



Tips for Choosing a Name

Choosing a name for your baby can be a daunting task. It will be the name your child will have for the rest of his or her life, so you want it to be special.

Here are some tips to help you choose that special name for your baby.

- ~~Dave~~
- ~~Dudley~~
- ~~Byron~~
- ~~Bubba~~
- Trent
- ~~Arcyle~~
- ~~Geoff~~
- ~~Archie~~
- ~~Blake~~
- ~~Fred~~
- ~~Giles~~
- ~~Piedmont~~
- ~~Emit~~
- ~~Rickey~~

1. Make sure the name is one you like to hear. Choose one that gives you pleasant feelings.
2. The first name should compliment the last name. Check out the rhythm of the names together. Say the first name with the last name out loud several times. Be aware of how they sound together. If your last name is Land, you may not want to choose the name Scott, making your child's name Scott Land.
3. Watch those initials. Make sure they don't spell anything unpleasant, such as Samantha Anne Donovan spelling SAD.
4. Is the name spelled the way it sounds? Remember that your child may have to continually correct people who misspell or mispronounce her name if you choose a unique spelling for a common name.
5. When searching for a name, look at your family history first. Perhaps there's a hero or heroine among your ancestors with a name you like. Or perhaps you can update or reintroduce an old family name.
6. Combine existing names to create a new one. If Dad is Dan and Mom is Jeanette, you could name your daughter Danette.
7. Be aware of nickname possibilities. Elizabeth is often shortened to Lizzy, Beth, Betty, Liza, etc. If you dislike those names, you may want to consider another name. Nicknames also give your child more chance to choose what they want to be called as they get older.
8. Practice saying the name over and over. You'll say it many times in your lifetime: whispering, yelling, in anger and in happiness.
9. Remember the vast possibilities of the middle name. You could use the middle name to honor a relative whose name isn't quite right for the first name. You could settle a disagreement in choosing the name or even pick two middle names. Some parents don't give a middle name so the child can choose one later.
10. First and last names with the same first letter don't always sound good together. Also, if the last name ends in a vowel, try to avoid a first name that ends in the same vowel.
11. Consider the popularity of the name. Is it a fad name that many children in the same class will have?

- ~~Alicia~~
- ~~Iris~~
- ~~Fidelity~~
- ~~Cindy~~
- ~~Maxine~~
- ~~Jennifer~~
- ~~Christy~~
- Trisha
- ~~Talulah~~
- ~~China~~
- ~~Chelsea~~
- ~~Virginia~~
- ~~Zena~~
- ~~Marissa~~