

# Name Universe

The World's Most Popular Names  
and their Meanings

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# American names



## Male First Name

### Jacob

(from Hebrew- Ya'aqov) Biblical: the son of Isaac and Rebecca and the father of the twelve founders of the twelve tribes of Israel. He was born holding his twin Brother Esau's heel, and his name is explained as meaning "holder of the heel".

### Michael

(from Hebrew -Mikha'el) - "who resembles God?". This is the name of one of the archangels in Hebrew tradition. In the Book of Revelation - the leader of heaven's armies.

### Joshua

(from Hebrew -Yehoshu'a) - meant "god is salvation". Joshua was one of the twelve spies sent into Canaan by Moses in the Old Testament. He was appointed by God to lead the Israelites after the death of Moses

### Ethan

(from Hebrew) - "solid, enduring". Biblical: a man of Israel noted for his wisdom.

### Matthew

(from Hebrew -Mattityahu) - "gift of god". Saint Matthew, one of the twelve apostles, was supposedly the author of the first Gospel in the New Testament.

### Daniel

(from Hebrew) - meaning "God is my judge".

### Christopher

(from Greek) - "to bear, to carry" \ "bearing Christ inside", the legend of Saint Christopher as the patron saint of travelers grew from the story of a giant who made his living carrying people across a river.

### Andrew

from Greek) - "man, warrior". The first chosen of the 12 apostles.

### Anthony

(from the Roman family name- Antonius) – probably of Etruscan origin. Commonly (but incorrectly)

# American names

associated with Greek (anthos) “flower”.

## **William**

(from German name Wilhelm) - composed of the elements will “will, desire” and helm “helmet, protection”.



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## **Female first name**

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### **Emily**

(Medieval feminine form of Aemilius) - Aemilius was a Roman family name, which was derived from Latin ‘aemulus’ meaning “rival”.

### **Emma**

(derived from Germanic ‘ermen’) - meaning “whole” or “universal”.

### **Madison**

(From an English surname) - meaning “son of MAUD”.

## **Isabella**

(Latin form of ISABEL) - a medieval Spanish form of ELIZABETH- the Greek form of the Hebrew name ‘Elisheva’ meaning “my God is an oath”.

## **Ava**

(from Persian)<sup>1</sup> “voice, sound”, (from German)<sup>2</sup> Medieval short form of names beginning with the element ‘avi’, (Variant of EVE)<sup>3</sup> From the Hebrew name Chavvah, which was derived from the Hebrew word “to live”.

## **Abigail**

(from Hebrew - ‘Avigayil) meaning “my father is joy”. Biblical: the name of the wife of Nabal. After he was killed she became the third wife of King David.

## **Olivia**

Created by Shakespeare for a character in his comedy ‘Twelfth Night’

# American names

## Hannah

(from Hebrew – Channah) - “favour” or “grace”. Biblical: Hannah was the mother of the prophet Samuel in the.

## Sophia

(from Greek) - Means “wisdom”.

## Samantha

(Feminine form of Hebrew name Samuel) - “God heard”. Also contains the Greek – ‘antha’ (“flower”).



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## Surname

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## Smith

(Derived from the Anglo-Saxon “smitan”) to smite or strike, SMITH and its derivations are an occupational name for a man who works with metal (smith or blacksmith).

## Johnson

English patronymic name meaning “son of John” (gift of God).

## Williams

Derived from the given name “William”, or From the of Belgian “guild-helm,” harnessed with a gilded helmet or “welhelm”.

## Jones

this is a common Welsh version of the surname ‘Johnson’.

## Brown

brown was derived from brown complexion, color of hair, or garments.

## Davis

Son of David.

## Miller

a person who owned or worked in a grain mill, or possibly derived in some instances from the Gaelic words: “meillear,” having large lips; “malair,” merchant; or “maillor,” a man wearing armor or a soldier.

## American names

### Wilson

Son of Will, a nickname for William.

### Moore

<sup>1</sup>a man who lived at or near a moor or marshy bog. <sup>2</sup> From the Old French, meaning son Of Moor, a dark-complexioned man. <sup>3</sup> From “Mor,” great, chief, mighty, proud. <sup>4</sup> Derived from the given name “Maurus,” meaning “dark skinned.”

### Taylor

An English occupational name for a tailor, from Old French “tailleur” for “tailor” which comes from the Latin “taliare,” that means “to cut.”

## English names



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## Male First Name

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### Jack

(medieval pet form of JOHN) - derived from the Hebrew name Yochanan meaning “god is gracious”.

### Thomas

(from Aramaic - Te’oma) - “twin”. In the New Testament this is the name of the apostle who doubts the resurrected Jesus.

### Joshua

(from Hebrew -Yehoshu’a) - meant “god is salvation”. Joshua was one of the twelve spies sent into Canaan by Moses in the Old Testament. He was appointed by God to lead the Israelites after the death of Moses

### Oliver

(Norman French form of a Germanic name) - possibly the name ‘Alfihar’ meaning “elf army”. The spelling was altered by association with Latin ‘oliva’ - “olive tree”.

# English names

## Harry

(Medieval English form of HENRY -From the Germanic name Heimiric) - which meant “home ruler”, composed of the elements ‘heim’ - “home” and ‘ric’ - “power, ruler”.

## James

English form of the Late Latin ‘Jacomus’ which was derived from JACOB. This is the name of two apostles in the New Testament

## William

(from German name Wilhelm) - composed of the elements will “will, desire” and helm “helmet, protection”.

## Samuel

(from Hebrew - Shemu’el) - either “name of God” or “God has heard”. Biblical: Samuel was the last of the ruling judges in the Old Testament.

## Daniel

(from Hebrew) – meaning “God is my judge.”

## Charlie

(Pet form or feminine form of CHARLES) - From the Germanic name Karl, which was derived from a Germanic word which meant “man”. However, an alternative theory states that the name is derived from the common Germanic element ‘heri’ meaning “army, warrior”.



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## Female first name

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### Olivia

Created by Shakespeare for a character in his comedy ‘Twelfth Night’

### Grace

(derives from Latin gratia) - Means “grace” from the English word.



# English names

## Jessica

This name was first used in this form by Shakespeare in his play 'The Merchant of Venice', where it belongs to the daughter of Shylock. probably from Hebrew ISCAH, or feminine form of JESSE.

## Ruby

(derives from Latin 'ruber' "red") - simply means "ruby" from the name of the precious stone, which is the birthstone of July.

## Emily

(Medieval feminine form of Aemilius) - Aemilius was a Roman family name, which was derived from Latin 'aemulus' meaning "rival".

## Sophie

(from Greek) - Means "wisdom".

## Chloe

(from Greek) - Means "green shoot". This was an epithet of the Greek goddess Demeter

## Lucy

(English feminine form of LUCIUS) - Roman name, which was derived from Latin 'lux' "light".

## Lily

(derived from Latin lilium) simply means "lily" from the name of the flower, a symbol of purity.

## Ellie

(Short form of ELEANOR) - It was borne by Eleanor of Aquitaine (12th century), the wife of both Louis VII, the king of France, and Henry II, the king of England.



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## **Brown**

brown was derived from brown complexion, color of hair, or garments.

## **Davis**

Son of David.

## **Evans**

Anglicized form of JOHN derived from the Hebrew name -Yochanan meaning "god is gracious".

## **Wilson**

Son of Will, a nickname for William.

## **Thomas**

(from Aramaic - Te'oma) - meaning "twin". In the New Testament this is the name of the apostle who doubts the resurrected Jesus.

## **Johnson**

English patronymic name meaning "son of John" (gift of God).

# French names



## Male First Name

### Enzo

the meaning of this name is uncertain, it could derive from Germanic 'ent' - "giant", or an Old Italian form of HEINZ - derived from Henry ("home ruler")

### Lucas

(from Greek 'Loukas') - "from Lucania". Lucania was a region in Italy.

### Théo

Short form of Theobald, Theodore. Theobald (Derived from German -"people" and "bold", Theodore (from Greek - 'Theodoros') - "gift of god".

### Thomas

(from Aramaic - Te'oma) - "twin". In the New Testament this is the name of the apostle who doubts the resurrected Jesus.

### Hugo

(from German - 'hug') - meaning "heart, mind, or spirit".

### Mathis

(from Hebrew -Mattityahu) -"gift of god".

### Nathan

(from Hebrew) - Means "giver". Biblical: this is the name of a prophet and also a son of King David.

### Maxime

(French form of MAXIMUS) - Roman family name which was derived from Latin 'maximus' - "greatest".

### Clément

(from the Late Latin name 'Clemens') - means "merciful, gentle".

### Louis

(French form of LUDWIG) - From the Germanic name 'Hludwig' which meant "famous warrior", composed of the elements 'hlud' - "fame" and 'wig' - "warrior".

# French names



## Female first name

### Léa

(from Hebrew - Le'ah) - from the Hebrew word 'le'ah', meaning "weary" or it might derive from a Chaldean name meaning "mistress" or "ruler" in Assyrian. Biblical: she was the first wife of Jacob and the mother of seven of his children.

### Emma

(derived from Germanic 'ermen') - meaning "whole" or "universal".

### Manon

(from Hebrew - Miryam) - The meaning is not known for certain, but there are several theories including "sea of bitterness", "rebelliousness", and "wished for child". However it was most likely originally an Egyptian name perhaps derived in part from 'mry' "beloved" or 'mr' "love".

### Clara

medieval name derived from Latin

'clarus' "clear, bright, famous".

### Chloé

(from Greek) - Means "green shoot".

This was an epithet of the Greek goddess Demeter

### Camille

(from Roman family name CAMILLUS) - means "attendant at a religious service"

### Ines

(derived from Greek 'hagnos') - meaning "chaste".

### Sarah

(from Hebrew) means "lady" or "princess". Biblical: This was the name of the wife of Abraham. She became the mother of Isaac at the age of 90.

### Océane

derived from French océan meaning "ocean".

