

Is giving outrageous names to babies all right? What’s your opinion?

- **Rihanna, A\$AP Rocky debut photos of their second child, a son named Riot Rose**

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NEW YORK (AP) — Rihanna and A\$AP Rocky are giving the world the first look at their second child together, a boy they've named **Riot Rose**.



The 35-year-old pop star (Rihanna) and the 34-year-old rap star (A\$AP Rocky) dropped photos Tuesday of their family of four, including their second son, who was born Aug. 1, according to People and other reports. The couple's first child, **RZA**, was born in May 2022.

(Many performers use unusual spellings, including numbers and other symbols. A\$AP Rocky spells his name with a dollar mark, which looks like the letter S. His name is pronounced “A” [ei] like the alphabet letter) “sap”, the same as the word “A.S.A.P.”, meaning “as soon as possible.”)

- **Elon Musk and Grimes reveal how to pronounce baby’s name – but they disagree**

CNN, May 8, 2020 (Excerpt) / photo from BBC

Elon Musk and Grimes have garnered plenty of attention since announcing the name of their newborn baby, but now it seems they can’t agree on how it should be pronounced.

Speculation over the name **X Æ A-12** has been a major topic of conversation since the couple welcomed the baby boy into the world on Monday, with questions over what the characters mean.



The Canadian musician – real name Claire Elise Boucher – previously explained that Æ is the Elven spelling of AI, which is shorthand for artificial intelligence. Elon Musk has said that it is pronounced “Ash.”

Discussion

1. These two famous couples in America decided to give very unusual and outrageous names to their children.

Should parents have the right to give any name they fancy to their newborn baby, even if parts of them are not even roman letters, or if they are just combinations of uppercase letters?

2. Once in Japan, there was a couple that wanted to name their child “Akuma” which means “Devil.” Should there be official rules and laws about what kind of names can be given to a newborn baby? If so, in your opinion, what kind of rules should there be? What kind of names should not be accepted?

4. What is important when choosing a name for a baby?

5. In some western countries people can give two, three or even more first names to their child. Do you think this should be allowed in Japan as well? Share your opinions.