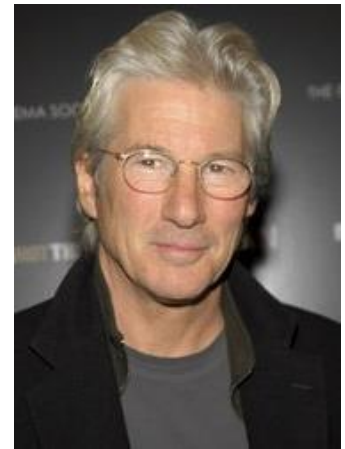




Celebrities Surprising Middle Names



Years ago, it was common for celebrities to change their names to something that Hollywood studios considered glamorous; these days they mostly keep their own, but usually they use only their first and last

name, which is probably a good thing because using their middle names would likely change our image of them.

Part 1: Can you match the man to his middle name?

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| 1. Nicolas Coppola (known professionally as "Nicolas Cage") | a. Delight |
| 2. Russell Crowe | b. Ira |
| 3. Matt Damon | c. Kim |
| 4. Richard Gere | d. Paige |
| 5. Quincy Jones, Jr. | e. Tiffany |

Part 2: Can you do it again?

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| 1. Ben Affleck | a. Géza |
| 2. Leonardo DiCaprio | b. Hercules |
| 3. Hugh Grant | c. John Mungo |
| 4. Elton John | d. Wilhelm |
| 5. Kiefer Sutherland | e. William Frederick Dempsey George Rufus |



Giselle Knowles

Surprisingly, there are fewer female celebrities with unusual middle names (at least as noted on websites like <http://my.xfinity.com/slideshow/entertainment-oddmiddlenames/>) perhaps because their parents went with more typical middle names like Ann, Marie, and Lee. But you might be surprised to know that:

- **Jane Russell's** full name was Ernestine Jane Geraldine Russell
- **First Lady Michelle Obama's** middle name is LaVaughn
- **Diana Ross** has two middle names: Ernestine Earle
- The celebrity known primarily as **Beyoncé** is really Beyoncé

Answers, Part 1:

1. c – Nicolas Kim Coppola
2. b – Russell Ira Crowe
3. d – Matt Paige Damon
4. e – Richard Tiffany Gere
5. a – Quincy Delight Jones, Jr. (Yes, he was named after his father)

Answers, Part 2:

1. a – Ben Géza Affleck
2. d – Leonardo Wilhelm DiCaprio
3. c – Hugh John Mungo Grant
4. b – Elton Hercules John (born Reginald Kenneth Dwight)
5. e – Kiefer William Frederick Dempsey George Rufus Sutherland

Note that Elton John chose his stage name. He was born Reginald Kenneth Dwight.