### Marie

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### **Martin**

(from ancient Latin - Martinus) - derived from Mars, the Roman god of fertility and war

### **Bernard**

(from German) - Strong or brave as a bear.

### **Thomas**

(Derived from a popular medieval first name, THOMAS) - “twin”.

### **Petit**

(from Old French) - meaning “small”.

### **Durand**

(from Latin - Durandus) - meaning strong and enduring.

### **Richard**

(derived from the given name Richard) - meaning “powerful and brave”.

### **Moreau**

(from Old French) - meaning “little dark”.

### **Dubois**

(from Old French - ‘bois’) meaning wood. It was a French place name, given to a man who lived or worked in the woods or worked as a woodcutter.

### **Robert**

Bright fame or famous in counsel, from the Germanic elements “hrode”, meaning counsel or fame, and “beraht”, meaning bright.

### **Laurent**

(from the Latin given name - Laurentius) - meaning “a man from laurel”, or “wreathed or crowned with laurel”.

# German names



## Male First Name

### Alexander

(from Greek -Alexandros) - meaning “defending men”

### Maximilian

(derived from MAXIMUS) - Roman family name which was derived from Latin ‘maximus’ - “greatest”.

### Leon

(from Greek) - meaning “lion”.

### Lukas

(from Greek ‘Loukas’) - “from Lucania”. Lucania was a region in Italy.

### Luca

Italian form of Lukas, or Hungarian feminine form of Lucius - Roman name, which was derived from Latin ‘lux’ “light”.

### Paul

(From the Roman family name Paulus) - means “small” or “humble” in Latin.

### Jonas

(from Hebrew - Yonah) - meaning “dove”. Biblical: this was the name of a prophet swallowed by a fish.

### Felix

from a Roman cognomen meaning “lucky, successful” in Latin

### Tim

(from Greek - Timotheos) - meaning “honoring God”.

### David

(from Hebrew) - meaning “beloved”. Biblical: David was the second and greatest of the kings of Israel. He defeated Goliath, the giant Philistine.

# German names



## Female first name

### Marie

(from Hebrew - Miryam) - The meaning is not known for certain, but there are several theories including “sea of bitterness”, “rebelliousness”, and “wished for child”. However it was most likely originally an Egyptian name perhaps derived in part from ‘mry’ “beloved” or ‘mr’ “love”.

### Sophie

(from Greek) - Means “wisdom”.

### Maria

(Latin form of Marie)

### Anna

(from Hebrew - Channah) - means “favor” or “grace”. Biblical: Hannah was the mother of the prophet Samuel

### Leonie

(German feminine form of LEONIUS) - Roman family name which was derived from Latin ‘leo’ “lion”.

### Lena

German short form of HELENA or MAGDALENA. HELENA (from Greek - Helene) - “torch” or “corposant”, MAGDALENA - from a title which meant “of Magdala”. Mary Magdalene, a character in the New Testament, was named thus because she was from Magdala - a village on the Sea of Galilee whose name meant “tower” in Hebrew.

### Emily

(Medieval feminine form of Aemilius) - Aemilius was a Roman family name, which was derived from Latin ‘aemulus’ meaning “rival”.

### Lea

(from Hebrew - Le’ah) - from the Hebrew word ‘le’ah’, meaning “weary” or it might derive from a Chaldean name meaning “mistress” or “ruler” in Assyrian. Biblical: she was the first wife of Jacob and the mother of seven of his children.

## German names

### Julia

(Latinate feminine form of JULIUS)  
- from a Roman family name which was derived from Greek 'ioulos' - "downy-bearded".

### Laura

(feminine form of the Late Latin name 'Laurus') - means "laurel". In ancient Rome the leaves of laurel trees were used to create victors' garlands.



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### Surname

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### Müller

(from German- 'müller') - means "miller". A person who owned or worked in a grain mill

### Schmidt

(from German - 'schmied') - meaning "blacksmith" or "metalworker".

### Fischer

(from Old English - 'fiscare') - meaning "fisherman."

### Meyer

(from German - 'meiger') - meaning "higher or superior".

### Weber

(from German - 'wëber') - A trade name given to one skilled in the craft of weaving.

### Wagner

(from German - 'Waganari') - meaning wagon-maker or wagon driver.

### Becker

(from German - 'becker')<sup>1</sup> meaning baker, (from Greek - 'bikos')<sup>2</sup> meaning pot or pitcher, (from Old English - 'becca')<sup>3</sup> meaning mattock.

### Schulze

A German name for a man, who is in charge of a village

### Hoffmann

A nickname for a farmer who owned his land rather than rented



# Russian names



## Male First Name

### Sasha

(Russian pet form of ALEKSANDR, from Greek -Alexandros) - meaning “defending men”

### Sergey

(Russian form of SERGIUS) - Roman family name, possibly means “servant”.

### Vladimir

(derived from the Slavic elements) - means “to rule with greatness” or “to rule with peace”,

### Andrey

(Russian form of the Greek name ANDREW) - “man, warrior”.

### Aleksey

(Russian form of the Greek name ALEXIUS) - means “helper” or “defender”,

### Dmitry

(Russian form of the Greek name DEMETRIUS) - derived from the name of the Greek goddess DEMETER.

### Mikhail

(Russian form of MICHAEL, from Hebrew -Mikha’el) - “who resembles God?”. The name of the archangel in Hebrew tradition. In the Book of Revelation - the leader of heaven’s armies.

### Ivan

(Cognate of JOHN, from the Hebrew name Yochanan) - meaning “god is gracious”

### Danil

(Russian form of DANIEL, from Hebrew) - meaning “God is my judge”.

### Kirill

(from the Greek name Kyrillos) - derived from Greek ‘kyrios’ - “lord”.

# Russian names



## Female first name

### Lena

(short form of HELENA, from Greek - Helene) - “torch” or “corposant”.

### Olga

(Russian form of HELGA) - derived from Old Norse ‘heilagr’ meaning “holy, blessed”.

### Tatyana

feminine form of the Roman name Tatianus, which was from the Roman name Tattius, which is of unknown meaning.

### Irina

(from Greek - Eirene) - meaning “peace”. Irene was the Greek goddess of peace.

### Nataly

(from Late Latin - Natalia) - meaning “Christmas Day”.

### Anna

(from Hebrew - Channah) - means “favor” or “grace”. Biblical: Hannah was the mother of the prophet Samuel

### Svetlana

derived from Slavic ‘svet’ meaning “light”.

### Nastya

(from Greek - Anastasios) - meaning “resurrection”.

### Katya

(from the Greek name - Aikaterine) - Probably from ‘hekateros’ meaning “each of the two”, or from the name of the goddess HECATE. Other possibilities are ‘aikia’ meaning “torture”, or a Coptic name meaning “my consecration of your name”

### Maria

(from Hebrew - Miryam) - The meaning is not known for certain, but there are several theories including “sea of bitterness”, “rebelliousness”, and “wished for child”. However it was most likely originally an Egyptian name perhaps derived in part from ‘mry’ “beloved” or ‘mr’ “love”.

# Russian names



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### **Ivanov**

means “of John”, derived from the Hebrew name Yochanan meaning “god is gracious”.

### **Vasilyev**

means “of Basil”, derived from Greek ‘basileus’ meaning “king”.

### **Petrov**

means “of Peter”, derived from the Greek ‘Petros’ meaning “stone”.

### **Smirnov**

means “of a quiet man”

### **Mikhailov**

means “of Michael”, from Hebrew ‘Mikha’el’ meaning “who resembles God?”. This is the name of one of the archangels in Hebrew tradition.

### **Fyodorov**

means “of Theodore”, from Greek ‘Theodoros’ meaning “gift of god”.

### **Sokolov**

means “of a falcon”

### **Yakovlev**

means “of Jacob”, from Hebrew ‘Ya’aqov’. Biblical: the son of Isaac and Rebecca and the father of the twelve founders of the twelve tribes of Israel. He was born holding his twin Brother Esau’s heel, and his name is explained as meaning “holder of the heel”.

### **Popov**

means “of an Orthodox priest (known as a “pope”)

### **Andreyev**

means “of Andrew”, from Greek - “man, warrior”.

### **Sido2rov**

means “of Sidor”

### **Egorov**

means “of Egor”, derived from the Old Norse elements ‘yr’ meaning “yew, bow” and ‘arr’ meaning “warrior”.

# Italian names



## Male First Name

### Giuseppe

(from Hebrew - Yosef) - meaning “he will add”. Biblical: because Joseph was the favorite of his father, his older brothers sent him to Egypt and told their father that he had died. In Egypt, he became an advisor to the pharaoh, and was eventually reconciled with his brothers when they came to Egypt during a famine.

### Giovanni

derived from the Hebrew name Yochanan meaning “god is gracious”.

### Antonio

(derived from Anthony, from the Roman family name- Antonius) - probably of Etruscan origin. Commonly (but incorrectly) associated with Greek (anthos) “flower”.

### Mario

(Italian form of MARIUS) - Roman family name which was derived from MARS - the Roman god of War, or from the Latin root ‘mas, maris’ meaning “male”

### Luigi

(from German - Hludwig) - meaning “famous warrior”,

### Francesco

(from Late Latin - Franciscus) - meaning “Frenchman”.

### Angelo

derived from the name Angel, the heavenly creature.

### Vicenzo

form of - Vincent, meaning “prevailing”.

### Pietro

(derived from Greek - Petros) - meaning “stone”.

### Salvatore

(from Late Latin - Salvator) - meaning “savior”.

# Italian names



## Female first name

### **Maria**

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### **Anna**

(from Hebrew - Channah) - means “favor” or “grace”. Biblical: Hannah was the mother of the prophet Samuel

### **Giuseppina**

feminine form of Giuseppe (from Hebrew - Yosef - meaning “he will add”).

### **Rosa**

Medieval name meaning “rose” in Latin.

