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Quest 4:
A Hierarchical Taxonomy of Rapper Names

Taxonomic Categories:

Alphanumeric:

Letters:

One Letter:

Eazy E
Jay-Z
J Dilla
J-Kwon
Juicy J
Lil B
Mr. B, the Gentleman Rhymer
Q-Tip
Warren G

Three Letters:

B.o.B.
DMX
NWA
ODB
RZA
Run-DMC
XXXTENTACION

Numbers:

2 Chainz
2Pac (*Tupac Shakur*)
50 Cent

Andre 3000

Three 6 Mafia

Crime:

Criminals:

Capone

Daz Dillinger

Public Enemy

Yo Gotti

Gangs or Mobs:

Boonk Gang

Mobb Deep

Wu Tang Clan

Killers:

Ghostface Killa

Killa Tay

Machine Gun Kelly (*MGK*)

References:

Animals:

Black Sheep

Birdman

Chipmunk

Canines:

Bow Wow (*Lil Bow Wow*)

Nate Dogg

Snoop Dogg

Yelawolf

Fictional Characters:

Bugzy Malone

MF Doom

Food:

Black Eyed Peas

Eminem

Places:

Cypress Hill

Kanye West

The Sugarhill Gang

Products:

Gucci Mane

Timbaland

Transportation:

MC Ride

Submarine Man

Physical or Metaphysical Attributes:

Age (Youth):

DaBaby

Kid Ink

Lil Baby

Young MC

Young Thug

Yung Gravy

Yung Lean

Temperature:

Coolio

Hot Boys

LL Cool J

Affinity with Ice:

Ice Cube

Ice Spice

Ice-T

Vanilla Ice

Authenticity:

Ginuwine

Mos Def

Gender:

Beastie Boys

Method Man

Soulja Boy

Names:

KYLE

Marky Mark (*Mark Wahlberg*)

Rob Base

Rob Stone

Size:

Large Size:

Big Boi

Big Sean

Fat Joe

Heavy D

The Notorious B.I.G. (*Biggie Smalls*)

Small Size:

Lil Kim

Lil Peep

Lil Tracy

Lil Uzi Vert

Lil Xan

Lil Wayne

Lil Yachty

Taste:

Flavor Flav

Salt-N-Pepa

Titles or Honorifics:

Daddies:

Daddy Yankee

Puff Daddy (*Diddy, P. Diddy, Sean Combs*)

Clergy:

Kardinal Offishal

Lama Doodle

Reverend Run

Degrees or Certifications:

Dr. Dre

Masters:

Grandmaster Flash

Mix Master Mike

Professors:

Professor Elemental

Professor Green

Royalty:

Lady Sovereign

Queen Pen

Sir Mix-a-Lot

Status of Wealth:

Chamillionaire

Dirty Money

Rich tha Kid

Audacious Misspelling:

Fabulous

Ludacris

Trey Songz

Xzibit

Improper Usage of the Letter “K”:

Krayzie Bone

Krust

MC Skat Kat

OutKast

Rappers Who Qualify For More Than One Category:

<i>Rapper:</i>	<i>Category in Taxonomy:</i>	<i>Additional Categories:</i>
Beastie Boys	Gender (“Boys”)	Animal Reference (“Beastie”)
Big Boi	Size (“Big”)	Gender (“Boi”)
Birdman	Animal Reference (“Bird”)	Gender (“Man”)
Bow Wow	Animal Reference: Canine (“Bow Wow” = dog onomatopoeia)	Rhyming (“Bow,” “Wow”) Small Size (Alternate name = “ <i>Lil</i> Bow Wow”)
Daddy Yankee	Daddies	Place Reference (“Yankee” = American/New Yorker)
Eminem	Food Reference (M&Ms)	Two Letters (short for Marshall Mathers) Product (M&Ms)
Ghostface Killa	Killers	Fictional Character Reference (“Ghostface,” from <i>Scream</i>)
Hot Boys	Temperature (“Hot”)	Gender (“Boys”)
Kardinal Offishal	Clergy (“Kardinal”)	Audacious Misspelling (“Kardinal” for “cardinal,” “Offishal” for “official”)
LL Cool J	Temperature (“Cool”)	Two Letters (“LL”)
Machine Gun Kelly	Killers	Three Letters (Alternate name = “MGK”)
MC Skat Kat	Improper Usage of K	Animal Reference (“Kat”)
MF Doom	Fictional Character Reference (MF Doom = Metalface Doom, aka Dr. Doom from Marvel)	Two Letters (“MF”)
Mr. B, the Gentleman Rhymer	One Letter (“B”)	Gender (“Mr.”)
Puff Daddy	Daddies	One Letter (Alternate name = “P. Diddy”)

Q-Tip	One Letter (“Q”)	Product Reference (Q-tip cotton swabs)
Rich tha Kid	Status of Wealth (“Rich”)	Age (“Kid”)
Soulja Boy	Gender (“Boy”)	Audacious Misspelling (“Soulja” for “soldier”)
Submarine Man	Transportation (“Submarine”)	Gender (“Man”)
Three 6 Mafia	Numbers (“Three,” “6”)	Gangs or Mobs (“Mafia”)