

Backward Names



Do you have a Xela, Airam, or an Ekaj in your family?

- ◆ You might and not even know it. If you look very carefully you will see that these are common names. Really they are, they're just spelled backwards. Spelled forwards these names are Alex, Maria, and Jake!
- ◆ Your family members can have fun during mealtime by trying to spell their first names backwards. You may need to pass out some paper and pencils because it can be a little tricky to try and do it in your head.
- ◆ Once your family members have accomplished the backwards spelling of their first names, move on to your middle names and then last names. If you are bilingual try spelling your names backwards in two languages!
- ◆ And now for the real challenge – pronounce your names backwards. See if you can use these backward names throughout a complete mealtime.

Airam

Xela

Ekaj

ParentTip: Always think safety when doing this or any other family activity.