from other places. From TV, sports, neighbourhood... Perhaps this is why I also have a nickname, Mičko. Many famous people are named like me as well.

My name is a Slovene form of Mitya. In Russia it's Dmitriy or Metrofan. There is also another form Demetreus, or in Slovene Dimitrij.

This task really made me think about names, and my name especially.

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MITJA

male

female

My name is Mitja. I come from Slovenia. I'm 15 years old.

My mother gave me my name. Where she works she had a co-worker whose son was Mitja and obviously my mother liked the name. It is not a very famous name. Only some famous people in Slovenia have the name Mitja, for example: Mitja Petkovšek (gymnast), Mitja Kunc (skier), Mitja Valenčič (skier), and Mitja Dragšič (skier).

The name Mitja comes from Russian (Mitya, Dmitriy), which comes from Ancient Greek (Demetrius or Demeter).

I also have friends and classmates with the same name.

I like my name and I'm proud of it.



Mitja Petkovšek

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NATAŠA

male

female



I am Nataša and I also come from Slovenia, from a place called Gorišnica.

My name is said to be a Russian pet form of Natalya or Natalie. In Russian it is also spelled in a different way in their Cyrillic script like this Наташа.

Nevertheless, the origin of my name is the Late Latin name *Natalia*, which meant "Christmas Day" from Latin *natale domini*. I like the fact that I am connected to holidays through my name, because I like holidays of all sorts.

The name was chosen by my mother. There was a film, I think, running at that time with a character of this name. My mother was obviously impressed by it and my father did not object. I like my name and I think it suits me.

People who are close to me call me Nataša; I do not have any nicknames. When I was a child, my grandfather used to call me Taši.

On the internet I use other names for identification – a username and then a password, but I do not reveal them to anyone, especially not the password. The same is true about the PIN code which I use when I pay for something by my credit card.

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ROK

male

female

My name is Rok. I think this name originates from Italy and from the name Rocco and it is connected with illness through a saint from the 14th century who later became the patron saint of the sick.

My name was given to me by my mother and sister after many different ways of searching for the most appropriate name the future family member.

Famous Slovenian people with this name are Rok Benkovič (sportsman), Rok Flander (sportsman), Rok Kosmač (singer).

Names are constructed from first name, middle name and last name. In Slovenia we usually write names by the western order so we first write the first name and then the surname.

Some people like to hide who they are, so they stay anonymous, while others just like to hide their own identity and they use pseudonyms like Slash (Saul Hudson), Pink (Alecia Moore).

So names are used everywhere even for credit cards, network as IP addresses. Also we need names if we log in to check our e-mail; this is our username and a password is also very important today because of the protection of data.

I like my name very much and I am glad that my mother and sister chose this name.



Rok Benkovič

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TILEN

male

female

My full name is Tilen Beigot and Tilen is my first name. As you can see, I don't have a middle name and I prefer that I don't have it! I have learnt a lot about my name by just working and preparing for this project. I started to think how important my name is to me and other people who know me and also for those who don't know me yet!

Our names are functional and nice and because of that I think it's important that you keep your original name. Here in Slovenia we have western order of names, so we write our given name before family name. Not every country has western order; some have eastern order, so they write family name before given name.

First my parents thought I would be a girl and prepared the names Juliana and Tajda. So if I were a girl I wouldn't like my name. Luckily I'm a boy!

People who know me usually call me Beigot. I don't know why, but I like it. It's something different. Old friends and old schoolmates use Znir, my nickname, to call me. I don't care how people call me as long the name is appropriate.

A version of my name, Thulani, as my teacher told me, means *be quiet, be comforted* in Zulu. In Greek it means *will*. I think I have a super cool name. I'm just sad, that just one famous person shares my name. That is Johan Tilenius, he is an actor. I wish that more famous people had the name Tilen, or maybe just pseudonym like Tilen Slash or Tilen Hudson, something like that. I think my name is never used for username, because many people have the name Tilen and you can't have the same username as anyone else, so a surname is better for username.

No matter what your name means or is, you must have it and you will start to like it. And when you do that other people will have more respect for your name and you.



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METKA

male

female

My parents named me Metka. Their first choice was Mojca, but my grandmother didn't really like that name and they did not want to upset her. I would also be satisfied with Mojca which is a Slovenian version of the female name Marija. That was my grandmother's name and should come from Latin *Maria*, Greek *Miriam* and Hebrew *Myriam*. The meaning of this name is "beloved".



Metka is, according to <http://www.behindthename.com/>, a German and Scandinavian short form of *Margaret* which is derived from Latin *Margarita*. This one comes from Greek *μαργαριτης* (*margarites*) meaning "pearl", the older roots exist in the Persian for pearl, *Morvarid*, and also Sanskrit word for pearl, *mandjari*.

I like the meaning of my name, but I do not think my pupils would always agree that I am a pearl. Officially I am Professor Metka Košir, but I do not know how my pupils call me when I am not around. I guess they do not use nice names when they are angry about some marks I give them. What I do know is that older generations of my students called me with my real name when they were talking about me and they thought I could not hear them.

In other countries they would call me with other names: Megan in Wales or England, Mette in Denmark or Norway, Maarit in Finland, Marguerite in France, Mairead in Scotland and again with other names somewhere else.