

## Gransnet Baby Name Wars Survey

934 responses, 11th May - 13th July 2017

<b>Q1 How involved were you in choosing your grandchild's name? (If you have more than one grandchild, please think about your firstborn grandchild).</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
I chose my grandchild's name	0 %
I was asked my opinion about potential names but the parents had the final choice	29 %
I wasn't asked my opinion at all, which is fine	69 %
I wasn't asked my opinion and I feel I should have been consulted	1 %
<b>Q2 Do you hate (or have you ever hated) one or more of your grandchildren's names?</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
Yes - and I still do	4 %
Yes - but I have come to accept the name over time	15 %
No	81 %
<b>Q3 Have you ever fallen out with one of your children or son-in-law/daughter-in-law (or your child's partner) about their choice of baby name?</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
Yes	2 %
No	97 %
No Answer	1 %
<b>Q4 If yes, with whom? Tick all that apply</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
Daughter	44 %
Son	22 %
Daughter-in-law/child's partner, if not married	17 %
Both my child and their partner	11 %
Son-in-law/child's partner, if not married	6 %
Step-son	0 %
Step-daughter	0 %
More than one of my children	0 %
More than one of my children's partners	0 %
<b>Q5 When did the baby/ child name disagreement happen?</b>	
	<b>Total</b>

Before my son/daughter had their child	11 %
Whilst my daughter/daughter-in-law was pregnant	22 %
The day my grandchild was born	17 %
In the first week of my grandchild's life	17 %
In my grandchild's first year	22 %
It's ongoing, even though my grandchild is now older	0 %
No Answer	11 %

**Q6 What was your objection to your grandchild's name? Tick all that apply**

	<b>Total</b>
I thought it was ugly	28 %
I thought it was too weird	17 %
I thought it was too old-fashioned	11 %
I was annoyed they wanted to use a family name (from the other grandparent's family)	11 %
The name reminds me of someone I dislike	11 %
I don't like hyphenated names	6 %
I was annoyed they hadn't used a family name (from my family)	6 %
I was annoyed they hadn't used a name I'd suggested	6 %
It's spelled wrongly/I don't like the spelling	6 %
I thought it was too 'made up'	0 %
I can't pronounce the name	0 %
Other reason	39 %

**Q7 How bad was the disagreement?**

	<b>Total</b>
It wasn't bad at all	39 %
It was pretty bad, and awkward at the time	39 %
It was so bad we fell out of contact, temporarily	6 %
It was so bad we have ended our relationship	0 %
No Answer	11 %
Other reason	6 %

**Q9 If you dislike your grandchild's name, do you... Tick all that apply**

	<b>Total</b>
Avoid saying the name at all	6 %
Avoid mentioning the child's name when I'm talking to other people about them	17 %
Call the child by a completely different name or nickname	0 %
Call the child by a shorter/longer version of their actual name	11 %
Use the child's name begrudgingly	17 %

Use the child's name willingly	11 %
Continue to mention that you don't like the name	0 %
Find that you've come to terms with the name now you've got used to it	39 %
Other reason	17 %

**Q10 Thinking about your strongest reaction to being told the name of one of your grandchildren, how did you react? Tick all that apply**

	<b>Total</b>
I said I loved the name (and I meant it)	49 %
I had to say "what"?	9 %
I said I loved the name (but I didn't, really)	8 %
I was silent	4 %
I cried with happiness	3 %
I laughed	2 %
I said I hated the name	0 %
I cried (and it wasn't with happiness)	0 %
NA: I have never reacted this strongly to being told a grandchild's name	23 %
Other reason	9 %

**Q11 Which of the following comes closest to your view about grandparents and choosing babies' names?**

	<b>Total</b>
It's none of our/my business	31 %
It's fine for us to give our opinion if asked, but it's not our place to give unsolicited opinions	69 %
Grandparents have every right to help choose their grandchild's name	0 %
No Answer	0 %