### **Angela**

feminine form of Angelo (derived from angel)

### **Giovanna**

feminine form of Giovanni (derived from the Hebrew name Yochanan meaning “god is gracious”).

### **Teresa**

derived from Greek ‘theros’ meaning “summer”, from Greek ‘therizo’ meaning “to harvest”, or from the name of the Greek island of Thera.

### **Lucia**

(English feminine form of LUCIUS) - Roman name, derived from Latin ‘lux’ “light”.

### **Carmela**

(from Hebrew - Karmel) -meaning “garden”. Mount Carmel is a mountain in Israel mentioned in the Bible.

# Italian names

## Caterina

(from the Greek name - Aikaterine)  
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## Rossi

(from Italian 'Rossi', plural of 'Rosso') - meaning red.

## Russo

(a variant of Rossi)

## Ferrari

(from Italian 'ferro' - "iron") - means "Blacksmith"

## Esposito

this is a last name that was given to children in Italy (prior to its unification in 1861), who were

abandoned or given up for adoption by their parents (from the Latin 'expositus' the past participle of the Latin verb 'exponere' which means "to place outside").

## Bianchi

(from Italian 'Bianchi', a plural of 'bianco' - white) - meaning White-haired or pale.

## Romano

meaning "related to Ancient Rome"

## Colombo

meaning dove.

## Ricci

(derived from the Italian adjective 'ricco' - "curly") - it is a nickname for someone with curly hair.

## Marino

(derived from the Latin word 'marinus') - meaning "of the sea".

## Greco

Someone who originates from Greece

# Chinese names



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## Male First Name

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### **Bo**

means “wave” in Chinese.

### **Chung**

“flourishing, prosperous”, “smooth, fluent” or “long” in Chinese.

### **Cheng**

“accomplish, succeed” or “sincere”.

### **Jin**

“gold, metal, money”, “embroidered, bright” or “ferry” in Chinese.

### **Ming**

“shining, bright, clear” or “engrave” in Chinese.

### **Wen**

means “culture, literacy” in Chinese.

### **Manchu**

means “pure” in Chinese.

### **Sun**

means “bending” or “decreasing” in Chinese.



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## Female first name

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### **Heng**

means “permanent, constant” in Chinese.

### **Hua**

means “magnificent” or “flower” in Chinese.

### **Jun**

means “ruler, supreme” in Chinese.

### **Lin**

means “forest” or “fine jade, gem” in Chinese.

### **Mei**

means “beautiful” or “plum” in Chinese.

# Chinese names

## Tai

means “great, extreme” in Chinese

## Qiu

means “autumn” in Chinese.

## Ping

means “peaceful, level” in Chinese.



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## Surname

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## Lǐ

means “plum tree” in Chinese.

## Wáng

means “king” in Chinese.

## Zhāng

means “bow that grows” in Chinese, probably a name for a bow maker.

## Liú

means “willow” in Chinese.

## Chén

from the name of an ancient region in China

## Huáng

(from the Song Dynasty, in the 10th century) - means “yellow”, the color of the earth, and the symbol of royalty.

## Zhōu

from the name of the Zhou dynasty (1122–221 BC).

## Wú

from the name of a Chinese kingdom.

## Zhū

means “scarlet-red” in Chinese. It was the name of some Chinese kings.

## Mǎ

means “horse” in Chinese.



# Indian names



## Male First Name

### **Aditya**

means “belonging to ADITI” in Sanskrit. ADITI - means “boundless, entire” or “freedom, security” in Sanskrit. This is the name of the ancient Hindu mother goddess of the sky and fertility.

### **Pranav**

this is the Sanskrit word referring to ‘om’, the Hindu sacred syllable.

### **Nikhil**

means “whole, entire” in Sanskrit.

### **Rishi**

means “sage, poet” in Sanskrit.

### **Rahul**

means “able, efficient” in Sanskrit. This was the name of a son of Gautama Buddha.

### **Anand**

means “happiness” in Sanskrit.

### **Anil**

(derived from Sanskrit ‘anila’) - means “air, wind”. This is another name of Vayu, the Hindu god of the wind.

### **Pramod**

means “joy” in Sanskrit. This is the name of an attendant of the Hindu god Skanda.

### **Karan**

(derived from Sanskrit ‘karna’) - meaning “ear”. This is the name of the son of the Hindu sun god Surya and Kunti, who gave birth to him through her ear.

### **Sanjay**

means “completely victorious, triumphant” in Sanskrit.

# Indian names



## Female First Name

### Maya

means “illusion” in Sanskrit. In Buddhist tradition this is the name of the mother of Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha). This is also another name of the Hindu goddess Durga.

### Tara

means “star” in Sanskrit. Tara is the name of a Hindu astral goddess

### Shreya

means “auspicious, lucky” in Sanskrit.

### Kali

means “the black one” in Sanskrit. The Hindu goddess Kali is the fierce destructive form of the wife of Shiva. She is usually depicted with black skin and four arms, holding a severed head and brandishing a sword.

### Anjali

means “offering” in Sanskrit.

### Jyoti

(derived from Sanskrit ‘jyotis’) - meaning “light”.

### Madhu

(from Sanskrit ‘madhu’) - meaning “sweet, honey”. This is another name of Chaitra, the first month of the Hindu year.

### Shanti

means “quiet, peace, tranquility” in Sanskrit.

**Latha** - means “vine, creeping plant” in Sanskrit.

### Shanta

means “pacified, calm” in Sanskrit. In Hindu legend this is the name of a daughter of

# Indian names



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### **Kumar**

(derived from Sanskrit 'kumara') - meaning "boy, son", in Hindu texts this is an epithet of both the fire god Agni and Skanda.

### **Lal**

means "to play, to caress" in Sanskrit.

### **Sharma**

means "protection, comfort, joy" in Sanskrit.

### **Jai**

(derived from Sanskrit 'jaya') - meaning "victory".

### **Chander**

(derived from Sanskrit 'chand', "to shine") - meaning "moon".

### **Nath**

(derived from Sanskrit 'Nitya') - means "always, eternal".

### **Raji**

(derived from Sanskrit 'raj') - meaning "king" or "prince".

### **Anand**

means "happiness" in Sanskrit.

### **Patel**

means "farmer". Derived from 'pat', piece of land they worked and lived on.

# Japanese names



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## Male First Name

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### Shun

means “speed” in Japanese

### Takumi

means “artisan” or “skilled” in Japanese.

It can also come from ‘taku’ meaning “expand, open, pioneer” combined with ‘mi’ - meaning “sea, ocean” or “truth”.

### Shō

means “soar, fly” In Japanese.

### Ren

lotus” or “romance, love” In Japanese.

### Shōta

from Japanese ‘sho’ meaning “soar, fly” and ‘ta’ meaning “thick, big”.

### Sōta

from Japanese ‘sou’ meaning “suddenly, smoothly” and ‘ta’ meaning “thick, big”.

### Kaito

from Japanese ‘kai’ meaning “sea, ocean” combined with ‘to’ meaning “fly”.

### Kenta

From Japanese ‘ken’ meaning “healthy, strong” and ‘ta’ meaning “thick, big”.

### Daiki

from Japanese ‘dai’ meaning “large, great” and ‘ki’ meaning “radiance”, “tree” or “valuable, noble”.

### Yū

meaning “jade”, “happy, pleased” or “rain” in Japanese.



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## Female First Name

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### Misaki

from Japanese ‘mi’ meaning “beautiful” and ‘saki’ meaning “blossom”.

### Aoi

means “hollyhock, althea” or “blue” in Japanese.

### Nanami

from Japanese ‘nana’ meaning

## Japanese names

“seven” and ‘mi’ meaning “sea”, or from duplicated ‘na’ meaning “vegetables, greens” and ‘mi’ meaning “beautiful”.

### Miu

from Japanese ‘mi’ meaning “beautiful” and ‘u’ meaning “feather”.

### Riko

from Japanese ‘ri’ meaning “jasmine” or “truth”, and ‘ko’ meaning “child”.

### Miyu

from Japanese ‘mi’ meaning “beautiful” or “truth”, and ‘yu’ meaning “gentleness, superiority” or “tie, bind”.

### Moe

means “bud, sprout” in Japanese.

### Mitsuko

from Japanese ‘mitsu’ meaning “light” and ‘ko’ meaning “child”.

### Yūka

from Japanese ‘yu’ meaning “gentleness, superiority” and ‘ka’ meaning “flower”.

### Rin

means “cold” in Japanese.



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## Surname

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### Satō

from ‘sa’ meaning “help” and ‘to’ meaning “wisteria”, refers to a village or road marker.

### Suzuki

means “bell tree” in Japanese.

### Takahashi

means “high bridge” in Japanese.

### Tanaka

means “in the middle of rice fields” in Japanese.

### Watanabe

from ‘wata’ meaning “cross” and ‘nabe’ meaning “bank”.

### Itō

from ‘I’ meaning “this” and ‘to’ meaning “wisteria”.

### Yamamoto

means “base of the mountain” in Japanese.

## Japanese names

### **Nakamura**

from 'naka' meaning "middle" and 'mura' meaning "village".

### **Kobayashi**

means "small forest" in Japanese.

### **Saitō**

from 'sai' meaning "correct" and 'to' meaning "wisteria".

## Arabic names



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### **Male First Name**

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#### **Muhammad**

means "praiseworthy" or "revered", the name of the prophet who founded the Islamic religion in the 7th century

#### **Abdullah**

meaning "servant of God", the name of the father of the Prophet Muhammad.

#### **Ali**

meaning "The greatest, excellent, noble", the name of a cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad, and the fourth caliph.

#### **Habib**

means "beloved, darling" in Arabic.

#### **Hussein**

means "little beauty" in Arabic, the name of the son of Ali and the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

# Arabic names

## Ibrahim

(Arabic form of ABRAHAM)  
meaning “father of many” in Hebrew,  
the founder of the Arabs through his  
son Ishmael.

## Kareem

means “generous, noble, friendly” in  
Arabic.

