



Baby Names and their Meanings

BABY NAMES AND THEIR MEANINGS

Giving your baby his name is one of the most important jobs any parent can do. Sometimes you just 'know' what name you are going to use. Other times you make lists and lists, pin them up on the fridge, and you still can't decide. Whether to go for a family name, traditional, modern, unusual, or just something you like.

Here are some popular names to look through. It's not an exhaustive list - we don't think any list can be!!

Things to think of when choosing a name.



Will your baby's initials spell out something you'd rather not have?
e.g. Edward George Green = EGG



Is a name so unusual or so old fashioned the child will get teased?



Are you choosing a name that is trendy now, but will be just strange 5 years from now?



Remember your child will have the name for their whole life, if they want to be a lawyer or a Doctor, do they really want to be called Elvis?



Making lists of potential names is a good idea, and remember you don't have to make a decision until after your baby is born.

Baby name lists

Use the table below to keep a list of your favourite names, add on the baby's family name to see what it looks like as a whole.

First name	Middle name/s	Surname

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Girls names

Name	Meaning	Origin
A		
Aaliyah	Going up	Hebrew
Abbie / Abby / Abigail	Father's joy	Hebrew
Aimee / Amy	Beloved	French / English
Alexandra / Lexie	Man's defender	Greek
Alice / Alicia / Alisha	Of noble kind	French
Amber	Amber gemstone	English
Amelia	Busy	German
Amelie	Busy	French
Anna	God has favoured me	Hebrew
Ava	not known	German
B		
Bethany	House of Figs	Hebrew
Brooke	Brook, stream	English
C		
Caitlin	Pure	Gaelic
Cerys	Love	Welsh
Charlie / Charlotte	Free man / free	German
Chelsea	Chalk landing place	English
Chloe	Green	Greek
Courtney	From the court	French

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D

Daisy	Day's eye	English
Danielle	God is my judge	Hebrew
Demi	Half	French

E

Eleanor	Light	Greek
Elizabeth / Elise	God's oath	French
Ella	Beautiful fairy woman	English
Ellie	Light	Greek
Eloise	Battle maiden	French
Emily	Industrious	German
Emma	Whole	German
Erin	Peace	Irish
Eva / Eve / Evie	Life	Hebrew
Evelyn	Life	Irish

F

Faith	Faith, trust	Latin
Francesca	French	Italian
Freya	Noble woman	Scandinavian

G

Georgia / Georgina	Farmer	Greek
Grace / Gracie	Grace	Latin

H

Hannah	Grace of God	Hebrew
Harriet	Home ruler	German
Hollie / Holly	Holly tree	English

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I

Imogen	Innocent	English
Isabel / Isabelle	Variant of Elizabeth	Spanish
Isabella	Devoted to God	Italian
Isla	Name of a Scottish river	Scottish
Isobel	Consecrated to God	Scottish

J

Jade	Green gemstone	Spanish
Jasmine / Yasmin	Jasmine flower	Persian
Jennifer	White spirit	Welsh
Jessica	God sees	Hebrew
Jodie	Feminine form of Joseph and Jude	English
Julia	Downy-haired, youthful	Latin

K

Kate / Katherine / Katie	Pure	Greek
Kayleigh	Keeper of the keys	English
Keira	Black haired	Irish

L

Lacey	Laced	English
Lara	From Larissa	Russian
Laura	Laurel	Latin
Lauren	From Laurentum	Latin
Layla	Intoxicating	Arabic
Leah	Spiritless	Hebrew
Libby	My God is a vow	Hebrew
Lilly, Lily	White flower, purity	German
Lola	Sorrows	Spanish
Louise	Famous warrior	French
Lucy	Light	French
Lydia	Maiden from Lydia, Greece	Greek

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M

Maddison, Madison	Matthews son	English
Madeleine	From Magdala	French
Maisie	Pet form of Mairead	Gaelic
Maria	Star of the sea	Latin
Martha	Lady	Aramic
Matilda / Tilly	Mighty battker	German
Maya	Illusion	Sanskrit
Megan	Little pearl	Welsh
Melissa	Honey bee	Greek
Mia	short for Maria	Danish
Millie	Strength	German
Mollie / Molly	Pet form of Mary	English
Morgan	Great circle	Welsh

N

Naomi	Pleasantness	Hebrew
Natasha	Christmas	Russian
Niamh	Brightness, beauty	Gaelic
Nicole	Victory of the people	Greek

O

Olivia	Olive	Latin
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P

Paige	Page	English
Phoebe	Bright, pure	Greek
Poppy	Poppy flower	English

R

Rachel	Ewe	Hebrew
Rebecca	Tie	Hebrew
Rose / Rosie	Rose	English
Ruby	Red gemstone	English

