

Description	Students develop lesson 1C's theme of names by learning some common short forms of English names
Lesson link	Use this activity after exercise 3b
Time	10 minutes
Extra material	None

Instructions

- Write the following on the board: *Dylan, Clinton, Blair*. Ask SS *Are these first names or surnames?* (**Answer:** *surnames*).
- Ask SS what the first names of these famous people are. Elicit **Bob Dylan, Bill Clinton, Tony Blair**. Write these first names on the board, and add the following: *Nick, Rob, Cathy, Andy, Liz, Dave, Di, Mike, Matt, Harry, Sue, Al, and Chris*. Tell SS that they are short forms of names. For example, *Mike* is short for *Michael*.
- In pairs SS try to guess the long form of each of the names on the board. Warn SS that some names have more than one answer!
- After three minutes, elicit answers and write them on the board.
- As a follow-up ask SS if there are examples in their own language, e.g. in Spanish *Paco* is short for *Francisco*.

Answers

Bob – Robert
Bill – William
Tony – Anthony
Nick – Nicholas
Rob – Robert, Robin
Cathy – Catherine
Andy – Andrew
Liz – Elizabeth
Dave – David
Di – Diane, Diana
Mike – Michael
Matt – Matthew
Harry – Henry, Harold
Sue – Susan
Al – Alan, Alexander, Alistair
Chris – Christopher