What’s in a name?

Some words come from the names of real people or characters from stories. They are called **eponyms**.

1. Can you fill in the blanks to make the **eponyms**? They are all things to wear.

   a) .................................. (rubber or plastic waterproof **boots**)
   b) .................................. (a knitted **jacket**)
   c) .................................. (a man’s soft felt **hat**)
   d) .................................. (a close-fitting piece of **clothing** worn for dance, exercise and gymnastics)
   e) .................................. (a man’s stiff felt **hat** with a rounded top)
   f) .................................. (a type of cowboy **hat**)
   g) .................................. (a **raincoat**)

2. Can you match the words on the left with the descriptions of the people whose names they come from on the right? You can use the **Oxford School Dictionary of Word Origins** to help you.

   - **silhouette**
     - German engineer
   - **maverick**
     - Hungarian inventor
   - **shrapnel**
     - Roman goddess of farming
   - **mentor**
     - 18th century French politician
   - **volcano**
     - British artillery officer
   - **biro**
     - Texan rancher
   - **cereal**
     - Roman god of fire
   - **diesel**
     - character in Homer’s Odyssey