



# Hindu Naming Ceremony

This is your title with today's date

# Starter Task...

**A** LWAYS READY TO HAVE FUN  
**N** EVER ANGRY  
**D** ETERMINED TO SUCCEED  
**R** EADY FOR A PARTY  
**E** XCITED FOR THE WEEKEND  
**W** ATCHES TOO MUCH TV

Think about your name...

What does it mean to you?

Create an Acrostic Poem of your name and explain what makes you special and Unique

# We are learning about the Hindu Naming Ceremony



## Success Criteria

1. **I must** know what happens at a Hindu Naming Ceremony
2. **I should** be able to explain the reasons why Hindus celebrate the naming of a Baby
1. **I could** explore the similarities and differences between Baptism and the Hindu Naming Ceremony

## Task:

Watch the clip and record the important information around a bubble map.



Hindu  
Naming  
Ceremony

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/hindu-ceremonies/5920.html>



This is Rama. A Hindu boy who lives in Bradford. He was born in England but his parents were born in India. Rama is twelve years old . There are many members of his family: uncles, aunts, grandparents and cousins, who are all very close to each other. This is sometimes called a 'joint family.' One of Rama's cousins lives in his house , and is like a brother to him.

He is going to tell us all about the Naming Ceremony of one of his cousins



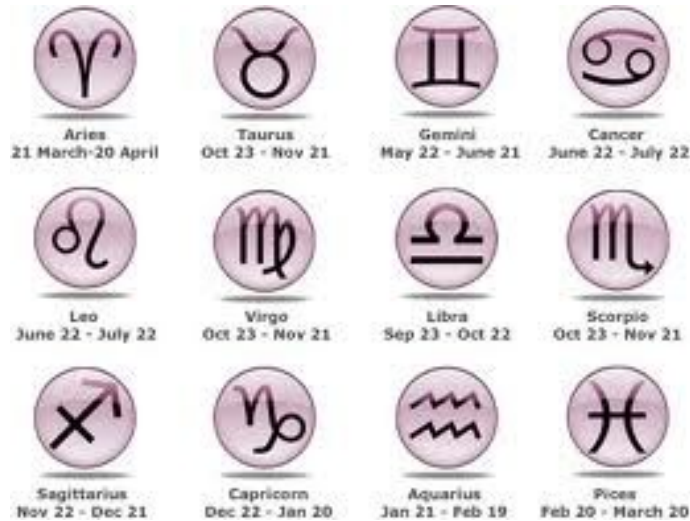
'We believe that there are 16 important stages in every person's life. Each of these occasions is a religious occasion and so there are 16 samskaras or religious occasions. There are 3 samskaras before a child is born. This is what happened at the naming ceremony of my cousin:



For Hindus, the arrival of a new baby is always a time of rejoicing. We let our priest know the exact time of the birth, so that he can draw up a horoscope for the new baby (not all Hindu families do this.)



First, the baby is washed and then the sacred word AUM is traced on its tongue with a golden pen. AUM represents our three main Gods, or three of the ways the Brahman is revealed: Vishnu, Shiva and Brahman.



On the tenth day after birth, the name of the baby is registered. Kamla was the chosen name. (The priest, using the horoscope, helped decide the name.)

While the name is being decided a holy fire is lit as a symbol of the purity and presence of God.

Afterwards, baby Kamla was taken outside to see the sun for the first time, and then the baby had solid food for the first time also.

It was a great day. I saw lots of relations I had not seen since the last family wedding.'



Using Rama's story answer the following questions in full sentences in your book

1. What does a 'joint family' mean? Is your family a 'joint' family'?
2. How many stages are there in a Hindu person's life and what are these stages called?
3. What is a Horoscope? What is your star sign - Draw your star sign in your book.



