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Naming a kid is hard. This could be one of the hardest parts for parents. Okay, it's by no means the hardest part of the parents. But it's a lot of pressure. And if you're not careful, that pressure can break you. Sound too dramatic? Consider this: Parents website BabyCenter recently released its list of the most popular baby names of 2015, and among the top choices are Lux, Valencia, Juno, Reyes, Ludwig, Amaro, and Willow. What you can also recognize as Instagram filters. That is how difficult it is to name children. It makes perfectly rational people go, it, I don't know. How about Valencia? It worked on my vacation photos. Related: The Better Man Project, 2476 tips to keep you happy and healthy for life We can't give you the right name for your child. But we can steer you in the right direction. We consulted dozens of parents and asked them to explain the stories behind their names, their children's names, their parents' names. Good, bad, and WTF do they think? Using our tales of glory and/or despair, we created this baby name litmus test. Think you've found the perfect word? Don't be so sure until you've been careful of it with these issues. There is an old saying that those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it. This line is probably not about baby names, but it should be. Because the world doesn't need another child named Ruben, because it sounds like his dad's favorite sandwich. Is this name going to get them mocked by their peers? Children can have sadistic little. If there's anything about your child's name that their peers can use for mockery, especially if it rhymes with an embarrassing body part or function, they most definitely will. Ashton turns so easily into an Ass Ton. Bryce becomes lice, Lucas becomes mucus, and Colin is just one letter away from the colon. Yes, Dexter is a nice name. As long as he doesn't mind the inevitable modifier . . . The Molester. Karin M., a first-year resident of Stanford, recalls accidentally reminding some young parents of how easily a word can be manipulated with a comedic effect. The new baby is coming, and I notify the parents that they have a healthy baby, she says. I asked them: What is the name? And they say, Jake. And I just burst withAke, Jake The Snake. Parents look at each other and immediately say Michael. So what are you doing? You have two options. One, give the name of the proper path test. Jennifer Moss, founder and CEO of BabyNames.com, testifies trying it out to an unbiased third party, such as coffee shop employees. Order a latte and give them the name, she says. Look closely at their faces. Do they stifle laughter? Can they write it? Related: Why laughing at other people's pain is healthy your second chance is to stop thinking A lot of kids grow up with ultra-rhymable names like Tucker and Cooper and never have any problem, says Laura Wattenberg, author of Baby Name Wizard. What happens when a Tucker or pooper comes home from school and can't stop crying? You teach them how being able to laugh at teasing is still the best defense, says Wattenberg. Do their initials ruin the monogram bathrobe? Maybe you don't care if your future child's monogram bathrobes are terrible. But anywhere he or she could use their initials could pose a problem if these initials resemble a word like ASA or hog. I called my son after his great-grandfathers, Jacob and Emerson, says Christina Los Angeles V, my mother-in-law, WASP, freaked out. She said we couldn't name her first grandson that because his initials would spell a Jew. But not unlike cruel nicknames, it's probably something that parents worry too much about. As Wattenberg points out, the initials VD and BS don't seem to hurt Vin Diesel and Bruce Springsteen. Are you positive it's not a stripper name? Nothing strikes fear into the hearts of future parents, like inadvertently giving their children a name that doesn't look out of place on a strip club tent. Moss recommends steering clear of names that sound too sexy or scrumptious, like Stormy, Roxy, or Bambi and honestly, even if it doesn't remind women who take their clothes off professionally, you're not making your daughter any favors by naming her Bambi. One half of my family has a history of awful words, says Michael B of Seattle. If my nephew were a girl, he would be Chantilly Lace. Luckily, he has a dick, so they named him Jesse. Related: How to Pleasure Woman-Make Every Time Her Best Yet With This Ultimate Sex Manual But Not All Sex Trade Names Are So Obvious. What about boys' names like Tyler or Jaxon, or girls' names like Jaylyn or Mya? These words are disproportionately common among people whose day job involves showing their naked bodies to strangers. We only know that because we checked out a new baby name app called Nametrix that lets you know how often a particular name is between stripper and stars. This may not be a good reason to prevent you from using a name. But at least you won't be caught by surprise when a smirking friend tells you that he once got lapdance from a girl of the same name as your daughter. Are you absolutely sure you want to name your kid after the movie character? It happens more than you think, and it's almost never a good idea. Game of Thrones has a huge impact on the naming of children, says Moss. Just like the hunger games series. We assume that it is not necessary to explain why you should not name your child after any character in a movie or series in which people are Raped. But you'll be surprised not to register as a bad idea. There was a meme that said: Satan comes as what you want most, and I commented, Well then I thought, my child I'm going to be an Anti-Christ, says Lisa M of Florida. And then one of my friends said, You should name him Damien, because Omen and it just fit and still cheerful to me. Everyone always gets tizzy about the name, and I had a relative actually tell me that the name is horrible and I'm a horrible person. We don't want to have too judgments here, but yes, maybe naming your kid against Christ doesn't exactly make them into a bright future. Related: What you can learn from the world's biggest the key to choosing a movie inspired title is that you have to love the title, not just the character, says Wattenberg. If you need to know the movie to evaluate the title, it's probably the wrong choice. Be honest with yourself, she adds. Do you really like the name Lando, or is that the only fanboy you're talking about? Here is the only example of a kid named for a movie that we actually agree with. Jason C of San Francisco says he and his wife chose to name our son Nick primarily for the strength of approval of John Cusack in The Sure Thing. The line of dialogue matter if you're unfamiliar with the movie: Nick is your friend, the kind of guy you can trust, the kind of guy you can be brewing with, the kind of guy who doesn't mind if you puke his car. Now it's good for parents. 