

THE UNKINDEST CUT

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It seems anatomically true that if we cut off the end of a male, a female might result. This is supported by folklore, in which boys are made from sticks and snails and puppy dog's tails, which we can cut off (with a carving knife?). Everyone knows of Norma(n), Fran(k), Olive(r) and Julia(n); here are many names that could belong to boys, which, upon losing a single letter, produce a name that could belong to a girl!

Abbe(y)	Abbi(e)	Abra(m)	Ada(m)	Addi(e)	Adria(n)	Adrian(o)	Alexi(o)
Alfi(e)	Ali(c)	Alla(n)	Alli(e)	Ally(n)	Andi(e)	Andra(s)	Andrea(s)
Ange(l)	Angel(i)	Ashli(n)	Averil(l)	Bea(r)	Benni(e)	Berni(e)	Bert(i)
Berti(e)	Bill(y)	Billi(e)	Bobbi(e)	Brand(e)n	Brandy(n)	Bren(t)	Brenda(n)
Brenna(n)	Bria(n)	Brit(t)	Brook(e)	Cal(e)	Carlin(g)	Cary(l)	Cassi(e)
Chad(d)	Chris(y)	Christi(e)	Christian(o)	Clair(e)	Claudia(n)	Cleo(n)	Codi(e)
Con(n)	Conni(e)	Cordi(e)	Corri(e)	Dani(e)	Danni(e)	Darb(y)	Dari(n)
Daryl(e)	De(l)	Del(l)	Deni(s)	Denni(e)	Deny(s)	Devi(n)	Domini(c)
Dona(l)	Donni(e)	Dore(y)	Dori(e)	Doria(n)	Dre(w)	Dru(d)	Eda(n)
Eddi(e)	Edi(k)	Elli(s)	Elna(r)	Emili(o)	Emmi(t)	Eva(n)	Eve(n)
Evy(n)	Flor(y)	Floria(n)	Fran(k)	Frank(y)	Franni(e)	Freddi(e)	Gabbi(e)
Gabi(e)	Gabriel(e)	Gabriell(o)	Gae(l)	Gail(e)	Gale(n)	Gayle(r)	George(s)
Geri(k)	Germain(e)	Gerri(e)	Glen(n)	Glyn(n)	Gus(s)	Gusta(f)	Hadria(n)
Hana(n)	Harli(n)	Harri(s)	Holli(s)	Inga(r)	Inge(r)	Isa(c)	Jacki(e)
Jami(e)	Jane(k)	Jen(o)	Jess(e)	Jesse(e)	Jessi(e)	Jo(b)	Jodi(e)
Juli(e)	Julia(n)	Kai(n)	Kali(l)	Kare(l)	Karee(m)	Kari(m)	Karla(n)
Karlen(s)	Karol(y)	Kenna(n)	Ki(m)	Kip(p)	Kipp(y)	Kore(y)	Lane(y)
Lani(e)	Lanni(e)	Laure(n)	Lauren(s)	Lauri(e)	Lesli(e)	Lia(m)	Lin(c)
Lind(y)	Lonni(e)	Loren(s)	Lori(n)	Lorri(e)	Luci(o)	Lucia(n)	Lucie(n)
Lyn(n)	Maddi(e)	Mari(o)	Marlo(n)	Marsha(l)	Marti(e)	Marty(n)	Matti(e)
Max(y)	Maxi(e)	Maye(r)	Mead(e)	Mei(r)	Merl(e)	Michal(e)	Michel(e)
Micki(e)	Mil(e)	Nat(e)	Nata(l)	Nichol(e)	Nicki(e)	Nicol(a)	Nicola(i)
Nicoli(s)	Nola(n)	Norma(n)	Norri(e)	Ola(g)	Olive(r)	Olivie(r)	Olva(n)
Ora(n)	Pat(e)	Patti(e)	Pauli(e)	Pen(n)	Penni(e)	Pet(e)	Raf(e)
Raine(r)	Randa(l)	Randi(e)	Rea(d)	Ree(d)	Reggi(e)	Ricki(e)	Robbi(e)
Ronni(e)	Ros(s)	Rowe(n)	Rubi(n)	Sande(r)	Sayre(s)	Shana(n)	Shanna(n)
Shel(l)	Sher(m)	Silva(n)	Sonni(e)	Stace(e)	Stefa(n)	Stepha(n)	Tabbi(e)
Tammi(e)	Ted(d)	Teddi(e)	Tedi(e)	Timmi(e)	Tobi(e)	Toma(s)	Tommi(e)
Tori(n)	Traci(e)	Trista(m)	Val(e)	Vi(c)	Vinni(e)	Willi(e)	Wilma(r)
Winni(e)	and Bobbi(t)?						

In an age of equality, it's only fair to try the reverse--and, sadly for our theory, that happens to produce even more results. (Actually, many result from the way in which the feminine is formed from the masculine in various languages.) Because of the total lack of discipline in naming, there must be many, many more possible curtailments.

