

COURTESY

A ROLEPLAY ON NICK NAMING

Names: Names Names

Intent of these jotting

- *Names specially, the first name are very precious to people.*
 - *Names stand for persons.*
- *We should respect personal names as much as we respect persons.*
 - *Avoid joking on names or using nick-names*

Respect Others' Names

Characters: *A School Child, Mum and Teacher.*

Home

Mum: *(To her School Child who comes home all down cast.)* O, dear, what's happened today in school? You look very sad.

Son: You know, mum, what Popatlal did to me at recess time? He punched me very badly on my right eye.

Mum: Who is Popatlal?

Son : A boy of my class.

Mum: I'll come along with you to see your teacher about this. What's your teacher's name?

Son:: She is Mrs. Cobrawalla.

School

Mum: Good afternoon, Mrs. Cobrawalla! *(All children laugh!)*

Teacher: *(Indignant)* Excuse me, Madam, you are insulting me!
My name is not Mrs. Cobrawalla, but Miss Tavares.
Who are you to come to my class and make fun of me in front of the students?

Mum: Excuse me, Miss, I apologize I really, feel very bad, but my son told me that you were called by this name.

Teacher: Who is your son? May I know?

Mum: His name is Manick.

Teacher: O, the new boy, who joined our school, a couple of days ago?

Mum: Yes, exactly.

Teacher: *(Talking to Manick)* Tell me son, why have you told your Mum my wrong name? You know, I feel very offended and angry with what you have done!

Boy: Sorry, teacher, But I didn't know...

Teacher: Who told you my wrong name?

Boy: I think he is Popatlal... *(All the boys laugh)*

Teacher: *(Showing surprise)* Popatlal?... you say? There is not a boy by this name in our class!

Boy: Yes, teacher... *(He points with his finger to one of his class mates)* He is that boy over there. *(More laughter in class)*

Teacher: But, his name is Deepak?

Boy: But, all the class calls him Popatlal, teacher... *(Big laughter)*

Teacher:
GOOD GRACIOUS ME!.... CAN WE NOT CALL OTHERS, BY THEIR REAL NAMES!? STOP RAGGING AND NICKNAMING! IT'S UNPOLITE AND HURTS PEOPLE'S FEELINGS!