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Quest 4:  
A Hierarchical Taxonomy of Rapper Names

Taxonomic Categories, with Examples:

**Alphanumeric:**

**Letters:**

**One Letter:**

Eazy E  
J Dilla  
J-Kwon  
Juicy J  
Lil B  
Mr. B, the Gentleman Rhymer  
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

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 Marike

Marky Mark

**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

**Clergy:**

Kardinal Offishal

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

Xzibit

**Improper Usage of “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”)
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”)
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.”)
Rich tha Kid	Status of Wealth (“Rich”)	Age (“Kid”)
Soulja Boy	Gender (“Boy”)	Audacious Misspelling (“Soulja” for “soldier”)
Three 6 Mafia	Numbers	Gangs or Mobs (“Mafia”)