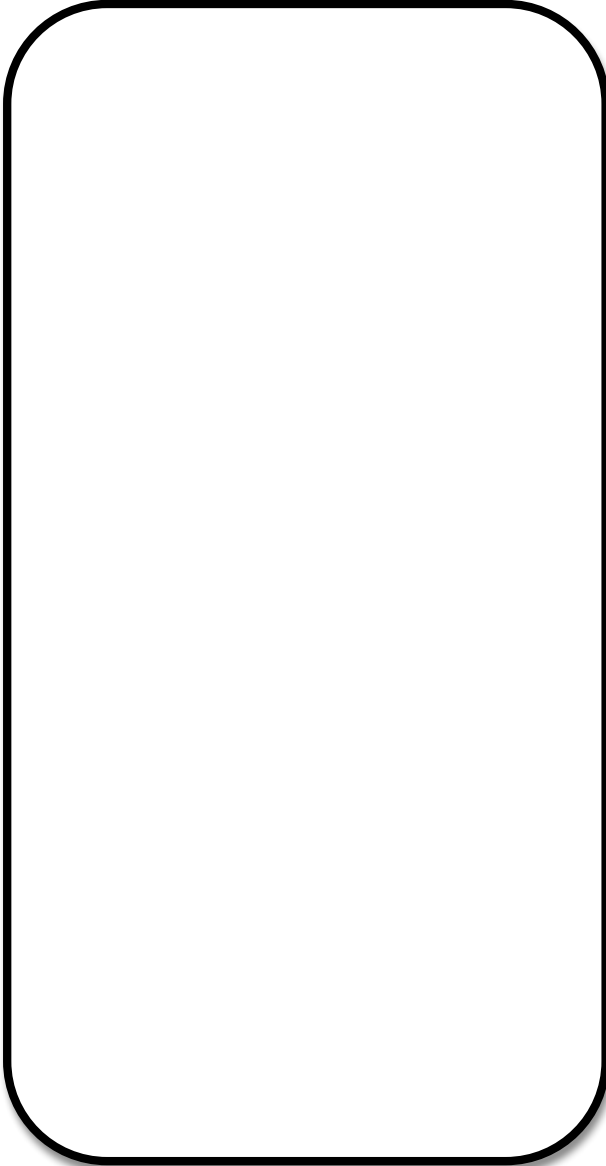


My name means...

What does your name mean? Why did your parents give you that name?
How would you explain it in English?

- ① Write your name (family name, then given name) in *kanji* in the box.
If your first isn't kanji, write it in hiragana.



- ② Read these model sentences.
Write or think about how to explain your name.

*This Chinese character means...
This character is made of ___ and ___.
It's pronounced...*

*My first name means...
The first character in my
given name means...*

*Maybe my parents hoped I would be...
I was named _____ because...*

*I was named after my _____
(grandmother, father, etc.)*

*I was named by my _____
(grandmother, father, etc.)*

*My name is not in Chinese characters.
It is hiragana – that's like an alphabet. **

*I can't explain the meaning.
I don't know why they named me that.*

**Only use this with foreigners who don't live in Japan.*

- ③ Now work with a partner. Explain your name. Ask about your partner's name.
Change partners and continue.

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