

**A VERY  
SHORT  
GUIDE TO  
DOUBLE  
BARREL  
FIRST  
NAMES**

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## WHAT'S A DOUBLE BARREL NAME?

A double barrel name is a name that consists of two names!

(i.e. Zeta-Jones, Lloyd Webber, Bonham Carter, Taylor-Joy)

“Double barrel” usually refers to surnames,

(also called double given names or compound names)

but in this zine, I'll be talking about first names.

Like the surnames listed previously, a double barrel first name might be hyphenated or unhyphenated.

(i.e. Raven-Symone and Mary-Kate, or John Paul and Cindy Lou)

In some cases, it might be compounded into one word without a space, but with two capital letters.

(i.e. MaryAnne or SueEllen)

Some people with double given names might prefer only to go by one name, and consider the second part of their name another middle name.

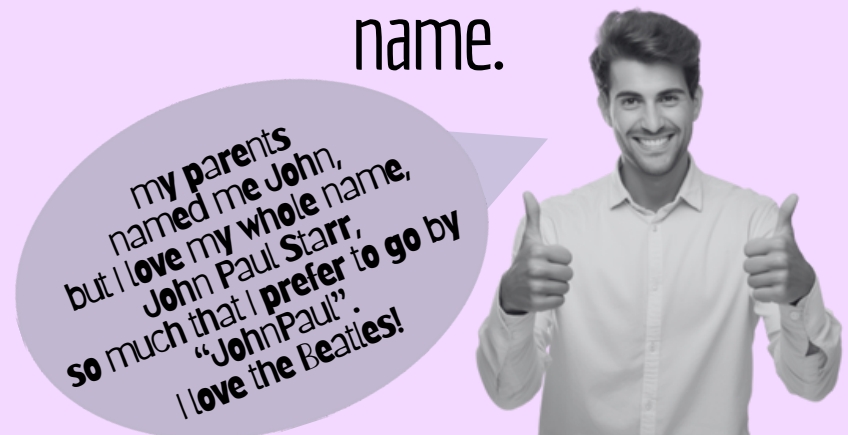
Many people with double given names prefer to go by both names, and will be offended if you mistake the second part of their name for a middle name.



Some people are given a standard name,

(one first name, one middle name, one surname)

but find that they prefer to pair their first and middle name together to create a compound name.



The fun thing about names is that you can be called whatever you like!

My name, Louisa Anne,  
is a double name.

My middle name is Celeste.



Louisa Anne is my whole first  
name, no hyphens.

(though my bank doesn't like this and smushes it together  
as one name with no spaces).

I named myself after  
Louisa May Alcott  
and Anne Shirley-Cuthbert

(two nostalgic-for-me figures  
who are known by their full names!)



but you can call me Lo for short!

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