

RUSSIAN NAMES

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NOTES

Russian names consist of a first name, a patronymic (otchestvo), and a family name. The patronymic is the name of the individual's father, with a suffix indicating gender. For example, if Ivan Petrovich Ivanov had a son and named him Boris, the boy would be Boris Ivanovich Ivanov. A daughter might be named Lyudmila Ivanovna Ivanova -- note that the surname is gendered as well. In the case of surnames ending in -sky, the feminine form is -skaya.

Name etiquette is more complex than in English: to use all three names is very formal. Using only the first name and patronymic ("well done, Arkady Borisovich!") usually indicates good relations, while using only the first name is familiar. Most Russian names have nicknames, which may have further diminutives. Yekaterina Bogdanovna Vasilievskaya might be "Katya" to relatives and close friends, but even more familiarly, she might be "Katenka," "Katyusha," or "Katyushka." A wide range of possible nicknames exist in addition to the ones listed below.

MALE

1. Boris (Boba, Borya)
2. Ivan (Vanya)
3. Sergei (Seryozha)
4. Nikolai (Kolya)
5. Alexander (Sasha)
6. Igor
7. Oleg (Olya)
8. Yevgeni (Zhenya)
9. Piotr (Petya)
10. Viktor (Vitya)
11. Vladimir (Volodya, Vova)
12. Arkady (Arkasha)
13. Fyodor (Fedya)
14. Mikhail (Misha)
15. Yakov (Yasha)
16. Vasili (Vasya)
17. Timofei (Tima, Timosha)
18. Anatoly (Tolya)
19. Viacheslav (Slava)
20. Valentin (Valya)

FEMALE

1. Evgeniya (Zhenya)
2. Galina (Galya)
3. Olga (Olya)
4. Alexandra (Sasha)
5. Yekaterina (Katya)
6. Elena (Lena)
7. Irina (Ira, Irisha)
8. Elizaveta (Liza)
9. Lyudmila (Lyuda)
10. Svetlana (Sveta)
11. Natalya (Natasha)
12. Lyubov (Lyuba)
13. Yuliya (Yulya)
14. Tatyana (Tanya)
15. Ksenya (Ksyusha)
16. Valentina (Valya)
17. Mariya (Masha)
18. Anastasiya (Nastya)
19. Sofia (Sonya)
20. Dariya (Dasha)

SURNAMES (masculine form)

1. Kuznetsov
2. Petrov
3. Berezovsky
4. Zubov
5. Yusupov
6. Trushin
7. Sheremetev
8. Gordievsky
9. Voropaev
10. Batkin
11. Fomenko
12. Maltsev
13. Fedorov
14. Vasilievsky
15. Rokossovsky
16. Gerasimov
17. Malinovsky
18. Bulganin
19. Alexandrov
20. Yegorov

FANTASY MALE

1. Andrusha
2. Bohdan
3. Cheslav
4. Demyan
5. Fedor
6. Gavril
7. Hedeon
8. Iov
9. Lukyan
10. Maksim
11. Naum
12. Orrel
13. Petenka
14. Rurik
15. Semyon
16. Seriozhenka
17. Tamryn
18. Ustin
19. Vas
20. Yaremka

FANTASY FEMALE

1. Adla
2. Bratomila
3. Clavdia
4. Dobrowest
5. Filofi
6. Glebovicha
7. Henka
8. Khvalibud
9. Lyuba
10. Marous
11. Nadja
12. Peza
13. Rozhneva
14. Stana
15. Tetka
16. Ulen'ka
17. Ventseslava
18. Wierga
19. Yalens
20. Zavorokhina