## Omar

meaning “long life, first son, most  
high”, the second caliph of the  
Muslims.

## Samir

means “entertaining companion” in  
Arabic.

## Rafiq

means “friend, gentle, kind” in  
Arabic.



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## Female First Name

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## Amal

means “hope, aspiration” in Arabic.

## Aminah

(derived from Arabic ‘amin’)  
meaning “truthful”.

## Fatimah

means “to abstain” in Arabic, the  
daughter of the Prophet Muhammad  
and the only one of his children to  
carry on his line.

## Iman

means “faith, belief” in Arabic.

## Jamilah

means “beautiful, graceful, lovely” in  
Arabic.

## Latifah

meaning “gentle, kind, pleasant”.

## Leila

means “night” in Arabic.

# Arabic names

## **Nawal**

means “gift” in Arabic.

## **Rana**

meaning “to gaze, look”.

## **Widad**

meaning “love, friendship”.



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## **Naser**

means “helper” in Arabic.

## **Mansoor**

means “victorious” in Arabic.

## **Rahman**

meaning “compassionate, merciful”.

## **Hakim**

meaning “learned, wise” in Arabic.

## **Kader**

means “capable, powerful” in Arabic.

## **Karim**

means “generous, noble, friendly” in Arabic.

## **Sultan**

means “sultan” from the Arabic ‘sultan’, from a root meaning “authority”.

## **Zaman**

means “time, age, era” in Arabic.

## **Samara**

means “benefit, gain”.

## **Ahmed**

means “more commendable” in Arabic.



# Israeli names



## Male First Name

### Uri

means “my light” in Hebrew.  
Biblical: This was the name of the father of Bezalel.

### Noam

means “pleasantness” in Hebrew.

### Itay

possibly means “with me” in Hebrew.

### Ido

Biblical: the name of a prophet, the name of Zechariah’s grandfather.  
Maybe means “the witness of god” from the word ‘ed’ in Hebrew.

### David

(from Hebrew)  
meaning “beloved”. Biblical: David was the second and greatest of the kings of Israel. He defeated Goliath, the giant Philistine.

### Roi

means “my shepherd” in Hebrew.

### Amit

means “friend” in Hebrew.

### Yosef

meaning “he will add”. Biblical: Joseph is the eleventh son of Jacob. Because he was the favorite of his father, his older brothers sent him to Egypt and told their father that he had died. In Egypt, Joseph became an advisor to the pharaoh, and was eventually reconciled with his brothers when they came to Egypt during a famine.

### Moshe

(the Hebrew form of Moses) the daughter of Pharaoh found Moses the first Hebrew prophet, in the water of the YEOR Lake, and called him ‘Moshe’ (Moses) because she drew him out of the water. The Hebrew verb for drawing is ‘masha’.

### Yonatan

meaning “god has given”. Biblical: Jonathan was the eldest son of Saul and a friend of David, and was killed in battle with the Philistines.

# Israeli names



## Female First Name

### Noa

meaning “motion”. Biblical: this is the name of a daughter of Zelophehad.

### Shira

means “poetry” or “singing” in Hebrew.

### Agam

means “lake” in Hebrew.

### Maya

derived from Hebrew ‘mayim’ meaning “water”.

### Tamar

means “palm tree” in Hebrew.

### Roni

means “my joy” or “my song” in Hebrew.

### Yael

meaning “mountain goat”. Biblical: this is the name of a woman who killed the captain of the Canaanite army.

### Adi

means “jewel” or “ornament” in Hebrew.

### Sarah

means “lady” or “princess” in Hebrew. Biblical: This was the name of the wife of Abraham. She became the mother of Isaac at the age of 90.

### Yovel

means “jubilee” in Hebrew.

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### **Cohen**

the Hebrew word for “priest”. The Hebrew priests were a part of the Levi tribe.

### **Levi**

derived from the word “to accompany”. Levi was the third son of Jacob and Leah, and the ancestor of one of the twelve tribes of the Israelites (the tribe that eventually became the priests of the Israelites).

### **Mizrachi**

means “eastern” in Hebrew.

### **Peretz**

means “outburst, gush”, or “breaches, cracks” in Hebrew.

### **Biton**

derived from Latin ‘vitas’ meaning “life”. In Greek mythology, Biton was the son of Cydippe, a priestess of Hera.

### **Avraham**

meaning “father of many” in Hebrew. Biblical: Abraham was originally named Abram but God changed his name.

### **Katz**

An abbreviation of the phrase ‘kohen tsedek’ meaning “righteous priest”.

### **Gabai**

the Hebrew name for the person that manages a synagogue’s matters such as various arrangements, pray times and order of prays themselves, appointing readers, division of the rising readers and the food and drink served to the occupying people.

# Spanish names



## Male First Name

### Alejandro

(Spanish form of ALEXANDER, from Greek- Alexandros( meaning” defending men“

### Daniel

(from Hebrew - Daniyyel) meaning “God is my judge”.

### Pablo

(Spanish form of Paulus) Paulus was a Roman family name, which meant “small” or “humble” in Latin.

### David

(from Hebrew) meaning “beloved”. Biblical: David was the second and greatest of the kings of Israel. He defeated Goliath, the giant Philistine.

### Adrian

(from the Roman cognomen Hadrianus)

means “from Hadria” in Latin. Hadria was a town in northern Italy

### Javier

(derived from the Basque place name Etxabier) meaning “the new house”.

### Alvaro

(Spanish form of the Visigothic Germanic name Alewar) means “guard of all”

### Sergio

(Spanish form of SERGIUS) Roman family name, possibly meant “servant” in Latin.

### Carlos

(from German Karl) derived from the Germanic word which meant “man”. Or derived from the common Germanic element ‘heri’ meaning “army, warrior”.

### Marcos

(Spanish form of MARCUS) Roman name, probably derived from the name of the Roman god MARS.

# Spanish names



## Female First Name

### Lucia

(English feminine form of LUCIUS)  
Roman name, derived from Latin  
'lux' "light".

### Maria

(from Hebrew Miryam)  
The meaning is not known for  
certain, but there are several theories  
including "sea of bitterness",  
"rebelliousness", and "wished for  
child". However it was most likely  
originally an Egyptian name perhaps  
derived in part from 'mry' "beloved"  
or 'mr' "love".

### Paula

(feminine form of Paulus)  
a Roman family name, meaning  
"small" or "humble" in Latin.

### Laura

feminine form of the Late Latin name  
'Laurus') means "laurel". In ancient  
Rome the leaves of laurel trees were  
used to create victors' garlands.

### Marta

(cognate of MARTHA)  
means "mistress of the house" or  
"lady" in Aramaic.

### Alba

means "dawn" in Spanish.

**Claudia** (Feminine form of  
CLAUDIUS) a Roman family  
name which was derived from Latin  
'claudus' meaning "lame, crippled".

### Carla

(feminine form of CARLOS, from  
German - Karl)  
derived from the Germanic word  
which meant "man". Or derived from  
the common Germanic element 'heri'  
meaning "army, warrior".

### Andrea

(feminine form of ANDREW, from  
Greek) "man, warrior". The first  
chosen of the 12 apostles.

### Sara

means "lady" or "princess" in  
Hebrew. Biblical: This was the name  
of the wife of Abraham. She became  
the mother of Isaac at the age of 90.

# Spanish names



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### **García**

the meaning is unknown, possibly related to the Basque word ‘hartz’ meaning “bear”.

### **Fernández**

means “son of Fernando”, a Visigothic name composed of the Germanic elements ‘frið’ meaning “peace” and ‘nanð’ meaning “daring, brave”.

### **González**

means “son of Gonzalo”, from the medieval name Gundisalvus, which was the Latin form of a Germanic name composed of the element ‘gund’ meaning “war”

### **Rodríguez**

means “son of Rodrigo”, the Spanish form of RODERICK, and means “famous power” in German.

### **López**

means “son of Lope”, from the Late Latin name Lupus which meant “wolf”.

### **Martínez**

means “son of Martin”, From the Roman name Martinus, which was derived from Martis, the genitive case of the name of the Roman god MARS.

### **Sánchez**

means “son of Sancho”, from Late Latin name Sanctius, which was derived from the word ‘sanctus’ meaning “saintly, holy”.

### **Pérez**

means “son of Pedro”, derived from the Greek ‘Petros’ meaning “stone”.

### **Martín**

from the Roman name Martinus, which was derived from Martis, the genitive case of the name of the Roman god MARS.

### **Gómez**

(from the medieval personal name Gomes) it is probably Visigothic in origin, from ‘guma’ meaning “man”.

# Portuguese names



## Male First Name

### João

(from the Hebrew name ‘Yochanan’) meaning “god is gracious”.

### Tiago

(Portuguese form of SANTIAGO) means “Saint James”, from Hebrew- Ya‘aqov .Biblical :the son of Isaac and Rebecca and the father of the twelve founders of the twelve tribes of Israel .He was born holding his twin Brother Esau’s heel ,and his name is explained as meaning” holder of the heel.“

### André

(from ANDREW) means “man, warrior” in Greek.

### Pedro

derived from the Greek ‘Petros’ meaning “stone”.

### Ricardo

(Portuguese form of RICHARD) means “brave power”.

### José

(Portuguese form of JOSEPH) meaning “he will add” in Hebrew. Biblical: Joseph is the eleventh son of Jacob. Because he was the favorite of his father, his older brothers sent him to Egypt and told their father that he had died. In Egypt, Joseph became an advisor to the pharaoh, and was eventually reconciled with his brothers when they came to Egypt during a famine

### Manuel

(Portuguese form of EMMANUEL) means “God is with us” in Hebrew.

### Diogo

derived from the medieval name Didacus which meant “teaching” in Greek, or a short form of SANTIAGO- means “Saint James”, from Hebrew -Ya‘aqov.

### Fábio

(Portuguese form of FABIUS) a Roman family name, derived from Latin ‘faba’ meaning “bean”.

