Ancient Maya names were often as colorful as the tropical rainforest. For example, the greatest king of Palenque was called Sun-Like Flower Shield (Kinich Jahnab Pakal), and the founding lord of Copan was Blue-Green Quetzal Macaw (Yax K’uk’ Mo’).

To create your name, choose your glyphs from the following page and decide how to combine them. Maya writing is flexible, so be creative! Feel free to change their size, turn them on their side, or make two glyphs into one.

One last note: as there’s no gender in Mayan, female names usually included the Ix (Lady) glyph at the beginning. The Ahaw (Lord) glyph for males is optional.

Here are four examples.

- Sun-like Flower Shield (Kinich Jahnab Pakal)
- Lady Black Hummingbird (Ix Ihk’ T’unun)
- Lord Fiery Jaguar (Ahaw K’ahk’ Bahlam)
- Sun-like Flint Skull (K’inich took’ Jol)
- Divine Lady White Star (K’uhul Ix Sak Ek’)

Write your Maya name in words and glyphs here.
**WHAT’S YOUR MAYA NAME?**

**ACTIVITY:** Combine at least one adjective and one noun to create your Maya name.

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**TITLES**

- **Lady (Ix)**
- **Lord (Ahaw)**

**ADJECTIVES**

- **White (Sak)**
- **Yellow/Precious (K’an)**
- **Black (Ihk’)**
- **Blue-Green (Yax)**
- **Red/Great (Chak)**
- **Sun-like (K’inich)**
- **Strong (Kelem)**
- **Divine (K’uhul)**
- **Fiery (K’ahk’)**

**NOUNS**

- **Snake (Kan)**
- **Deer (Chij)**
- **Jaguar (Bahlam)**
- **Quetzal (K’uk’)**
- **Shark (Xook)**
- **Crocodile (Ahin)**
- **Monkey (Maax)**
- **Hummingbird (Tz’unún)**
- **Macaw (Mo’)**
- **Centipede (Chapaht)**
- **Star (Ek’)**
- **Sky (Kan)**
- **Skull (Jol)**
- **Shield (Pakal)**
- **Flower (Nik)**
- **Flint (Took’)**

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