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You are going to read an article about unusual celebrity baby names. For Questions 1-10, choose from the names (A-D).

### Unusual Celebrity Baby Names

If you really want to find unusual baby-name trends, you have to look to the celebrities.

#### A. Navy Rome

Colors are used as names all the time: Think Violet or Blue. However, country singer Jason Aldean and his wife, Brittany, were not exactly thinking of the color when they chose Navy for their daughter — they just liked the word Navy. "I wanted [my kids] to have something a little cooler than that, but not like, crazy. I felt like both of their names were different. I don't know anybody else with those names."

#### B. Kal-El Coppola

Comics fans know that Kal-El is Superman's Kryptonian name. So, how did Nic Cage's son, born in 2005, end up with that name? Cage says his then-wife, Alice Kim, "Wanted a unique name. Originally I thought of the name Kyle and then she said, 'No, something more unusual but beautiful,'" People reports. "Then I remembered the old Superman comics and Kal-El was his original name on Krypton. So I wanted a name that stood for something good and that's what Superman is."

#### C. Banjo Patrick

Sure, it is a stringed musical instrument, but it's also actor/director Rachel Griffiths's now-16-year-old son's name. In addition, while the pick may seem odd to American ears, it has major meaning to the Australian-born Griffiths. Banjo Patterson was an aboriginal activist and an iconic Australian poet, best known for works like *Waltzing Matilda* and *The Man from Snowy River*.

#### D. Pilot Inspektor

Actor Jason Lee did not pick this name because he wants his son to fly planes or, well, inspect things. Lee explains he named his boy, born in September 2003, after a song on the band Grandaddy's album *The Sophtware Slump*: "The opening track, 'He's Simple, He's Dumb, He's the Pilot,' absolutely blew my mind when I first heard it. It was from this track that my wife, Beth, came up with the name Pilot for our son."

### Which person...

1. Decided to name his/her child because of an idea his/her spouse had after a certain situation? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Chose the baby's name because he/she wanted it to be different and fun? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has divorced the mother of his first child? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Used the name of a person he/she admires for his/her child? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Hasn't met someone whose kids are named the same ways his/her kids? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Named his/her child because of his/her musical taste? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Was influenced by his/her original country's background to name his/her child? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Used a name from another planet for his/her child? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Gave his/her kid certain name because it sounded good? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Changed his/her mind about the child's name he/she had originally thought about because his/her spouse asked him/her to? \_\_\_\_\_