# Portuguese names

## Miguel

(Portuguese form of MICHAEL, from Hebrew -Mikha'el)  
“who resembles God?”. This is the name of one of the archangels in Hebrew tradition.



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## Female First Name

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## Maria

(from Hebrew - Miryam)  
The meaning is not known for certain, but there are several theories including “sea of bitterness”, “rebelliousness”, and “wished for child”. However it was most likely originally an Egyptian name perhaps derived in part from ‘mry’ “beloved” or ‘mr’ “love”.

## Joana

(Portuguese feminine form of the Hebrew name ‘Yochanan’)  
meaning “god is gracious”.

## Ana

(from Hebrew - Channah)  
means “favor” or “grace”. Biblical: Hannah was the mother of the prophet Samuel.

## Catarina

(from the Greek name - Aikaterine)  
Probably from ‘hekateros’ meaning “each of the two”, or from the name of the goddess HECATE. Other possibilities are ‘aikia’ meaning “torture”, or a Coptic name meaning “my consecration of your name”

## Inês

(derived from Greek ‘hagnos’)  
meaning “chaste”.

## Teresa

derived from Greek ‘theros’ meaning “summer”, from Greek ‘therizo’ meaning “to harvest”, or from the name of the Greek island of Thera.

## Isabel

a medieval form of ELIZABETH, the Greek form of the Hebrew name ‘Elisheva’ meaning “my God is an oath”.



## Portuguese names

### **Margarida**

(derived from Greek ‘margarites’) meaning “pearl”.

### **Carolina**

Latinized feminine form of CHARLES, From the Germanic name Karl, which was derived from a Germanic word which meant “man”, or derived from the common Germanic element heri meaning “army, warrior”.

### **Filipa**

(from Greek ‘Philippos’) meaning “friend of horses”.



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### **Silva**

From Portuguese ‘silva’ meaning “forest”.

### **Santos**

(from Latin ‘sanctus’) Means “little saint”.

### **Oliveira**

derived from Latin ‘oliva’ meaning “olive”.

### **Souza**

name for someone who lived in a place called ‘Souza’. The name of the place is of unknown pre-Roman origin.

### **Pereira**

meaning “pear tree” in Portuguese.

### **Costa**

means “coast, riverbank”.

### **Carvalho**

meaning “oak”.

### **Almeida**

from a number of places named so in Portugal, from Arabic ‘al-medina’ meaning “the city”.

### **Ferreira**

denoted one who lived near an iron mine, or a metal worker, from ‘ferrum’ the Latin word for “iron”,

### **Ribeiro**

(derived from Portuguese ‘ribeira’) means “little river” or “stream”. It has been held by many Portuguese generals and soldiers.

# Turkish names



## Male First Name

### Mehmet

(Turkish form of MUHAMMAD)  
means “praiseworthy”, this was the name of the prophet who founded the Islamic religion in the 7th century.

### Yusuf

(Turkish form of ‘Yosef’)  
meaning “he will add” in Hebrew.  
Biblical: Joseph is the eleventh son of Jacob. Because he was the favorite of his father, his older brothers sent him to Egypt and told their father that he had died. In Egypt, Joseph became an advisor to the pharaoh, and was eventually reconciled with his brothers when they came to Egypt during a famine.

### Mustafa

means “the chosen one” in Arabic, an epithet of Muhammad.

### Emre

means “friend” in Turkish.

### Bora

means “hurricane” in Turkish.

### Ahmet

(Turkish form of AHMAD)  
means “more commendable” in Arabic.

### Yunus

(Turkish form of JONAH, from Hebrew - ‘Yonah’) meaning “dove”.  
Biblical: this was the name of a prophet swallowed by a fish.

### Abdülkadir

(from Arabic)  
means “servant of the capable, powerful”.

### Ali

(from Arabic)  
meaning “The greatest, excellent, noble”, the name of a cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad, and the fourth caliph.

### Hüseyin

(from Arabic)  
means “little beauty” in Arabic, the name of the son of Ali and the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

# Turkish names



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## Female First Name

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### Zeynep

(Turkish form of ZAYNAB)

Arabic name of a fragrant flowering plant. Zaynab was the name of a daughter, a granddaughter, and two wives of the Prophet Muhammad.

### Merve

Merve is a mountain near Mecca.

### Elif

from ‘Alif’. ‘Alif’ is the first letter of the Arabic alphabet.

### Irem

meaning “gardens in heaven” in Turkish.

### Fatma

means “to abstain” in Arabic. Fatima was a daughter of the Prophet Muhammad and the only one of his children to carry on his line.

**Ayşe** (Turkish form of ‘AISHA)

means “alive” in Arabic. This was the name of Muhammad’s third wife.

### Emine

(Feminine form of EMIN)

means “trustworthy” or “confident” in Turkish.

### Ayla

meaning “moon light” in Turkish.



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## Surname + meaning:

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### Yılmaz

meaning “unyielding” in Turkish.

### Kaya

meaning “rock” in Turkish.

### Demir

means “iron” in Turkish.

### Şahin

means “falcon” in Turkish.

### Çelik

means “steel” in Turkish.

## Turkish names

### **Aslan**

meaning “lion”.

### **Kaplan**

(from ‘kablán’)  
meaning “tiger”.

### **Asker**

(from Arabic ‘askari’)  
meaning ‘soldier’,

## Thai names



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### Male First Name

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### **Klahan**

means “brave” in Thai.

### **Mongkut**

means “crown” in Thai.

### **Suchart**

means “born into a good life” in Thai.

### **Sunan**

means “good word” in Thai.

### **Aroon**

means “of the dawn” in Thai.

### **Chet**

means “a brother” in Thai.

### **Kamol**

means “heart” in Thai. Niran  
means “eternal” in Thai.

### **Sakda**

means “power” in Thai.

# Thai names



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## Female First Name

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### **Kanya**

means “girl”, “young lady” in Thai.

### **Kulap**

means “rose” in Thai.

### **Lawan**

means “beautiful” in Thai.

### **Malai**

means “garland of flowers” in Thai.

### **Pakpao**

means “kite” in Thai.

### **Ratree**

this name is from the name of a variety jasmine flower or night time.

### **Sukhon**

means “pleasant smell” in Thai.

### **Sirikit**

this is the name of a Thai queen.

Meaning the pride of Kiti, from the royal family name "Kitiyakorn".

### **Sumalee**

means “a beautiful flower” in Thai.



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## Surname

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### **Charoensook**

happiness

### **Sucharitkul**

family with honesty

### **Panyawong**

family with brain

### **Ratanawaraha**

crystal pig

### **Musikapong**

family of mouse

## Thai names

### **Panit-chcharoen**

merchant with thriving business

### **Techapaiboon**

with power

### **Kamolnavin**

heart of navy

### **Ratchaneekorn**

the moon

### **Leekpai**

escape the danger

### **Parksuwan**

piece of gold

## Korean names



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### **Male First Name**

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### **Dong**

means “east” in Korean.

### **Dak-Ho**

means “deep lake”.

### **Kwan**

means “strong” in Korean.

### **Yong**

means “brave” in Korean.

### **Seung**

means “successor”, “winning” in Korean.

### **Joo-Chan**

means “praise the Lord” in Korean

### **Hwan**

means “shining”, “bright”.

### **Suk**

means “rock, stone”.

## Korean names

### Wook

means “dawn, rising sun”.

### Kyung

means “respect” from Sino-Korean.



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### Female First Name

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### Hye

means “intelligent” in Korean.

### Iseul

means “dew” in Korean.

### Hyun

means “virtuous”, “Wise”.

### Haneul

means “heaven, sky” in Korean.

### Hea

means “grace” in Korean.

### Min

means “cleverness” in Korean.

### Chin

means “precious” in Korean.

### Ji

means “wisdom”.

### Dae

means “greatness”.

### Yon

means “a lotus blossom”.



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### Kim

means “gold” in Korean.

### Lee

means “plum” or “judge” in Korean.

### Jung

means “righteous”, “chaste” in  
Korean

## Korean names

### **Cho**

means “beautiful” in Korean.

### **Yoon**

means “allow, consent” in Korean.

**Jang** (from Chinese ‘Zhang’)

meaning “bow maker”.

### **Park**

means “plain”.

### **Choi**

derived from the words for  
“mountains”, “a person”, and “soil”.

## Polish names



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## Male First Name

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### **Jan**

(from the Hebrew name ‘Yochanan’)  
meaning “god is gracious”.

### **Andrzej**

(Polish form of ANDREW)  
means “man, warrior” in Greek.

### **Piotr**

(Polish form of PETER)  
from the Greek ‘Petros’ meaning  
“stone”.

### **Krzysztof**

Polish form of CHRISTOPHER)  
means “bearing Christ”.

### **Stanisław**

derived from the Slavic elements  
‘stan’ meaning “stand” and with  
‘slav’ meaning “glory”.

### **Tomasz**

(Polish form of THOMAS)  
from of the Aramaic name ‘Te’oma’  
which means “twin”.



# Polish names

## **Paweł**

(Polish form of PAUL)  
from the Roman family name  
'Paulus', which meant "small" or  
"humble" in Latin.

## **Józef**

meaning "he will add" in Hebrew.  
Biblical: Joseph is the eleventh son  
of Jacob. Because he was the favorite  
of his father, his older brothers sent  
him to Egypt and told their father  
that he had died. In Egypt, Joseph  
became an advisor to the pharaoh,  
and was eventually reconciled with  
his brothers when they came to Egypt  
during a famine

## **Marcin**

(Polish form of MARTIN)  
from the Roman name Martinus,  
which was derived from 'Martis',  
the genitive case of the name of the  
Roman god MARS.

## **Marek**

(Polish form of MARCUS)  
Roman name, probably derived from  
the name of the Roman god MARS.