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S

Samantha	God has listened	Greek
Sara / Sarah	Princess	Hebrew
Scarlett	Scarlet	French
Shannon	Old river	Gaelic
Sienna	Brownish orange	Italian
Skye	Cloud	Norse
Sofia / Sophia / Sophie	Wisdom	Greek
Summer	Summer	English

T

Tegan	Fair	Welsh
Tia	Princess	Greek

V

Victoria	Victory	Latin
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Z

Zara	Flower	Arabic
Zoe	Life	Greek

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Boys names

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A		
Aaron	High mountain	Hebrew
Adam	Red	Hebrew
Aiden / Aidan	Fire / little fire	Celtic
Alex / Alexander	Man's defender	Greek
Alfie	Short for Alfred, sage, wise	English
Andrew	Strong	Scottish
Anthony	Highly praise-worthy	English
Archie	Short for Archibald, true and bold	English
Ashton	From the town with Ash trees	English
B		
Bailey	Public official	French
Ben / Benjamin	Right-hand son	Hebrew
Billy / William	Resolute protector	German
Bradley	Broad clearing in the wood	English
Brandon	Prince	Irish

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C

Callum	Dove	Gaelic
Cameron	Crooked nose	Gaelic
Charles / Charlie	Free man	German
Christopher	Bearer of Christ	Greek
Connor	Lover of hounds	Gaelic
Corey	Hollow dweller	Gaelic

D

Daniel	God is my judge	Hebrew
David	Darling	Hebrew
Declan	Full of goodness	Irish
Dominic	Lord	English
Dylan	Sea	Welsh

E

Edward	Wealthy guardian	English
Elliot	My God is the Lord	Hebrew
Ellis	The Lord Is my God	Hebrew
Ethan	Long lived, strong	Hebrew
Evan	Stone	Hebrew
Ewan	God is good	Welsh

F

Finlay / Finley	Fair warrior	Scottish
Freddie / Frederick	Peaceful ruler	German

G

Gabriel	Man of God	Hebrew
George	Farmer	English

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H

Harley	From the hare's meadow	English
Harrison	Son of Harry	English
Harry / Henry	Home ruler	English
Harvey	Battle worthy	Celtic
Hayden	From the valley of hay	English

I

Isaac	To laugh	Hebrew
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J

Jack	Pet form of John, God is gracious	English
Jacob / Jake	Supplanter	Hebrew
James / Jamie	Supplanter	English
Jay	Swift	German
Jayden	God has heard	Hebrew
Joe / Joseph	God shall add another	hebrew
Joel	One true God	Hebrew
John / Jonathan	God has given, is gracious	Hebrew
Jordan	Flowing down	Hebrew
Josh / Joshua	God is salvation	Hebrew
Jude	Praise	Hebrew

K

Kai	Keeper of the key	Welsh
Kian	Ancient	Gaelic
Kieran	Black	Gaelic
Kyle	Narrows	Gaelic

L

Leo / Leon	Lion	Latin
Lewis	Famous warrior	French
Liam	Helmeted	Gaelic
Logan	Hollow	Gaelic
Louie / Louis	Famous warrior	French
Luca / Lucas / Luke	Native of Lucania, Italy	Greek

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M

Mason	Stone worker	French
Matthew	Gift of God	Hebrew
Max	Short for Maximillian, The Greatest	Latin
Michael	Who is like God?	Hebrew
Mohammad / Mohammed / Muhammad	One who is worthy of praise	Arabic
Morgan	By the sea	Welsh

N

Nathan	God has given	Hebrew
Nicholas	Victory of the people	Greek
Noah	Rest	Hebrew

O

Oliver	Olive tree	Latin
Oscar	Divine spear	English
Owen	Well born	Welsh

P

Patrick	Patrician	Gaelic
Peter	Rock	Greek

R

Reece / Rhys	Enthusiasm	Welsh
Reuben	Behold, a son	Hebrew
Riley	Rye	English
Robert	Bright, fame	German
Ryan	Little king	Gaelic

S

Sam / Samuel	God has listened	Hebrew
Scott	Painted warrior	Scottish
Sean	God is gracious	Gaelic
Sebastian	Revered	Greek
Spencer	Dispenser	French

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Taylor	Tailor	English
Theo	Bold	German
Thomas / Tom	Twin	Aramaic
Toby	God is good	English
Tyler	Tile maker	English



Zachary / Zak	Remembered by God	Hebrew
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Note. *This is a guide only. Research shows some names have more than one origin. A name can mean one thing in Hebrew and another in Gaelic, etc.*