

NAME AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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READ THIS STUDENT'S NAME AUTOBIOGRAPHY. THERE ARE TWELVE MISTAKES IN THE USE OF VERB TENSES. FIND AND CORRECT THEM.

I was born in 1960. My parents named me Cynthia Lee, after my mother. (They named me John after my father, but I turned out to be a girl.) I'm not sure what "Cynthia" means, but I think it is coming from the Greek and has some connection to the moon. When I was growing up, I found it hard to pronounce my name—especially the *th*. Whenever I tried to say Cynthia, it came out more like SIN-TEE. So as a little girl I have called myself Sinty. When I got older, my younger brother nicknamed me "kangaroo" because I was always jumping on things. I hated the name and called him "Stu" (short for "stupid") in return. In high school my friends have started to call me "CiCi." I liked that because it was sounding friendly—like the name of a girl who was popular. However, when I got a little older, I prefer Cynthia. This pleased my parents a lot. When I got married, I was deciding to use both my last name and my husband's, so I became Cynthia Gordon-Huges. My husband is calling me Cindy or occasionally just "c." When he is annoyed at me, he calls me by my full name, Cynthia. Now we expect our first child—a son. We don't decide on a name for him yet. We don't want to name him after a relative, so we have been looking through baby-name books for ideas. At the moment we consider the name Forrest and Ian. We also haven't been deciding yet which family name to use for our son—mine, my husband's, or a combination of the two. Choosing a name is very important, and we don't want to make a mistake.