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## **Female First Name**

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## **Anna**

(from Hebrew - Channah)  
means "favor" or "grace". Biblical:  
Hannah was the mother of the prophet  
Samuel

## **Maria**

(from Hebrew - Miryam)  
The meaning is not known for  
certain, but there are several theories  
including "sea of bitterness",  
"rebelliousness", and "wished for  
child". However it was most likely  
originally an Egyptian name perhaps  
derived in part from 'mry' "beloved"  
or 'mr' "love".

## **Katarzyna**

(Polish form of KATHERINE, from  
the Greek name - Aikaterine)  
Probably from 'hekateros' meaning  
"each of the two", or from the name  
of the goddess HECATE. Other  
possibilities are 'aikia' meaning  
"torture", or a Coptic name meaning  
"my consecration of your name"

## Polish names

### **Małgorzata**

(Polish form of- MARGARET)  
derived from Greek ‘margarites’  
meaning “pearl”.

### **Agnieszka**

(derived from Greek ‘hagnos’)  
meaning “chaste”.

### **Krystyna**

Feminine form of CHRISTIAN, from  
a Medieval Latin name that meant  
“Christian”.

### **Barbara**

derived from Greek ‘barbaros’  
meaning “foreign”. According  
to legend Saint Barbara was a  
young woman killed by her father  
Dioscorus, who was then killed by a  
bolt of lightning.

### **Ewa**

(from Hebrew ‘Chavvah’)  
derived the word ‘chayah’ meaning  
“to live”.

### **Elżbieta**

(form Hebrew ‘Elisheva’)  
meaning “my God is an oath”.

### **Zofia**

(Polish form of SOPHIA)  
Means “wisdom” in Greek.



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## Surname

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### **Nowak**

(derived from Polish ‘nowy’)  
meaning “new”. Originally a name  
for someone who was new to a  
village.

### **Kowalski**

(from Polish ‘kowal’)  
meaning “blacksmith”.

### **Wiśniewski**

(from Polish ‘wiśnia’)  
meaning “cherry”.

### **Wójcik**

(from Polish ‘wojak’)  
meaning “warrior”.

## Polish names

### **Kowalczyk**

A patronymic from Polish 'kowal' meaning "blacksmith".

### **Kamiński**

name for someone who came from a town called Kamien, from the Slavic word 'kamiń' meaning "stone".

### **Lewandowski**

name for someone from a place called Lewandów, from 'lawenda' meaning "lavender".

### **Zieliński**

(from Polish 'zielen') meaning "green".

### **Szymański**

means "son of Simon", form of the Hebrew name 'Shim'on' meaning "hearkening" or "listening".

## Dutch names



## Male First Name

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### **Stefan**

(from Greek 'Stephanos') - meaning "crown".

### **Michael**

(from Hebrew -Mikha'el) - "who resembles God?". This is the name of one of the archangels in Hebrew tradition. In the Book of Revelation - the leader of heaven's armies.

### **Mark**

(from Markus) - Roman name, probably derived from the name of the Roman god MARS.

### **Tim**

(from Greek - Timotheos) - meaning "honoring God".

### **Peter**

(from Greek 'Petros') - means "stone".

### **Jeroen**

(from Greek 'Hieronymos') - means "sacred name".

# Dutch names

## Patrick

from the Roman name 'Patricius', means "noble man" in Latin.

## Kevin

(from Irish 'Coemgen') - composed of the elements 'coem' meaning "kind, gentle, handsome" and 'gein' meaning "birth".

## Brian

related to Celtic element 'bre' meaning "hill", or "high, noble".

## Danny

(from Hebrew - Daniyyel) - meaning "God is my judge".



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## Female First Name

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## Anna

(from Hebrew - Channah) - means "favor" or "grace". Biblical: Hannah was the mother of the prophet Samuel.

## Stefanie

(feminine form of STEPHEN, from Greek 'Stephanos') - meaning "crown".

## Laura

(Feminine of Latin 'Laurus') - meaning "laurel". In ancient Rome the leaves of laurel trees were used to create victors' garlands.

## Lisanne

Combination of LISA and ANNE. LISA (from Hebrew 'Elisheva') - meaning "my God is an oath". ANNE (from Hebrew - Channah) - means "favor" or "grace".

## Linda

(from Spanish 'linda') - meaning "beautiful".

## Danielle

(from Hebrew - Daniyyel) meaning "God is my judge".

## Iris

means "rainbow" in Greek. Iris was the name of the Greek goddess of the rainbow.

## Dutch names

### Jessica

This name was first used in this form by Shakespeare in his play 'The Merchant of Venice', where it belongs to the daughter of Shylock. Probably from Hebrew ISCAH, or feminine form of JESSE.

### Elissa

(from Hebrew 'Elisheva') - meaning "my God is an oath".

### Judith

(from Hebrew - Yehudit) - meaning "woman from Judea". Judea was an ancient region in Israel. Biblical: Judith is one of the wives of Esau.



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## Surname

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### De Jong

meaning "the young" in Dutch.

### Jansen

meaning "son of Jan" in Dutch, derived from Hebrew 'Yochanan', meaning "god is gracious".

### Van den

meaning "berg of the mountain" in Dutch.

### Bakker

meaning "baker" in Dutch.

### Van Dijk

meaning "of dike", DIKE means "justice" in Greek.

### Visscher

meaning "fisher" in Dutch.

### Smit

means "blacksmith", or "metalworker" in Dutch.

### Meijer

(from German - 'meiger') - meaning "higher" or "superior".

## Greek names



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### Male First Name

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#### **Nikolas**

from Greek 'nike', meaning "victory" and 'laos', meaning "people" - means "victory of the people".

#### **Alexandros**

(from Greek 'alexo', meaning "to defend" and 'aner', meaning "man") - means "defending men".

#### **Thomas**

(Greek form of Aramaic 'Te'oma') - meaning "twin".

#### **Jason**

(from the name 'Iason', derived from Greek 'iasthai') - meaning "to heal".

#### **Timotheos**

(derived from 'timaos', meaning "to honour" and 'theos', meaning "god") - meaning "honouring God".

#### **Stefanos**

meaning "crown".

#### **Leonidas**

(from Greek 'leon') - meaning "lion".

#### **Athanasios**

meaning "immortal".

#### **Pantheras**

(derived from 'pan', meaning "all" and 'therao', meaning "to hunt") - means "panther".

#### **Photios**

(derived from Greek 'phos') - meaning "light".



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### Female First Name

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#### **Glykeria**

(derived from Greek 'glykys') - meaning "sweet".

# Greek names

## **Ariana**

(derived from Ariadne) - meaning “most holy”. Ariadne was the daughter of King Minos, that fell in love with Theseus and helped him to escape from the labyrinth of the Minotaur.

## **Olympia**

derived from the ‘Olympos’ mountain, home of the Greek gods

## **Agathe**

(derived from Greek ‘agathos’) - meaning “good”.

## **Sophia**

means “wisdom” in Greek.

## **Alexa**

feminine form of ‘Alexius’, meaning “helper” or “defender”.

## **Zenobia**

means “life of Zeus”, the name of a Greek god.

## **Anastasia**

(from Greek ‘anastasis’) - meaning “resurrection”.

## **Xenia**

means “hospitality” in Greek.

## **Althaia**

related to Greek ‘althos’ meaning “healing”.



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## **Surname**

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## **Papadopoulos**

(from Greek ‘papas’) - means “son of the priest”.

## **Colonomos**

(from ‘Kalonimos’) - means “good name” in Greek.

## **Argyris**

means “silver” in Greek.

## **Katsaros**

means “curly-haired” in Greek.

## **Pachis**

meaning “fat” in Greek.

## **Sanna**

(from the Greek ‘sano’) - means “hay seller”.

## Greek names

### Stephanidis

means “son of Stephanos” in Greek, meaning “crown”.

### Xylander

from Greek ‘xylon’, meaning “wood” or “forest” and ‘andros’, meaning “man”.

### Ioannidis

“son of Ioannis”, the Greek form of Hebrew ‘Yochanan’ meaning “god is gracious”.

### Dimitriou

derived from the name of the Greek goddess DEMETER.

## Romanian names



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## Male First Name

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### Razvan

related to the Slavic ‘rad’ meaning “happy”.

### Andrei

(Romanian form of ANDREW, derived from Greek) meaning “man, warrior”.

### Paul

derived from the Roman family name ‘Paulus’, meaning “small” or “humble” in Latin.

### Alexandru

(Romanian form of ALEXANDER, from Greek ‘Alexandros’) meaning “defending men”.

### David

(from Hebrew) meaning “beloved”.  
Biblical: David was the second and greatest of the kings of Israel. He defeated Goliath, the giant Philistine.



# Romanian names

## Alexa

short form of Alexandru.

## Daniel

(from Hebrew) meaning “God is my judge”.

## Catalin

(Romanian masculine form of KATHERINE, from the Greek ‘Aikaterine’) probably derived from ‘hekateros’ meaning “each of the two” or from the name of the goddess HECATE. Other possibilities are ‘aikia’ meaning “torture”, or a Coptic name meaning “my consecration of your name”.

## Claudiu

(Romanian form of CLAUDIUS, a Roman family name, derived from Latin ‘claudus’) meaning “lame, crippled”.

## Cosmin

(Romanian form of COSMO, derived from ‘kosmos’) meaning “order, decency”.



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## Female First Name

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## Andreea

(Romanian feminine form of ANDREW, from Greek) meaning “man, warrior”.

## Diana

(derived from Indo-European)- meaning “heavenly, divine”.

## Ioana

(Romanian feminine form of JOHN, derived from Hebrew ‘Yochanan’) meaning “god is gracious”.

## Maria

(from Hebrew Miryam) The meaning is not known for certain, but there are several theories including “sea of bitterness”, “rebelliousness”, and “wished for child”. However it was most likely originally an Egyptian name perhaps derived in part from ‘mry’ “beloved” or ‘mr’ meaning “love”.

# Romanian names

## **Cristina**

from Medieval Latin name, that meant “Christian”.

