

MIDDLE NAMES

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For the purpose of this article, a middle name is a given name that can be centered in a dictionary word—the longer, the better. Two-letter names such as ED, AL and JO can always be embedded (feEDer, deALer, banJOist), and I do not consider them further. Below is a type collection of nearly one hundred middle names of three or more letters; no doubt readers can add more. Six-letter names are hard to embed, and there is only one-seven-letter example. Often, one encounters agonizing near-misses like sCARLet, ePAULet and mAGNESia. I am indebted to the editor for adding a number of names to the list.

bABEs	thERMAIs	harMONICAlly
bABIeS	bETHELs	iNANe
grADAtE	reLEVANce	orNATEly
macADAMize	nEVER	damNEDest
lADDIEs	overFLOWing	perNICKety
reALize	deFLORAtE	aNORAk
mALICEs	unFRANKed	abNORMAl
hALMAs	proGENEsis	rhOPALic
cAMBERs	disGRACEful	unbOTTomed
squAMOSely	leTHALity	sPAMs
scrANNing	unthANKful	superPATriots
bANNER	sHERBERTs	trICKy
fANNIEs	thORACEs	unirRITAting
gARDENs	PIANo	proBING
cARLINEs	valIDAted	moRONic
cARNIEs	diVANs	proSEs
crAVAts	skATER	recROSSing
preBENdal	oKAYs	viceROYalty
unBILLED	fLEEs	untrUTHful
skiBOBber	unpoLEMical	cauSALity
aBRADe	spLENic	conSTANTly
unCAROLed	piLEOus	conSTELLAted
redeCLARAtion	nucLEONics	issUeRs
deCLARErs	charmLESSness	saintEDness
redeCORAtion	teLEVIse	tesTIMony
anDANTE	sLEWs	panTOMine
caDAVERs	civiLIZAtion	aTONic
parDONers	encLOISter	carAVANning
nickeLIZAtion	fLOUR	asseVERAtion
constELLAtions	smARTING	conVICted
dileMMatic	unreMARKable	eVINCEd
hystERICally	carAMELized	preWILLing
AmERICANs	leMONAde	tWINE