

### Celebrities Known by One Name

(List by William Gasarch with help from \*\*\*EVAN\*\*\* and \*\*\*SORELLE\*\*\* and \*\*\*DALLAS\*\*\*).

Its hard to determine who is a celebrity and what it means to be known. Here are some questions and answers.

1. Does Plato counts? I start the list with Mozart (who is not on the list) since he has been called the first celebrity in the modern sense of the word.
  2. Does Lassie Count? No. Most Animal celebs are known by only one name.
  3. Do Porn stars count? No. They are also often known by one name and aren't quite that famous.
  4. Does Elvis Presley count even though people know his last name? Close call, but I said yes.
  5. Rap stars often go by just one name. Do they count? Close call but yes.
  6. Royalty is often known by one name. Don't count. Might have to include all the English kings.
1. **Ashanti**- Ashanti Shequoiya Douglas. Had a hit song *Foolish*. Singer.
  2. **Babyface** - Kenneth Edmonds. An American R\*B and pop record producer, musician, singer, and songwriter
  3. **Beck**- Bek David Campell. Singer. Best known song: *Loser* from 1994.
  4. **Beyonce**- Beyonce Giselle Knowles. Singer.
  5. **Bjork**- Bjork Buomundsdottir. Singer.
  6. **Bono**- Paul Hewson. Member of the band U2. I didn't know he had a first name. Or a Last one.
  7. **Brandy**- Brandy Rayana Norwood. American R&B and pop singer-songwriter, record producer, fashion model, actress, and file producer.

8. **Charo**- Maria Rosaria Pilar Martinez Molina Baeza. I can see why she went to one name. Music? Acting?
9. **Cher**- Cherilyn Sarkisian LaPierre. I can see why she went to one name. Music. Acting
10. **Christo**- Christo Vladimirov Javacheff. Artist.
11. **Chyna**- Joan Marie Laurer. Female Pro Wrestler and actress.
12. **Coolio**-Artis Leon Ivey Jr. Rapper.
13. **Dido**- Dido Florian Cloud de Bouneville O'Malley Armstrong. Singer and Songwriter.
14. **Divine** - Harris Glenn Milstead. Actor and singer.
15. **Edge**- David Evans. Also in U2.
16. **Elvira**- Cassandra Peterson. I had heard of her and never knew her real name. Will note that she's a C-list or lower celeb. Her real name is actually pretty good. Acting?
17. **Elvis**- Elvis Presley. Not sure he counts since people really do know his last name. But if you say ELVIS people know who you mean.
18. **Elvis**- Elvis Costello- Born Declan Patrick MacManus. Should have used DECLAN.
19. **Eminem**- Marshall Bruce Mathers III. White Rapper. His real name was not a good rap name.
20. **Enya**-Eithne Patricia Ni Bhraonain. Irish Singer.
21. **Fabio**- Fabio Lanzoni. Male Model.
22. **Flea**- Michael Peter Balzary. Bassist, Trumpet player, and occasional actor.
23. **Jewel**- Jewel Kilcher. Singer.
24. **Halston**- Roy Halston Frowick. Fashion Designer. Cute using his middle name.

25. **Hammer**- Stanley Kirk Hacker Burell. Was M.C. Hammer. Was a celeb. Music.
26. **Kreskin**- George Joseph Kresge Jr. He was a famous mindreader.
27. **Liberace**- Wladziu Valention Liberace. Didn't now that was his last name.
28. **Madonna**- Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone. Didn't know that was her real first name.
29. **Moby**- Richard Melville Hall. Techno Music.
30. **Morrissey**- Steven Patrick Morrissey. Music.
31. **Mr. T**- Lawrence Tureaud. I count this as one name. Hey, its just one letter. He claims his first name is Mr his middle name is . and his last name is T. I disagree. Actor.
32. **Nas**- Nassir Jones. Rapper. Was on the Colbert Report- that counts for being famous.
33. **Nelly** = Cornell Haynes Jr. Rapper.
34. **Oprah**- Oprah Winfrey. People know her last name. Probably the most famous person on this list.
35. **Pele** - Edison Arantes do Nascimento. Soccer.
36. **Penn**- Penn Jillette. Magician? Illusionist? Comedian? All of the above. Half of the team Penn and Teller.
37. **Pink**- Alecia Beth Moore. Singer and sometimes actress.
38. **Prince**- Prince Roger Nelson. He also used a funny symbol see <http://altreligion.about.com/library/glossary/symbols/bldefstafkap.htm>
39. **Ronaldo**-Ronaldo Luis Nazario de Lima. Brazilian Soccer player.
40. **Roy**- Roy Uwe Ludwig Horn. Half of Siegfried and Roy- used to have a Las Vegas Tiger Act.

41. **Sade** - Helen Folasade Adu. Singer, Songwriter, Composer, Record producer.
42. **Seal**- Seal Henry Olusegun Olumide Adeola Samuel. Singer. Best known for 1995 hit Kiss from a Rose.
43. **Shaq**-Shaquille Rashaun O'Neal. Basketball
44. **Sting**- Gordon Matthew Sumner. Actual Name is fine! Or just change to 'SUMNER' would have been okay.
45. **Selena** Selena Quintanilla. Latin Singer. (No, didn't sing in Latin.)
46. **Shakira** Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll. Latin Singer.
47. **Siegfried**- Siegfried Fischbacher. Half of Siegfried and Roy- used to have a Las Vegas Tiger Act.
48. **Sinbad**. David Adkins. Comedian.
49. **Teller** Raymond Joseph Teller. Half of Penn and Teller. Actual name is Teller.
50. **Tiffany** Tiffany Renee Darwich. Singer.
51. **Topol**- Chaim Topol. Actor.
52. **Twiggy**- Leslie Horby. Was more famous in an earlier era, but still a celeb. Dancer.
53. **Usher**- Raymond Terry Usher IV. Hip Hop artist.
54. **Vanity** Denise Katrina Matthews. Singer.
55. **Vendela**- Vendela Maria Kirsborn Thomessen.
56. **Xuxa**- Maria da Graça Xuxa Meneghel. Childrens show hostess.
57. **Yanni**- Yiannis Hrysomallis. Composer, Piano. Yanni is easier to spell.
58. **Xzibit** - Alvin Nathaniel Joiner. Singer and MTV car show host.