

On Thin Ice: Uitajuq: Naming

Ashley is curious about the meaning of her Inuktitut name – *Uitajuq* – and asks Aana about it. “I gave you her name. Now she’s in you.” See [Real Life Story: Traditional Names and Naming](#) for background on the significance of Inuit naming practices.

1. What does *Uitajuq* mean?
2. Who is Aana referring to here?
3. What does Aana believe about the power of giving someone an Inuktitut name?
4. How does Ashley feel about receiving this name?
5. According to Inuit tradition, birthmarks will show up on a child that shares a name with an older or deceased relative. What was Ashley’s special birthmark? Predict the possible importance of this birthmark later in this book.