

Naming

Here are some action points you need to do before you decide on a new name.

- Decide on what type of name will work best for your type of business and brand based on the 5 types of name mentioned in my video: Functional or descriptive, invented, evocative, experiential or acronyms. Note: Whatever approach you take a good name markets itself.
- Check the following:
 - o **Is your new chosen name already in use** by another competitor or even in another business sector completely? Better safe than sorry!
 - o **Is it broad enough** in case you want to expand into other products and services in the future?
 - o Is it easy to spell?
 - o Your website domain name (.com if you can get it). You can use **NameChk.com** for this. For a more comprehensive domain name availability search you can also go to: www.enom.com
 - o Your trademark Do a trademark quick online search to see if it is available in the classes you require?
 - o **Social media** Can you get the same username across each of your chosen social media channels such as Pinterest, Facebook, Instagram etc? You can use NameChk.com for this.
 - Check Foreign translations If you plan on selling your product or service across multiple countries it may be wise to do



- a quick online check. Just to make sure your new name does not have any obvious negative meaning in those countries.
- o **Note**: Always give try and make an initial list of about 30 in not more possible names.
- Other online tools you can use for checking possible names include:
 - knowem.com
 - namecheckr.com
 - <u>checkusernames.com</u>
 - namemesh.com