
BABY NAME GUIDE

Choosing a Baby Name

Having a hard time picking out a baby name? Don't just pull one out of nowhere or settle for one you think sounds OK. This guide will help you figure out what you're really looking for when you're naming your little one.

Here's how it works:

Pass these name lists out to your partner, family, friends, neighbor or whoever else you've nominated to be on your naming committee.

Have your crew initial next to their favorites. (Don't forget to give them a limit on their picks – 3? 5? – so you can really narrow it down)

Gather those lists, and break it down to that one perfect name that's guaranteed to please everyone (hey, they helped pick it after all).

So what are you waiting for? Get naming!





GIRLS

Instagram Names

Have you ever noticed how pretty some of those Instagram filter names are?
Browse through some of our favorites:

- Sierra**
dark
- Willow**
slender and graceful
- Perpetua**
perpetual, continual
- Valencia**
brave
- Clarendon**
(no meaning known)
- Mayfair**
(no meaning known)
- Maven**
expert or connoisseur
- Helena**
light
- Ashby**
from an ash tree
- Brooklyn**
water, stream



Pop Culture Names

Do you have a favorite TV or movie character? Let pop culture be your inspiration when you're choosing a baby name.

- Elsa**
Frozen
- Primrose**
The Hunger Games
- Leia**
Star Wars
- Bellatrix**
Harry Potter
- Arya**
Game of Thrones
- Cora**
Downton Abbey
- Piper**
Orange is the New Black
- Shoshanna**
Girls
- Riley**
Inside Out
- Olivia**
Scandal

Old Fashioned Names

These old fashioned or traditional names may not be as common now as they were decades ago, but there's nothing holding you back from choosing to name your baby one of the following:

- Florence**
flowering
- Gwendolyn**
fair, blessed
- Marjorie**
pearl
- Eleanor**
shining light
- Dorothy**
God's gift
- Maude**
strong in war
- Helen**
shining light
- Macy**
male form of Matthew
- Eloise**
famous in war
- Mabel**
Lovable



Last Names as First Names

Some last names are catchy, so why not use it as a first name?

- Kingsley**
from the king's meadow
- Kiernan**
(no meaning known)
- Marley**
from the meadow
- Delaney**
from the elder tree grove
- Addison**
son of Adam
- Ellery**
dwells by the alder trees
- Sutton**
from the south farm
- Everly**
from Eve's meadow
- Harlow**
meadow of the hares
- Monroe**
from the river's mouth



Names with Alternate Spellings

How many ways can you spell a name? Try a unique twist like these names below:

Adalyn Addilyn Adelynn

Reagan Raegan Regan

Aleah Aleigha Alia

Layla Lailah Leyla

Avery Averi Averie

Eliana Elianna Elianah

Liliana Lilianna Liliannah

Kalyn Cailyn Kaelynn

Colbie Kolby Kolbie

Lauren Lauryn Lorin

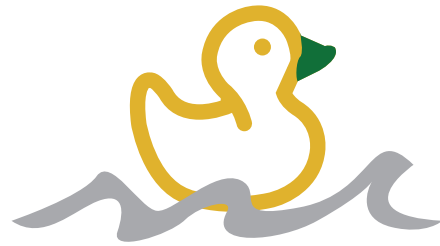


Names That Are Everyday Words

Pretty words make pretty names.

- Pearl
- Nova
- Olive
- River
- Moxie
- Gypsy
- Starlet
- Snow
- Promise
- Love





BOYS

Instagram Names

While you're swiping back and forth between Instagram filters to try to choose the perfect one for your photo, why not choose one for your baby, too?

- Hudson**
son of the hooded man
- Aden**
attractive, handsome
- Ludwig**
famous fighter
- Lark**
a bird
- Reyes**
kings
- Nashville**
(no meaning known)
- Walden**
strong fighter
- Kelvin**
from the narrow river
- Stinson**
(no meaning known)
- Vesper**
evening prayer



Pop Culture Names

Pop culture dominates our world, and we're loving some of these pop culture-influenced names:

- Theon**
Game of Thrones
- Kylo**
Star Wars
- Cullen**
Twilight
- Jax**
Sons of Anarchy
- Silas**
Weeds
- Sheldon**
The Big Bang Theory
- Atticus**
To Kill a Mockingbird
- Milo**
Gossip Girl
- Chandler**
Friends
- Dexter**
Dexter



Old Fashioned Names

These names may be old fashioned, but we think they're making a comeback.

- Eugene**
well-born
- Ernest**
serious, determined
- Otis**
wealthy
- Reuben**
who sees the son
- Gordon**
from the cornered hill
- Lester**
from the legion's camp
- Frederick**
peaceful ruler
- Hubert**
intelligent
- Edward**
guardian
- Walter**
strong fighter



Last Names as First Names

Boys who have last names as first names have been popular, and these are some of our favorites choices:

- Emerson**
brave, powerful
- Kennedy**
helmeted
- Lincoln**
from the settlement by the pool
- Lennon**
little cloak
- Duncan**
dark warrior
- Remington**
from the raven farm
- Jagger**
Carter
- Miller**
one who grinds grain
- Carter**
cart driver, cart maker
- Harrison**
son of Harry



Names with Alternate Spellings

Differentiate your child from his peers by spelling his name a different way.

Kaden Caiden Kayden

Landon Landen Landyn

Tristan Tristin Trystan

Kason Casen Kaysen

Colton Colten Kolton

Jacob Jakob Jaycob

Marcus Markus Marquis

Weston Westin Westen

Grayson Graysen Greyson

Jayden Jadon Jaidyn



Names That Are Everyday Words

Sometimes you just need one word to explain it all. These self-explanatory names are strong yet meaningful.

- King
- True
- Phoenix
- Lucky
- Wolf
- Riot
- Echo
- Maze
- Journey
- Lyric





Unusual Unisex Names

Do you prefer to give your baby a name that won't make society members automatically assume he or she is a boy or a girl based on just a name? Try one of these unisex names:

Lane
from the long meadow

Wynne
fair

Blair
from the plain

Tyne
river

Dylan
son of the wave

Hadley
from the heath covered meadow

Peyton
royal

Sage
wise one

Orion
a constellation

Ira
watchman

Dana
wise, intelligent

Wyatt
guide

Dallas
wise, from the waterfall

Zane
gift from God

Easton
from East town

Arlo
fortified hill

Scout
information gatherer

Carson
son of Carr

Henley
high field

Arron
lofty or inspired

