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**Level 2** – 21st October, 2021

## Kanye West changes his name to Ye

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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The rapper Kanye West has changed his name. Kanye Omari West is the name that appeared on his birth certificate. However, the artist now has the shorter name of Ye. He has no legal middle name or surname. Ye had wanted to change his name for a long time. Three years ago, he announced that he was, "the being formerly known as Kanye West". He said his change of name was for "personal reasons". He didn't give any more explanations. The rapper has had the nickname Ye for a long time. It is the name of his eighth studio album.

The music website billboard.com said people in California who want to change their name have to publish it in a newspaper. This is so anyone who might not like the change can object. Ye did this four times in September. He put notices in the Daily Commerce newspaper. One of the only times Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He chatted to a radio host. 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."

Sources: <https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/kanye-west-name-change-ye-194657972.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2110/211021-ye-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the name that appeared on | a. change his name       |
| 2. the artist now            | b. the nickname          |
| 3. He has no legal middle    | c. studio album          |
| 4. Ye had wanted to          | d. reasons               |
| 5. formerly known            | e. name                  |
| 6. for personal              | f. his birth certificate |
| 7. The rapper has had        | g. as Kanye West         |
| 8. the name of his eighth    | h. has the shorter name  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The music            | a. used word          |
| 2. people in            | b. in a newspaper     |
| 3. publish it           | c. times in September |
| 4. anyone who might not | d. the only times     |
| 5. Ye did this four     | e. website            |
| 6. One of               | f. a radio host       |
| 7. He chatted to        | g. California         |
| 8. the most commonly    | h. like the change    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(7) \_\_\_\_\_ billboard.com said people in California who want to change their name have (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in a newspaper. This is so anyone who might not like the change can object. Ye did (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in September. He put notices in the Daily Commerce newspaper. One (10) \_\_\_\_\_ times Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He chatted to (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that it means "you". He said: "I believe "ye" is the most (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible, and in the Bible, it means "you". So, I'm you, I'm us, it's us."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# YE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Ye 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

