

# Young Inventors Worksheet- Naming Your Invention

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**Have fun! Try some word tricks to name your invention!**

**STEP 1: LEARN HOW Inventions/Products are named. They are named:**

**FOR THE INVENTOR.** i.e., Ben & Jerry's ice cream. What's another example?

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**FOR WHAT THE PRODUCT DOES.** i.e., For example, Carpet Cleaner or Wave Rider. Another example?

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**USING ALLITERATION, a repetition of the same initial sound.** i.e., Bendable Broom. Another example?

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**WITH RHYME,** a repetition of the final word sound, is often used in names. i.e., Fair Share Timer. Another example?

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**BY MAKING UP A WORD.** i.e., trampoline or dorito. What's another example?

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**FOR THE SOUND.** i.e., Pop Secret (a popcorn). Another example?

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**FOR THE FEELOR SMELL.** i.e., Softbox tissues, Pine Spray. Other examples?

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**WITH A CATCHY NAME.** For example, Hula Hoop. Another example?

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**USING AN ACRONYM,** a word made up of the first letters of a longer name.

i.e., VIP for very important person, or DJ for disc jockey. What's another example?

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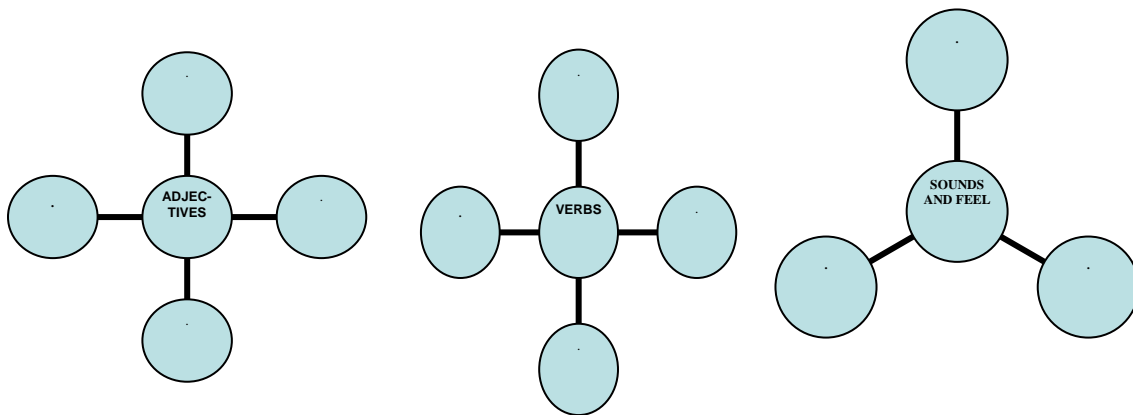
**STEP 2:**

**Look at the list of products below. Rename them using a naming technique.**

| Product   | New Name | What technique did you use? |
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**STEP 3: Describe your invention. What words that describe it.**

Think of types of words to describe YOUR INVENTION!



The names picked by the kids are listed at the bottom of this sheet.

**STEP 4: PICK A NAME FOR YOUR INVENTION (OR A FAMILIAR PRODUCT).**

1. Name it after yourself:
2. Name it for what it does:
3. Use alliteration to name it:
4. Name it using rhyme:
5. Name it combining two words or making up a new word:
6. Name it for its sound, smell or feel (if applicable):
7. Give it a catchy name:
9. Name it using an acronym:

**STEP 5: PICK THE NAME YOU LIKE BEST FOR YOUR INVENTION**