20 years from now, when your kid tells the origin of her name, is it a happy or funny story, or here's why I'm in therapy for the story? Words that seem like a good idea at that time can become decidedly less so if you imagine your child as an adult, trying to justify their decisions. Like this one: My father named me after the girl he wanted so far in high school, reminiscent of Shirley of New York. My mother agreed to that because it was his turn to name the child. No. Just no. Amy S of Chicago named her son Elliott after my favorite singer/songwriter, Elliott Smith. Which, in theory, is a sweet tribute, as Smith did to write some beautiful songs. But he was also a drug addict who committed suicide at the age of 34 when stabbing himself repeatedly in the chest with a kitchen knife. That's the detail your son will find out. So when friends or girlfriends ask him about his name, he'll have to say: I'm named after a junkie musician who stabbed himself to death. Related: 20 Secrets to a Happier Life Here's an Eliot-naming story with a happier ending. Nancy V of Chicago named her son Eliot after a boy at my husband's summer camp who gave him a pair of pants. Why? My husband was wearing shorts, she says. Another child said it was a shame for God to pray in shorts, and my husband, the son of poor immigrants, was humiliated and began to cry. A camper named Eliot, without request or hesitation by my husband over his pants. It's a sweet and touching story, and a thousand times more meaningful than just saying: We called him a great-grandfather, which I've never met. This content is created and maintained by a third party and is imported to this page to help users provide their e-mail addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content piano.io Although nous aims a chic French name and can't resist the worldly moniker, there's something downright cool about gender swapping baby names. In an era of gender neutral everything (see also: Target's kids' line), the tradition of naming our children based on gender, quickly becomes a thing of the past. But all the trends aside, we think it's pretty cool to give the girl a boy a name (we look at you, Reese and Drew). Besides, as we've seen with Gwyneth Paltrow using Apple, there really is no rule when it comes to naming your beautiful baby. So we say throw out the rule book and choose the moniker you think suits your child best, regardless of gender. To get your list started, we rounded up some of our personal favorite gender neutral baby names that matched both boys and girls. You are welcome. Cheetah is the New Black Is there any other reason to name his daughter Reese than there is a gorgeous, funny, and insanely talented actress, producer, entrepreneur, and women's rights activist Reese Witherspoon? We don't think so, but if that's not enough, Reese is just a super-pretty, formerly male name that, according to Nameberry, has propelled the mass girls to popularity in recent years. We kinda think, dear, sweet Witherspoon has something to do with it. We may not be able to include a list of boys' names for girls without mentioning one of the most popular music icons of this generation, Taylor Swift. Although it was a popularity in the '90s, Tay kept it relevant today, and even the nickname TayTay is fashionable. Taylor Schilling is another famous actress under the boyish moniker; you know her also Piper Chapman on Orange Is the New Black. Despite its history as a male name, Blake is quickly gaining popularity as a girl named USA, partly thanks to one of its famous mediums, Gossip Girl star Blake Lively. This name comes from the old English version, which, according to the Baby Name Wizard, was the nickname of someone with a very dark or very light face. Either way, we love the sound of this name for a girl. It's powerful yet sweet, all you would like for your daughter. Hey Jude is one of my all time favorite Beatles songs, and seeing the popularity of this title spread, it's I'm not alone in that mood. This alone is reason enough to consider it to be the name of your little girl. It has a poetic and musical feel to it, not to mention the incredible song you can always dedicate to her. This might be why Martha Stewart's daughter, Alexis Stewart, named her little girl Jude. Either way, we think it's cool, so very cool. Most of us first came across the name Wyatt when Peter Fonda played the character in the iconic coming-of-age movie Easy Rider, but before that, it was the name of Wyatt Berry Stapp Earp, an American Old West gambler and deputy sheriff of Pima County, Arizona, famous for his role in gunfight at OK Corral, where three outlaw cowboys were killed. Although we haven't seen this name used by girls much, expect it to grow thanks to new parents Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher, who named their new daughter Wyatt. It turns out the name has inspired some fun during the Lakers game. I just started listing off anything and everything I saw: Sign! Truck! Wall! We loved: Kutcher told Conan O'Brien. She [was] like Shut up! Then I was like, I got a really dumb idea. What about Vaia? She goes, That's it. Some seriously cool guys have had this name all the time, from iconic James Dean to the talented James Franco, but you really ramp up the ace factor when you give