## **Alexandra**

(feminine form of ALEXANDER, from Greek ‘Alexandros’) meaning “defending men”

## **Ana**

(from Hebrew Channah) means “favor” or “grace”. Biblical: Hannah was the mother of the prophet Samuel.

## **Elena**

(from Greek ‘helene’) meaning “torch” or “corposant”.

## **Denisa**

(derived from the name of the Greek god DIONYSOS) from combining ‘Dios’ meaning “of ZEUS” and ‘Nysa’, the name of a legendary mountain.

## **Florentina**

(derived from Latin ‘florens’) means “prosperous”, “flourishing”.



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## **Surname**

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### **Albescu**

(derived from Romanian ‘alb’) meaning “white”.

### **Constantin**

from Roman ‘Constantinus’, derived from Latin ‘constans’ meaning “constant, steadfast”.

### **Dumitrescu**

means “son of Dumitru”, derived from Greek ‘Demetrios’, from the name of the Greek goddess DEMETER.

### **Funar**

meaning “rope maker”.

### **Dalca**

(from Romanian ‘dalca’) meaning “lightning”.

### **Grigorescu**

(derived from Greek ‘gregoros’) meaning “watchful, alert”.

## Romanian names

### **Lupei**

(derived from Romanian ‘lup’)  
meaning “wolf”.

### **Popescu**

(derived from Slavic ‘pop’)means  
“son of the pries”.

### **Vasile**

(derived from Greek ‘basileus’)  
meaning “king”.

### **Negrescu**

(derived from Romanian ‘negru’,  
meaning “black”)means “son of the  
black-haired person”.

## Czech names



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### Male First Name

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#### **Jan**

(from the Hebrew name ‘Yochanan’)  
meaning “god is gracious”.

#### **Jakub**

(Czech form of JACOB ,from  
Hebrew- Ya’aqov)

Biblical: the son of Isaac and Rebecca  
and the father of the twelve founders  
of the twelve tribes of Israel. He was  
born holding his twin Brother Esau’s  
heel, and his name is explained as  
meaning “holder of the heel”.

#### **Tomáš**

(Czech form of THOMAS)  
from of the Aramaic name ‘Te’oma’  
which means “twin”.

#### **Adam**

This is the Hebrew word for “man”.  
Adam and Eve were supposedly the  
first humans, living happily in the  
Garden of Eden until Adam ate a  
forbidden fruit given to him by Eve.

## Czech names

### Ondřej

(derives from Greek ‘aner’)  
meaning “man”.

### Martin

from the Roman name Martinus,  
which was derived from Martis,  
the genitive case of the name of the  
Roman god MARS.

### Filip

(from Greek ‘Philippos’)  
meaning “friend of horses”.

### Lukáš

(from Greek ‘Loukas’)  
“from Lucania”. Lucania was a region  
in Italy.

### Vojtěch

derived from the Slavic elements  
‘voi’ meaning “soldier” and ‘tech’  
meaning “consolation”.

### Matěj

(from Hebrew  
‘Mattityahu’)  
meaning “gift of god”.



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## Female First Name

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### Tereza

derived from Greek ‘theros’ meaning  
“summer”, from Greek ‘therizo’  
meaning “to harvest”, or from the  
name of the Greek island of Thera.

### Eliška

(from Hebrew ‘Elisheva’)  
meaning “my God is an oath”.

### Adéla

a short form of names beginning with  
the Germanic element ‘adal’ meaning  
“noble”.

### Natálie

(from Late Latin)  
meaning “Christmas Day”.

### Anna

(from Hebrew - Channah)  
means “favor” or “grace”. Biblical:  
Hannah was the mother of the prophet  
Samuel.

## Czech names

### **Karolína**

Czech feminine form of the Germanic name Karl, which was derived from a Germanic word which meant “man”.

### **Kristýna**

feminine form of CHRISTIAN, from a Medieval Latin name that meant “Christian”.

### **Aneta**

(Czech form of ANNA, from Hebrew - Channah)  
means “favor” or “grace”.

### **Nikola**

(from the Greek ‘Nikolaos’)  
meaning “victory of the people”.

### **Kateřina**

(form of KATHERINE, from the Greek name - Aikaterine)  
Probably from ‘hekateros’ meaning “each of the two”, or from the name of the goddess HECATE. Other possibilities are ‘aikia’ meaning “torture”, or a Coptic name meaning “my consecration of your name”



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## Surname

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### **Novák**

(derived from Slavic ‘novy’)  
meaning “new”. Originally a name for someone who was new to a village.

### **Svoboda**

means “freedom” in Czech.

### **Novotný**

derived from Slavic ‘novy’)  
meaning “new”. Originally a name for someone who was new to a village.

### **Černý**

means “black” in Czech.

### **Procházka**

(derived from Czech ‘prochazet’)  
meaning “to wander”.

### **Kučera**

means “curl” in Czech.

## Czech names

### **Veselý**

means “cheerful” in Czech.

### **Horák**

(derived from Czech ‘hora’)  
meaning “mountain”.

### **Němec**

means “German” in Czech.

## Hungarian names



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### Male First Name

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### **Bence**

(Hungarian form of VINCENT)  
- from a Roman name, derived  
from Latin ‘vincere’ meaning “to  
conquer”.

### **Máté**

(Hungarian form of Hebrew  
‘Mattityahu’) - meaning “gift of god”.

### **Balázs**

(Hungarian form of BLAISE) - From  
the Roman name ‘Blasius’ which  
meant “lispings”.

### **Dávid**

(derived from Hebrew) - meaning  
“beloved”. Biblical: David was the  
second and greatest of the kings of  
Israel. He defeated Goliath, the giant  
Philistine.

### **Daniel**

(from Hebrew) - meaning “God is my  
judge.”

# Hungarian names

## **Tamás**

(Hungarian form of THOMAS) - from of the Aramaic name 'Te'oma' which means "twin".

## **Ádám**

This is the Hebrew word for "man". Adam and Eve were supposedly the first humans, living happily in the Garden of Eden until Adam ate a forbidden fruit given to him by Eve.

## **Péter**

from the Greek 'Petros' meaning "stone".

## **Gergő**

(derived from Greek 'gregoros') - meaning "watchful, alert".



## **Female First Name**

## **Anna**

(from Hebrew - Channah) - means "favor" or "grace". Biblical: Hannah was the mother of the prophet Samuel.

## **Viktória**

derived from Roman name meaning "victor" in Latin.

## **Vivien**

from a Roman, derived from Latin 'vivus' meaning "alive".

## **Zsófia**

(Hungarian form of SOPHIA) - Means "wisdom" in Greek.

## **Petra**

(feminine form of PETER) - from the Greek 'Petros' meaning "stone".

## **Dorina**

from Dorian. First used by Oscar Wilde in his novel 'The Picture of Dorian Gray'.

## **Fanni**

from Late Latin name 'Franciscus' meaning "Frenchman".

## **Eszter**

(Hungarian form of ESTHER) - Possibly means "star" in Persian. Alternatively it could be a Hebrew form of ISHTAR, the name of a Persian goddess.

# Hungarian names



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## Surname

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### **Nagy**

meaning “big” or “great” in Hungarian .

### **Kovács**

means “forger” or “smith” in Hungarian.

### **Tóth**

derived from ‘tót’, a nickname for Slovaks in Hungary.

### **Szabó**

means “tailor” in Hungarian.

### **Horváth**

means “person from Croatia” in Hungarian .

### **Varga**

means “cobbler” in Hungarian.

### **Kiss**

meaning “small” in Hungarian.

### **Molnár**

meaning “miller” in Hungarian.

### **Németh**

Means “German” in Hungarian.

### **Farkas**

Means “wolf” in Hungarian.



# Swedish names



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## Male First Name

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### Lucas

(from Greek ‘Loukas’)  
“from Lucania”. Lucania was a region in Italy.

### Oscar

(derived from Gaelic)  
means “deer lover”.

### William

(from German name Wilhelm)  
composed of the elements will  
“will, desire” and helm “helmet,  
protection”.

### Elias

(from Hebrew ‘Eliyyahu’)  
meaning “my God is god”.

### Filip

(from Greek ‘Philippos’)  
meaning “friend of horses”.

### Hugo

(from Germanic ‘hug’)  
meaning “heart”, “mind”, or “spirit”.

### Viktor

a Roman name meaning “victor” in Latin.

### Isak

(from Hebrew ‘Yitzchaq’)  
meaning “he laughs”. Biblical: Isak was the son of Abraham and the father of Esau and Jacob.

### Alexander

(from Greek -Alexandros)  
meaning “defending men”

### Emil

From the Roman family name,  
derived from Latin ‘aemulus’  
meaning “rival”.



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## Female First Name

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### Emma

(derived from Germanic ‘ermen’)  
meaning “whole” or “universal”.

# Swedish names

## Maja

(from Hebrew ‘Miryam’)

The meaning is not known for certain, but there are several theories including “sea of bitterness”, “rebelliousness”, and “wished for child”. However it was most likely originally an Egyptian name perhaps derived in part from ‘mry’ “beloved” or ‘mr’ “love”.

## Agnes

(derived from Greek ‘hagnos’)

meaning “chaste”.

## Julia

(feminine form of JULIUS)

a Roman family name, possibly derived from Greek ‘ioulos’ meaning “downy-bearded”.

## Alva

Feminine form of ALF, Derived from Old Norse ‘alfir’ meaning “elf”.

## Linnéa

from the name of the twinflower, named by the Swedish botanist Carolus Linnaeus, who named it after himself, for being his favorite flower.

## Wilma

(feminine form of WILHELM)

composed of the Germanic elements ‘wil’ meaning “will, desire” and ‘helm’ meaning “helmet, protection”.

## Ida

(derived from Germanic ‘id’)

meaning “work, labor”. This is the name of a mountain on the island of Crete where, according to Greek myth, the god Zeus was born.

## Alice

from Germanic ‘Adalheidis’, composed of the elements ‘adal’ meaning “noble” and ‘heid’ meaning “kind, sort, type”.

