

## Baby names, where to start?

Here comes the fun bit, it's time to list baby names. You may have a name settled, or perhaps you're waiting until you meet junior face-to-face. Either way, whether you're after gender neutral names, popular names or unique names, it doesn't hurt to give it some thought before your baby arrives.

- Consider whether to go for a classic or unique name.
- Consider the meaning of the names.
- Consider how popular the name currently is.
- Consider what the initials will be when put together.
- Consider how the first name sounds with the surname.
- Think about people to name baby after.
- Think about names from your culture.
- Consider how it sits with any sibling names.
- Consider how the name could be shortened.
- Consider whether gender neutral names are important.
- Think about middle names second or third favourites can still make the cut this way.
- Consider how the name works for an adult.
- Consider alternative spellings of popular names.
- Think about living with the name. Will other kids be mean about it?