

JAPANESE NAMES

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GENERAL NOTES

This should be enough names to last you a lifetime of Cyberpunk or Historical/Fantasy gaming. Be aware that in most cases of the hiragana letter "su" where the "u" would be silent, the "u" has been omitted for ease of pronunciation (TRAD Hepburn style "Yuusuke" = "Yuske")

SURNAMES

NOTES

Surnames and Business: All of these names can be companies, organizations or businesses as well; simply add the business type to the name and it looks like an official Japanese business. "Kogure Heavy Industries", "Mizutani Realty", "Murata Sushi", etc.

Surnames and Titles: Teachers, Instructors (from martial arts to origami), Published writers and medical doctors are all called "-Sensei": Kojima-sensei, etc. People with a doctorate degree in any academic field are called "-Hakase". Lords, nobles, and people who are socially way over your head are called "-Dono" (including adult servants to a noble/wealthy family child). Someone over your head but not way over your head are called "-Sama", but this is rarely used in modern times.

SURNAMES 1

1. Takeda
2. Soma
3. Suwa
4. Suzuki
5. Taguchi
6. Takahashi
7. Takayama
8. Tamura
9. Kogure
10. Kigure
11. Tanaka
12. Shimizu
13. Takeda
14. Uesugi
15. Tanuma
16. Numata
17. Maebashi
18. Tani
19. Torimoto
20. Togawa

SURNAMES 2

1. Oshima
2. Kojima
3. Otani
4. Ota
5. Murakami
6. Yamada
7. Yoshida
8. Mizutani
9. Saito
10. Oyama
11. Koyama
12. Sasaki
13. Shibukawa
14. Omura
15. Okuda
16. Yamaguchi
17. Watanabe
18. Mizuno
19. Kajiwara
20. Maenaka

Story-Games Names Project

SURNAMES 3

1. Yamamoto
2. Murata
3. Nakayama
4. Nagai
5. Mizoguchi
6. Matsushita
7. Ishida
8. Iwasaki
9. Kinoshita
10. Kaneko
11. Kataoka
12. Kawakami
13. Kawaguchi
14. Kiyowara
15. Honda
16. Go
17. Hasegawa
18. Hori
19. Izumi
20. Kamei

SURNAMES 4

1. Aeba
2. Chiba
3. Endo
4. Ando
5. Sawamura
6. Fujita
7. Takei
8. Enomoto
9. Takagi
10. Sugihara
11. Takenouchi
12. Tsugimoto
13. Tsukehara
14. Uchida
15. Inoue
16. Nakajima
17. Sugita
18. Uehara
19. Yamazaki
20. Ueda

SURNAMES 5

1. Otani
2. Yasukawa
3. Shizuma
4. Takabe
5. Sekigawa
6. Sawamura
7. Nakasone
8. Murata
9. Ogura
10. Sekine
11. Ogino
12. Mishima
13. Nishihara
14. Matsumoto
15. Nakasato
16. Narita
17. Nanami
18. Koyanagi
19. Komiya
20. Kanegawa

SURNAMES 6

1. Ishimura
2. Isesaki
3. Ishikawa
4. Hirano
5. Itoh
6. Hayata
7. Goto
8. Genda
9. Ebisawa
10. Asahara
11. Aizawa
12. Araki
13. Aoyagi
14. Asai
15. Baba
16. Arakawa
17. Asanuma
18. Fukuoka
19. Enoki
20. Funaki

SAMURAI-ERA BUSHI SURNAMES

1. Mori
2. Ashikaga
3. Date
4. Hosokawa
5. Kunisada
6. Akechi
7. Asano
8. Fujioka
9. Hasegawa
10. Honjo
11. Kawabe
12. Iwakura
13. Kiyowara
14. Miura
15. Matsudaira
16. Okabe
17. Otani
18. Sakakibara
19. Shimazu
20. Yamanouchi

