

Andy and Mandy  
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What do you think of when you hear the word 'man'? A male human, right? So how come Andy is a masculine name and Mandy is feminine? How does that work? My theory is that people have heard the names so much, they've just got used to them. I mean, how confused would you be if you heard a 'mandroid' was a female robot? Just why?? On other note, how come there are women in Manchester? Shouldn't the city be called Manandwomanchester? And what is a 'chester', someone who hits some guy's chest? Is Zinedine Zidane a 'manchester'? Are his children from Manchester? Apparently not. This is all very hard to understand.

Anyway, back to Andy and Mandy. Wouldn't they make a great couple? According to a specialist dictionary, Andrew means 'manly' and Mandy means 'loveable'. The two would compliment each other, right? Yes, but people would find that out only after doing research. How many people really understand the complex methods of making something macho? Ok, it's easy doing research now with the internet, but before that, names could mean anything to most people. I'm sure just 25 years or so ago, the babies of people ended up having personalities that were completely random to their parents. All because of dumb names like Mandy confusing the hell out of everyone.

You sometimes hear parents naming their children things like 'Ferrari' or 'Space Ship'. Could that be because they knew so many youngsters having random traits, they thought to themselves 'Screw this. It may sound silly, but I want my children to be at least a little bit predictable. I want my offspring to be either fast and classy or adventurous'. Setting children up for a lifetime of ridicule, just so the parents want control of their surroundings, shows just how desperate some people are.

Here's a thought: Why are there Mandylins and not Andylin's? And who plays the former? Men or women? I Googled famous Mandylin players and at first only men were showing. 'Consistence!' I thought. Well consistence with men playing male-sounding instruments, not with Mandy being a male name, but it beats no consistence whatsoever. Then I saw the female virtuosos listed. I want to cry. Nothing about this situation makes even the slightest bit of sense to me. Maybe one day I'll get the hang of it, but until then... well I don't know.

I'm going to finish on this intriguing fact: Nelson Mandela is a man with a surname that is apparently both feminine and masculine, (I think) and it can be attributed to both men and women. What does THAT mean? Well I guess that's simple enough if you think about it, but certainly not when you consider all of the preceding hypotheses concerning what people call others. To sum up just call your children what you want. Unless you're a genius that is, who actually understands all the apparent nonsense I've just written about. Bye!