Abbe(y)	Abby(e)	Ad(a)	Ade(l)	Adrian(a)	Adrien(a)	Al(i)	Alain(e)
Alan(a)	Albert(a)	Alex(a)	Alexandr(a)	Alf(i)	Alfred(a)	Ali(a)	Alic(a)
Allen(e)	Allin(a)	Alvin(a)	Anatol(a)	Andre(a)	Ange(l)	Angel(a)	Angeli(a)
Anselm(a)	Antoni(a)	Antonin(a)	Any(a)	Arie(l)	Ariel(a)	Arlan(a)	Arlen(a)
Arlin(a)	Aubert(a)	August(a)	Augustin(a)	Austin(a)	Avery(l)	Bar(b)	Barr(y)
Barri(e)	Beck(a)	Benedict(a)	Benedikt(a)	Benn(i)	Benoit(e)	Ber(t)	Bern(a)
Bert(a)	Berti(e)	Bil(i)	Bill(i)	Billy(e)	Blair(e)	Bobby(e)	Bran(a)
Brand(e)	Bren(a)	Bret(t)	Brian(a)	Brit(a)	Britt(a)	Brook(e)	Bryan(a)
Bryn(a)	Cam(i)	Car(a)	Care(n)	Carl(a)	Carlin(a)	Carly(e)	Carr(i)
Carrol(l)	Cary(l)	Case(y)	Cass(i)	Cecil(e)	Che(r)	Chick(y)	Christian(a)
Christy(e)	Clair(e)	Clare(y)	Claudell(e)	Codi(e)	Coilin(e)	Conn(i)	Constantin(a)
Cord(i)	Cori(e)	Cornell(e)	Cy(b)	Dal(e)	Dan(a)	Dani(a)	Daniel(a)
Danny(e)	Dar(a)	Darb(y)	Darrell(e)	David(a)	Davin(a)	Dean(a)	Del(a)
Dell(a)	Demetri(a)	Den(a)	Denis(e)	Denys(e)	Dev(a)	Devin(a)	Dion(e)
Dominic(a)	Don(a)	Donn(a)	Dore(y)	Eb(a)	Ed(a)	Edd(i)	Edwin(a)
Elbert(a)	Eli(e)	Elvin(a)	Ely(n)	Em(a)	Emile(e)	Emlyn(n)	Emmy(e)
Eric(a)	Erich(a)	Erick(a)	Erik(a)	Erin(a)	Ermin(a)	Ernest(a)	Ethe(l)
Ev(a)	Evelin(a)	Far(a)	Farr(a)	Felic(e)	Feodor(a)	Ferdinand(a)	Fidel(a)
Fin(a)	Fran(k)	Francois(e)	Frank(y)	Fred(a)	Frederic(a)	Frederick(a)	Gabe(y)
Gabi(e)	Gabriel(a)	Gal(e)	Gay(e)	Georg(e)	Georgi(a)	Gerald(a)	Germain(e)
Gerri(e)	Gian(a)	Gil(l)	Gilbert(a)	Gill(i)	Giorgi(a)	Glen(n)	Glenn(a)
Guss(i)	Hal(i)	Hale(y)	Hall(i)	Harlen(e)	Harmon(y)	Haze(l)	Hendrik(a)
Henri(e)	Isador(a)	Isidor(a)	Ivor(y)	Jack(i)	Jan(a)	Jayme(e)	Jean(a)
Jermain(e)	Jerri(e)	Jess(a)	Jo(y)	Job(i)	Jodi(e)	Joe(y)	Joel(a)
Johann(a)	John(a)	Jon(i)	Jordan(a)	Jose(e)	Joseph(a)	Juan(a)	Jud(i)
Jule(e)	Julian(a)	Julie(t)	Justin(a)	Kalil(a)	Karl(a)	Kenn(a)	Ker(i)
Kerr(i)	Kevin(a)	Kiel(e)	Kile(y)	Kip(p)	Kipp(y)	Ky(m)	Kyle(n)
Lane(y)	Lauren(a)	Leigh(a)	Leon(a)	Lin(a)	Lind(a)	Lon(a)	Loren(a)
Lorin(e)	Louis(a)	Lucian(a)	Luis(a)	Ly(n)	Lyn(n)	Lynn(a)	Mal(a)
Malvin(a)	Mano(n)	Mar(a)	Marc(i)	Marcel(a)	Mario(n)	Marlin(e)	Marsh(a)
Mart(a)	Martin(a)	Matt(i)	Max(i)	Mead(e)	Mel(a)	Meredith(e)	Michael(a)
Michel(e)	Mick(i)	Miguel(a)	Mikael(a)	Mill(i)	Morgan(a)	Nat(a)	Natal(a)
Natale(e)	Neal(a)	Ned(a)	Neel(y)	Neil(a)	Neill(a)	Nick(i)	Nico(l)
Nicol(a)	Nikki(e)	Noam(i)	Noe(l)	Noel(l)	Nolan(a)	Odell(a)	Patric(a)
Paul(a)	Penn(i)	Petr(a)	Philip(a)	Quint(a)	Quintin(a)	Rafael(a)	Ramon(a)
Rand(a)	Randi(e)	Raphael(a)	Ray(e)	Rem(y)	Rene(e)	Rhett(a)	Ric(a)
Rick(i)	Ricki(e)	Rik(i)	Rob(y)	Robb(i)	Robby(n)	Robert(a)	Robin(a)
Robinet(t)	Rod(a)	Roi(s)	Ron(a)	Ronald(a)	Rowen(a)	Rubin(a)	Rupert(a)
Ryan(n)	Sandy(e)	Sean(a)	Shaun(a)	Shaw(n)	Shawn(a)	Shell(i)	Si(b)
Silvan(a)	Simon(a)	Stephan(a)	Steven(a)	Tabb(i)	Tam(i)	Tan(a)	Ted(i)
Tedd(a)	Teodor(a)	Terri(e)	Terry(e)	Theodor(a)	Thomas(a)	Tim(i)	Tobe(y)
Toby(e)	Tom(a)	Tony(a)	Tore(y)	Trace(e)	Tris(h)	Ulric(a)	Val(e)
Valentin(a)	Vern(a)	Vick(i)	Vin(a)	Will(a)	Willi(e)	Willy(t)	Win(i)
Winn(a)	Wyn(n)	Wynn(e)	Xavier(a)				