

TIPS ON BIRTHING CHARACTERS for Intermediate Continuing Session
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Below you will find a variety of links that will help you name and then create intriguing characters for you upcoming novels. Use your character's POV to answer the test questions.

<http://www.kabalarians.com>

This link gives 80,000 male and female baby names with personality traits, health issues, personal relations and business attributed to that name

Example: **Jerod**

Your name of **Jerod** creates an idealistic, sensitive nature and a desire for culture and the refinements of life. You would work best in a relaxed environment at tasks involving writing, mathematical, or analytical skills that require concentration. You appear calm to others, but at times you suffer inwardly with nervous tension. You can find it difficult to express your deeper thoughts and feelings verbally. It is much more natural for you to express your deeper thoughts in writing. A lack of positivity and confidence is a source of difficulty in making decisions in business dealings. You are easily offended, and can suffer with moods of depression. You want the best, but lack the confidence and aggressiveness to materialize your desires. Procrastination is a weakness, for so often you are inclined to avoid issues and to leave things undone until the last moment when you are forced to take action. You are inclined to indulge in rich foods that lack proper nourishment. This name creates weaknesses in the heart, the respiratory organs, or the kidneys.

[_www.behindthename.com](http://www.behindthename.com)

This web site gives a list of names denoting nationality, gender - and meaning behind the name.

www.parenthoodweb.com/babynames.html

This site allows you to put in baby names or meanings. Research on baby names and names and personality.

www.ssa.gov/OACT/babynames/

This lists the most 10 popular names between 1880 and the present.

<http://chatterbean.com>

Provides character and personality tests

www.careerexplorer.net

This site helps you determine a career personality.

http://similar minds.com/personality_tests.html

This site explores aspects of characterization or personality, including romantic qualities.

www.testcafe.com

This site offers a variety of free tests on emotion, personality, motivation, relationships, IQ, and more

http://www.dmoz.org/Science/Social_Sciences/Psychology/Tests_and_Testing/

This site provides many links to tests on careers, psychological and personality tests.

[Http://web.tickle.com/](http://web.tickle.com/)

This site provides quizzes, fashion, hairstyles, and information for younger characters.