it to a girl. New parents Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds knew that too when they named their little girl James. And with their power couple status, we're pretty sure you'll see more girls with this star name in the future. Edward Berthelot/Getty Since the Kardashians exploded on our television screens, Kendall has grown dramatically in popularity as a cool girl's name, but historically, it was a masculine moniker. With Celtic origins, Kendall means from the bright valley, and with the success that Kendall Jenner has received, we can only predict the glistening future of any little girl given this gorgeous name. For creative parents, Lou is your go-to moniker. There are an insanely inspiring people who spring to mind with this word a couple of insanely inspiring people. Fusing music and poetry, Lou Reed was and will continue to be one of the greats in American music history. While he rose to fame as lead vocalist, songwriter, and vocalist for The Velvet Underground, he enjoyed an amazing solo career five decades after that. Adding a cool factor and bringing a feminine touch is Lou Doillon, daughter of director Jacques Doillon and British actress, singer, and fashion icon Jane Birkin-enough said. Although it is in the top 30 favorite names for boys, Dylan is gaining traction as a feminine moniker, and it certainly has a more melodic and contemporary sound when it crosses the gender. Sean Penn and Robin Wright firmly etched this boy's name on the girl's birth when they called out to daughter Dylan. Although it isn't a super-common girl name when we heard Haylie Duff and her husband, Matt Rosenberg, had named their baby girl Ryan last year, we kindly fell it. It's super cute when it's shortened to Ry, and the nickname RyRy is adorable, it might even be pronounced RiRi like Rihanna. Either way, we think it's adorable. Actress Hayden Panettiere firmly cemented this name as a cool moniker for girls, and it's only just starting to see popularity among new parents. What was once strictly boys just quickly becomes acceptable and much loved girl name. Daniel Zuchnik/Getty There probably weren't many girls named Glenn until award-winning actress Glenn Close came along, and Nameberry is convinced she was helping to launch a general trend towards boys' names for girls. This Gaelic baby name derives from gleana, which means valley, but we think it's a super-relevant and cool indie name for any modern girl. We love this name for little boys, but it slowly becomes a popular girl name too. Jessica Simpson honored her little girl with a boyish name, as did actress Lindsay Sloane. The origins of Maxwell are Scottish and derive from the name Maccus, which means great, just like your little girl. While there are many gorgeous female versions like Alexandra or Alexis, we are pretty smitten with the boyish charm of Alex. It is occasionally strong, but still super feminine. If you're a child in the '90s, you'll be familiar with the Secret World of Alex Mack, a normal 13-year-old girl who acquires superpowers after being exposed to a toxic spill. It was one of the highest-rated shows on Nickelodeon at the time, and I'm pretty sure all the girls (and boys) wanted to be Alex. Adding to its cool factor is super-funny comedian, Emmy-winning actor, and writer Alex Borstein. Further proving its strength, our own VP digital strategy goes with this cool moniker. From actor and musician Jamie Foxx to model and actor Jamie Dornan, there's no shortage of famous men with this sweet moniker, but this baby boy name is just as popular with girls, including beautiful actress Jamie Chung. Although historically translated to Old English bunny (or meadow), most modern parents would attribute this name to the famous motorcycle company Harley Davidson or businessman Harley Earle, head of design at General Motors. But gone are the macho biker vibes, and their site is a sweet little rebel with a seriously cool name. For Batman fans, you know Joker's assistant Harley Quinn, whose character comes back to our screens in the hotly anticipated Suicide Squad. One of my earlier movie memories was watching Daryl Hannah as a gorgeous mermaid splash and thinking how cool she was. The name has stuck with me ever since and I still that it is as iconic and and For me, the Australian name doesn't translate almost as well as the boy's name (especially if you hear how Daryl sounds an Aussie accent), but for a girl, it's quite detachable and different, with a certain covetable je ne sais quoi. Caroline McCredie/Getty If you're looking for a name with some key royalties, don't forget the gorgeous Stevie. According to SheKnows, this Greek baby boy name means crown or victorious, and it definitely applies to music icons and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Stevie Wonder. We just love this hip moniker for the little girl. It is also the name of one of our favorite fashion stylists from Australia, Stevie Dance, and of course, über-cool performer Stevie Nicks. This abbreviated version of the Hebrew name samuel, which means the sun child or the bright sun, is without its history of sunny disposition, but we love this name for the little girl regardless. The popular gender neutral name has many famous and talented mediums, including English director, photographer, and visual artist Sam Taylor-Johnson. This Anglo-Saxon baby name means cute, and we know that of course rings true to actress Drew Barrymore. According to the Baby Name Wizard, it is originally a short way to the Greek name andrew, but now it usually stands by itself. This name is a combination of sugar, spices, and all things nice, as well as a totally tough vibe,like Barrymore. Waiting for a bundle of joy soon? Style your nursery with some of our favorite gender neutral pieces below. One Kings Lane Elephants Forget Print by Danielle Kroll \$95 Shop Taló Interiors Pale Peach Cotton Canopy \$219 Shop Oeuf NYC Bear Play Chair (set 2) \$226 Shop What's your favorite baby name? Do you like the tendency to choose boys' names for girls? Let us know below. Under.

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