

M A V E R I C K A I

# How Rare Is Your Name?

**FIND YOUR NAMESAKES, YOUR FAMOUS DOUBLES, AND WHERE  
YOU RANK**

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*Somewhere out there, people are living completely different lives under your exact name. This is a genuinely fun rabbit hole: have ChatGPT tell you how rare your name is, the famous people who've shared it through history, and where you rank among everyone who has it today. Three prompts.*

How rare your name actually is, and where they live  
The famous, and infamous, people who've shared it  
Where you rank among everyone alive with your name  
Bonus prompts: your name's meaning and origin  
The playful truth about the numbers  
A one-page cheat sheet

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# A Fun One To Start

Your name is more interesting than you think. Depending on it, you could be one of thousands sharing it, or the only person on Earth who has it. And somewhere, there's probably a doctor, a criminal, and a retiree all walking around as "you." Let's go find them.

Three prompts, in one chat. Open ChatGPT, choose **Work** at the top so it can search the web, and have your full name ready. That's the whole setup.

3

prompts, in order

2min

of pure fun

1

you, ranked

# Prompt 1: How Rare Are You?

Start by finding out just how common, or how one-of-a-kind, your name really is.

## PROMPT 1

How many people in the world have my exact first and last name, and where do most of them live? Break down how rare my name actually is. My name is [FULL NAME].

What happens next: ChatGPT estimates how many of you there are and maps where your name clusters, which countries, which regions. Some people find out they're one in thousands. Others find out they may be the only one alive with their name, which is a wild thing to learn about yourself.

## THESE ARE SMART ESTIMATES, NOT A HEADCOUNT

Nobody has an exact live tally of every name on Earth, so ChatGPT works from name-frequency data, how common your first name is, how common your surname is, in which populations. It's a genuinely good estimate and a great conversation piece, just not a precise census.

## Prompt 2: Your Famous Namesakes

Now for the history. Stay in the same chat and find out who's carried your name before you, and what they did with it.

### PROMPT 2

Now tell me the most interesting people in history who have had my exact name, and what they did. War heroes, inventors, artists, athletes, even the infamous ones, whoever's most interesting.

What happens next: a rundown of the notable people who've shared your name across history. You might discover you share it with a war hero, an inventor, a saint, or, honestly, sometimes a famous outlaw. Either way it's a fun little piece of who's worn your name before you.

### TIP

Push it further: "which of these is the most famous, and is there a story behind my name I should know?" You occasionally uncover a genuinely surprising thread.

## Prompt 3: Where Do You Rank?

The coolest part. Have ChatGPT search the web and build a leaderboard of the people alive today who share your name, then tell you where you land. In ChatGPT, type @ and choose **browser** first (or tell it to use its browser).

### PROMPT 3

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@browser Find the most successful and well-known  
people alive today who share my exact name, rank the  
notable ones, and tell me honestly where I'd fall on  
that list, and who I'd have to pass to reach the top.
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What happens next: ChatGPT searches for the public, findable people who share your name, ranks them, and gives you your spot, number one, or number 4,000, plus who's standing between you and the top. It's a weirdly motivating little gut-check.

### IT'S A LEADERBOARD OF PUBLIC NAMES, FOR FUN

This ranks the notable, public people who share your name, the ones with an online footprint, not private strangers. And "successful" is subjective, so treat your ranking as a playful scoreboard, not an official one. If you're not a public figure yet, you'll sit near the bottom, that's the fun of it, and the nudge.

# Bonus Prompts To Go Deeper

Same chat, keep the rabbit hole going.

## What your name means

### MEANING + ORIGIN

What's the meaning and origin of my first name and my surname, what language and era they come from, and how the name has traveled over time?

## What your name says about you

### THE NAME PROFILE

Based on my name alone, what would people guess about my age, generation, and background, and how accurate is that for me?

## Meet your 'name twin'

### NAME TWIN STORY

Pick the one living person who shares my name whose life is most different from mine, and tell me about them like a short story.

## Climb your own leaderboard

### OWN YOUR NAME

If I wanted to become the most well-known [my name] online, what would it realistically take, and what's one thing I could start this month?

# The One-Page Cheat Sheet

All three prompts, in order. ChatGPT, choose Work. Screenshot this.

## 1. HOW RARE

How many people in the world have my exact first and last name, and where do most live? How rare is my name? My name is [FULL NAME].

## 2. FAMOUS NAMESAKES

The most interesting people in history who've had my exact name, and what they did.

## 3. WHERE I RANK (@browser)

@browser Find the most successful living people who share my name, rank the notable ones, and tell me where I fall and who I'd have to pass to reach #1.

## YOUR ACTION PLAN

1. Open ChatGPT, choose Work.
2. Run the three prompts in order with your full name.
3. Screenshot the wildest finding for your story.
4. Run it for a friend or family member, it's even funnier with someone you know.
5. If your ranking stings a little, well, now you know your competition.

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*There's a whole world of you out there. Might as well be number one.*