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Quest 4:  
A Hierarchical Taxonomy of Rapper Names

Taxonomic Categories, with Examples:

**Alphanumeric:**

**Letters:**

**One Letter:**

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

**Two Letters:**

Jay-Z

**Three Letters:**

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

**Numbers:**

2 Chainz

2Pac  
2 Live Crew  
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

**Guys Named Rob:**

Rob Base

Rob Stone

**Guys Named Mark:**

Biz Markie

Marky Mark (*Mark Wahlberg*)

**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

**Wordplay:**

**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 <b>Marshall Mathers</b> )  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 Rhymers	One Letter (“B”)	Gender (“Mr.”)
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”)