## Task:

Create an information poster in your book about the Hindu Naming Ceremony

It must include:

**What happens in the ceremony**

**Who is involved**

**What symbolism is used and why**

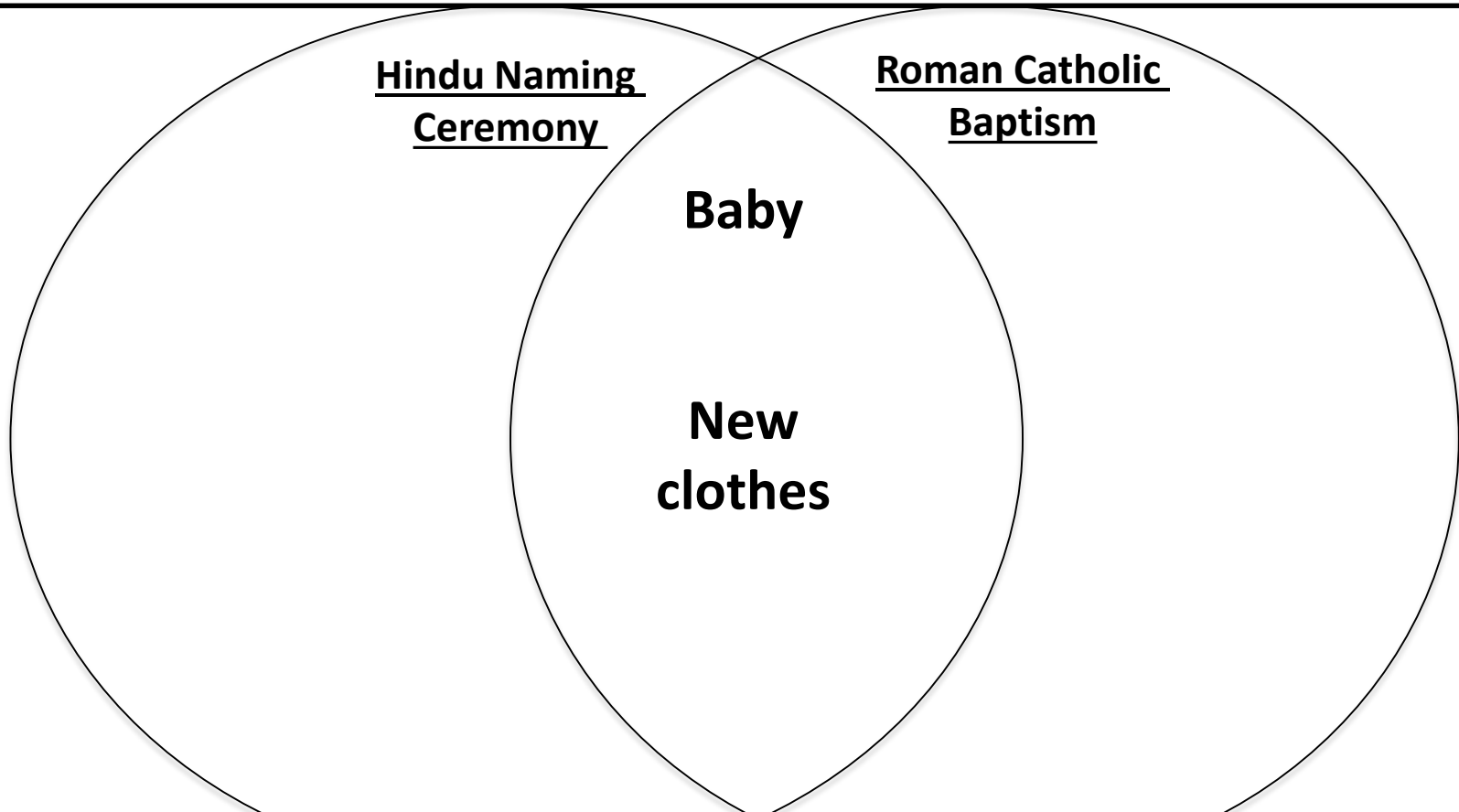
You must then write a paragraph explaining why you think it is a good idea to gather the whole family together to welcome a new baby.



## Plenary Task:

Create a Venn diagram very neatly in your exercise books.

Record the similarities and differences between Baptism and the Hindu naming ceremony.



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