## Elin

from Greek ‘helene’)

meaning “torch” or “cosposant”,

# Swedish names



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## Surname

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### **Johansson**

means “son of Johan”, derived from the Hebrew ‘Yochanan’, meaning “god is gracious”.

### **Andersson**

means “son of Andrew”, derives from Greek ‘aner’ meaning “man”.

### **Karlsson**

means “son of Karl”, derived from a Germanic word which meant “man”.

### **Nilsson**

means “son of Nils”, from Greek ‘Nikolaos’ meaning “victory of the people”.

### **Eriksson**

means “son of Erik”, from Old Norse ‘Eiríkr’, derived from ‘ei’ meaning “ever” and ‘ríkr’ meaning “ruler”.

### **Larsson**

means “son of Lars”, from the

Roman cognomen “of Laurentum”.

Laurentum was a city in ancient Italy, its name probably derived from Latin ‘laurus’ meaning “laurel”.

### **Olsson**

means “son of Olaf”, from Old Norse ‘Áleifr’ meaning “ancestor’s descendent”.

### **Persson**

means “son of Per”, derived from Greek ‘Petros’ meaning “stone”.

### **Svensson**

means “son of Sven”, from Old Norse ‘Sveinn’ meaning “boy”.

# Norwegian names



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## Male First Name

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### Markus

Roman name, probably derived from the name of the Roman god MARS.

### Mathias

(from Hebrew -Mattityahu) -"gift of god".

### Jonas

(from Hebrew - Yonah) meaning "dove". Biblical: this was the name of a prophet swallowed by a fish.

### Kristian

from a Medieval Latin name that meant "Christian".

### Tobias

(from Hebrew 'Toviyah') meaning "god is good".

### Alexander

(from Greek -Alexandros) meaning "defending men"

### Adrian

from the Roman cognomen 'Hadrianus', meaning "from Hadria" in Latin. Hadria was a town in northern Italy

### Henrik

(from German 'Heimiric') meaning "home ruler",

### Andreas

(derived from Greek 'aner') meaning "man"

### Martin

from the Roman name 'Martinus', which was derived from 'Martis', the genitive case of the name of the Roman god MARS.



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## Female First Name

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### Emma

(derived from Germanic 'ermen') meaning "whole" or "universal".

## Norwegian names

### **Thea**

(feminine form of ‘Theodoros’)  
meaning “gift of God”, or

### **Ida**

(derived from Germanic ‘id’)  
meaning “work, labor”. This is the  
name of a mountain on the island  
of Crete where, according to Greek  
myth, the god Zeus was born.

### **Sara**

(from Hebrew) means “lady” or  
“princess”. Biblical: This was the  
name of the wife of Abraham. She  
became the mother of Isaac at the age  
of 90.

### **Julie**

(feminine form of JULIUS)  
a Roman family name, possibly  
derived Greek ‘ioulos’ meaning  
“downy-bearded”.

### **Emilie**

(feminine form of Aemilius)  
Aemilius was a Roman family  
name, which was derived from Latin  
‘aemulus’ meaning “rival”.

### **Hanna**

(from Hebrew – Channah)  
“favour” or “grace”. Biblical: Hannah  
was the mother of the prophet Samuel  
in the.

### **Nora**

from Late Latin name which meant  
“honor”.

### **Malin**

short form of MAGDALENE, from a  
title which meant “of Magdala”. Mary  
Magdalene, a character in the New  
Testament, was named thus because  
she was from Magdala  
a village on the Sea of Galilee whose  
name meant “tower” in Hebrew.

### **Ingrid**

from Old Norse ‘Ingríðr’ meaning  
“Ing is beautiful”. Ing is name of a  
Norse god.

# Norwegian names



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## Surname

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### **Hansen**

means “son of Hans”, derived from Hebrew ‘Yochanan’ meaning “god is gracious”.

### **Olsen**

means “son of Ole”, from Old Norse ‘Áleifr’ meaning “ancestor’s descendent”.

### **Johansen**

means “son of Johan”, derived from the Hebrew ‘Yochanan’, meaning “god is gracious”.

### **Larsen**

means “son of Lars”, from the Roman cognomen “of Laurentum”. Laurentum was a city in ancient Italy, its name probably derived from Latin ‘laurus’ meaning “laurel”.

### **Andersen**

means “son of Anders”, derives from Greek ‘aner’ meaning “man”.

### **Nilsen**

means “son of Nils”, from Greek ‘Nikolaos’ meaning “victory of the people”

### **Pedersen**

means “son of Peder”, derived from Greek ‘Petros’ meaning “stone”.

### **Kristiansen**

means “son of Kristian”, from a Medieval Latin name that meant “Christian”.

### **Jensen**

means “son of Jens”, derived from the Hebrew ‘Yochanan’, meaning “god is gracious”.

### **Karlsen**

means “son of Karl”, derived from a Germanic word which meant “man”.

# Finnish names



## Male First Name

### **Voitto**

means “victory” in Finnish.

### **Eetu**

(Finnish form of EDWARD)  
means “rich guard”.

### **Aleksi**

(from Greek ‘Alexios’)  
meaning “helper” or “defender”.

### **Joonas**

(Finnish form of JONAH, from Hebrew Yonah)  
meaning “dove”. Biblical: this was the name of a prophet swallowed by a fish.

### **Elias**

(from Hebrew ‘Eliyyahu’)  
meaning “my God is god”.

### **Juho**

(Finnish form of JOHN, derived from Hebrew ‘Yochanan’)  
meaning “god is gracious”.

### **Lauri**

(from the Roman cognomen “of Laurentum”)  
Laurentum was a city in ancient Italy, its name probably derived from Latin ‘laurus’ meaning “laurel”.

### **Arttu**

(Finnish short form of ARTHUR)  
derived from British ‘art’ meaning “bear” and with ‘viros’ meaning “man”, derived from Irish ‘art’ meaning “stone”, or a Roman family name ‘Artorius’.

### **Leevi**

(Finnish form of LEVI)  
derived from the word “to accompany” in Hebrew. Levi was the third son of Jacob and Leah, and the ancestor of one of the twelve tribes of the Israelites (the tribe that eventually became the priests of the Israelites).

# Finnish names

## Matias

(from Hebrew -Mattityahu) -"gift of god".



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## Female First Name

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## Emma

(derived from German 'ermen') meaning "whole" or "universal".

## Ella

(an Old German origin) meaning "other, foreign", or a form of HELEN meaning "torch" or "corposant" in Greek.

## Siiri

from Old Norse 'Sigríðr', derived from the elements 'sigr' meaning "victory" and 'fríðr' meaning "beautiful, fair".

## Aino

means "the only one" in Finnish.

## Anni

(from Hebrew - Channah) means "favor" or "grace". Biblical: Hannah was the mother of the prophet Samuel.

## Sara

(from Hebrew) means "lady" or "princess". Biblical: This was the name of the wife of Abraham. She became the mother of Isaac at the age of 90.

## Venla

(Finnish feminine form of WENDEL) meaning "a Vandal". The Vandals were a Germanic tribe who invaded Spain and North Africa in the 5th century.

## Emilia

(feminine form of Aemilius) Aemilius was a Roman family name, which was derived from Latin 'aemulus' meaning "rival".

## Iida

(Finnish form of IDA, derived from Germanic 'id') meaning "work, labor". Ida is the name of a mountain on the island



## Finnish names

of Crete where, according to Greek myth, the god Zeus was born.



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### Surname

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#### **Virtanen**

derived from Finnish ‘virta’ meaning “stream”.

#### **Korhonen**

derived from Finnish ‘korho’ meaning “deaf person”.

#### **Mäkinen**

derived from Finnish ‘mäki’ meaning “hill”

#### **Hämäläinen**

this is a regional name for someone from ‘Häme’ province, in central Finland.

#### **Laine**

derived from Finnish ‘laine’ meaning “wave”.

#### **Koskinen**

derived from Finnish ‘koski’ meaning “waterfall”.

#### **Heikkinen**

derived from German ‘Heinrich’, from ‘Heimiric’, meaning “home ruler”.

#### **Järvinen**

derived from Finnish ‘järvi’ meaning “lake”.

# African names



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## Male First Name

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### **Simba**

means “lion” in Swahili.

### **Jumaane**

means “born on Tuesday” in Swahili.

### **Ayodele**

means “joy has come home” in Yoruba.

### **Oluwaseun**

means “we thank God” in Yoruba.

### **Nnamdi**

means “my father is alive” in Igbo.  
This name is given to a child when it is believed that he is a reincarnation of his grandfather.

### **Ekene**

means “praise” in Igbo.

### **Bongani**

means “be grateful” in Zulu.

### **Kgosi**

means “king, chief” in Tswana.

### **Sipho**

means “gift” in Xhosa.

### **Masamba**

means “leaves” in Yao.



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## Female First Name

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### **Chausiku**

means “born at night” in Swahili.

### **Nia**

means “purpose” in Swahili.

### **Babirye**

means “first of twins” in Luganda.

### **Desta**

means “joy” in Amharic.

### **Ntombi**

means “lady” in Zulu.

# African names

## Lungile

means “the good one” in Zulu.

## Kagiso

means “peace” in Tswana.

## Omolara

means “a child is family” in Yoruba.

## Yejide

means “image of the mother” in Yoruba.

## Nneka

means “my mother is supreme” in Igbo.



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## Surname

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## Anosike

meaning “one who sits securely” in Igbo.

## Diallo

meaning “bold”.

## Keita

meaning “worshiper”.

## Osei

meaning “serious”.

## Diop

probably from ‘Diab’, derived from Arabic “wolf”.

## Jalloh

derived from Arabic ‘jalal’ meaning “greatness, exaltedness”

## Ndiaye

Possibly from Arabic ‘nadīy’ meaning “generous, “open-handed”.

## Toure

means belonging to the ‘Soussou’ or ‘Maninka’, of Guinea.

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