HEIAN AND SAMURAI-ERA NOBLE (KUGE/KIZOKU) SURNAMES

1. Konoe (one of the "Big Five")
2. Kujo (one of the "Big Five")
3. Ichijo (one of the "Big Five")
4. Takatsukasa (one of the "Big Five")
5. Nijo (one of the "Big Five")
6. Nanba
7. Fujiwara
8. Domyoji
9. Shijo
10. Hirata
11. Karasuma
12. Daigo
13. Anenokoji
14. Aburakoji
15. Manase
16. Nakayama
17. Saionji
18. Sanjo
19. Imaidegawa
20. Tokudaiji

FIRST NAMES

NOTES

First names are pretty much just for show. In most cases, even between friends, people call each other by their last names. Younger people and close friends use first names between each other, but for the most part in your games no matter which time period you'll be using last names almost all the time.

MALE NAMES 1

1. Saburo
2. Yuske
3. Seiji
4. Ken/Kentaro
5. Eikichi
6. Hiroyuki
7. Manabu
8. Kazu
9. Ichi/Ichiro
10. Osamu
11. Hideyuki
12. Naoki
13. Kazuichi
14. Tetsu/Tetsuo
15. Mitsuru
16. Satoru
17. Shigure
18. Kei
19. Satoshi
20. Naoto

FEMALE NAMES 1

1. Ayu
2. Kumie/Kumiko
3. Norie/Noriko
4. Yuu
5. Kotomi
6. Mitsue
7. Ritsuko
8. Kanae/Kanako
9. Naoko/Naomi
10. Hiromi/Hiroko
11. Momoko
12. Mari
13. Yoko
14. Yuko/Yuka
15. Yuki/Yukiko/Yukika
16. Minako
17. Rika/Rikako
18. Keiko
19. Rie
20. Hidemi

MALE NAMES 2

1. Akira
2. Keishi
3. Kuniaki
4. Keisuke
5. Koji
6. Genyu
7. Kosuke
8. Shuto
9. Shogo
10. Kunihide
11. Shintaro
12. Shin/Shinya
13. Takashi/Takeshi
14. Tenyu
15. Dai/Daisuke
16. Nobuo
17. Noriaki/Noriyuki
18. Hitoshi
19. Fumiya/Fumiaki
20. Masaki/Masa-aki

FEMALE NAMES 2

1. Sakura/Sakuya
2. Karin
3. Saori
4. Sayuri
5. Tomo/Tomoko
6. Hotaru
7. Eri/Erina/Erika
8. Fumiko
9. Mizuho
10. Mayu/Mayumi
11. Sanae
12. Ai/Aiko
13. Chika
14. Nao
15. Kaede
16. Kyoko
17. Rei/Reiko
18. Machi/Machiko
19. Sachi.Sachie/Sachiko
20. Nami/Namie

Story-Games Names Project

MALE NAMES 3

1. Masayuki/Masahiro
2. Mitsutaka/Mitsuhide
3. Motoki
4. Morihiro
5. Yasunobu/Yasuhide
6. Yuske
7. Yukio
8. Yoshimitsu
9. Yoshinobu/Yoshihide
10. Riku
11. Kiyoshi
12. Akio
13. Kazuki/Kazuya
14. Kohei
15. Makoto
16. Nobu/Nobuyuki/Nobuhiro
17. Takeru
18. Ryo/Ryoske
19. Ryu/Ryuske
20. Shun

FEMALE NAMES 3

1. Eri/Erika/Eriko
2. Chihiro
3. Wakaba
4. Nanako
5. Ichiko
6. Hina
7. Hana/Hanako
8. Chiyo
9. Aya/Ayaka
10. Kaori
11. Mai
12. Mami
13. Rin
14. Setsuko
15. Satsuki
16. Yumi/Yumiko
17. Yomi/Yomiko
18. Taeko
19. Sadako
20. Saya/Sayaka