

# RUSSIAN NAMES

| Name                | Diminutives                          | Name                  | Diminutives  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>MEN</b>          |                                      |                       |  |
| <b>Alexandr</b>     | Sasha, Shyura, Sanya                 | <b>Ilya</b>           | Ilyusha, Ilik  |
| <b>Alexei</b>       | Alyosha, Lyosha, Alyoshka, Lyókha    | <b>Iosif / Ossip</b>  | Osyá   |
| <b>Andrei</b>       | Andryusha, Dryusha, Dryushka         | <b>Konstantin</b>     | Kostya, Lotik, Kostik  |
| <b>Anatoli</b>      | Tolya, Tolik                         | <b>Lev</b>            | Lyova, Lyóvushka   |
| <b>Anton</b>        | Antosha, Tasha, Antoshka             | <b>Leonid</b>         | Lonya, Lyénka, Lyonchik  |
| <b>Arkady</b>       | Arkasha, Arik                        | <b>Maxim</b>          | Maks, Maksyúsha, Maksimka  |
| <b>Boris</b>        | Borya, Bórenka                       | <b>Mikhail</b>        | Misha, Mishka, Mishenka, Mishunya  |
| <b>Valentin</b>     | Valya, Valyusha, Valik               | <b>Nikolai</b>        | Kolya, Nika, Nikolka, Nikolasha, Mikhas                                    |
| <b>Vassili</b>      | Vasya, Vásenka, Vassilyók            | <b>Oleg</b>           | Olesha   |
| <b>Viktor</b>       | Vitya, Vitenka, Vityulia             | <b>Pavel</b>          | Pasha, Pavlik  |
| <b>Vladimir</b>     | Volodya, Vova, Volodka, Vlad         | <b>Pyotr</b>          | Petya, Petka, Petrusha, Petrushka, Pétenka                                 |
| <b>Vsevolod</b>     | Seva                                 | <b>Porfiry</b>        |  |
| <b>Vyacheslav</b>   | Vasha, Slava, Slavik, Vyachik        | <b>Rodion</b>         | Rodya, Rodenka   |
| <b>Grigorii</b>     | Grisha, Grishúnya                    | <b>Semyon</b>         | Semya, Syoma, Syómka   |
| <b>Denis</b>        |                                      | <b>Sergei</b>         | Seryozha, Seryóga, Sérzhyk   |
| <b>Dmitri</b>       | Mitya, Dima, Mitri, Mitka, Dimka     | <b>Stepan</b>         | Styopa, Stepka, Styópka, Stepánushka                                       |
| <b>Yevgeni</b>      | Zhenya, Zhénechka                    | <b>Fyodor</b>         | Fedya, Fedka, Fedyusha   |
| <b>Yegor / Igor</b> | Yegorka, Yegorushka                  | <b>Yurii</b>          | Yura, Yurka, Zhora, Zhorik, Zhorzh   |
| <b>Ivan</b>         | Vanya, Vanka, Vanusha, Vanushka      | <b>Yakov</b>          | Yasha / Yacob  |
| <b>WOMEN</b>        |                                      |                       |  |
| <b>Alexandra</b>    | Sasha, Shura, Sanya, Sashenka        | <b>Lidia</b>          | Lida, Lidochka, Lidushka   |
| <b>Anastasia</b>    | Nastya, Nastásyushka, Stasya         | <b>Lyubov</b>         | Lyuba, Lyúbushka   |
| <b>Anna</b>         | Anya, Anyuta, Anusha, Annushka       | <b>Lyudmilla</b>      | Lyuda, Mila, Milochka, Lyúdochka   |
| <b>Antonina</b>     | Tonya                                | <b>Marya</b>          | Masha, Mánya, Músyá, Múra, Marúsya, Máshenka, Mashúnya, Maríchka, Maríchka |
| <b>Avdotia</b>      | Dunya, Dunechka, Dúnyushka           | <b>Marfa</b>          | Marfusha   |
| <b>Valentina</b>    | Valya, Valyusha, Valyushka, Valechka | <b>Nadezhda</b>       | Nadia, Nadyúsha  |
| <b>Varvara</b>      | Varya, Varka, Varéenka, Varyúsha     | <b>Natalia</b>        | Natasha, Nata, Natáshenka  |
| <b>Vera</b>         | Verochka                             | <b>Nina</b>           | Nínochka, Ninúlya  |
| <b>Viktorya</b>     | Vika                                 | <b>Olga / Olechka</b> | Olya, Olyúsha, Ólenka  |
| <b>Darya</b>        | Dasha, Dáshenka                      | <b>Polina</b>         | Polechka, Pavla, Pavlinais, Polia  |
| <b>Yekaterina</b>   | Katya, Katyúsha, Kátenka             | <b>Praskovia</b>      | Pasha, Pashenka  |
| <b>Elyena</b>       | Lena, Lenya, Lulya, Lyalya, Lyolya   | <b>Sophia</b>         | Sonya, Sonyechka   |
| <b>Elizabeta</b>    | Liza, Lizaveta                       | <b>Tamara</b>         | Tamarka, Tamarochka, Toma  |
| <b>Irina</b>        | Yra, Arina, Arinushka, Irisha        | <b>Tatiana</b>        | Tanya, Tanyúsha, Tanechka  |
| <b>Zinaida</b>      | Zina, Yda, Zinka                     |                       |  |

**Diminutives:** In addition to the diminutives above, many Russian given names can add the suffixes *-sha* and *-shka* (Nikolai : Nikolasha, Nikolashka), endings analogous to the English *-y* in Johnny or Danny.

**Patronymics:** A Russian has three names: a given name; a patronymic—formed from the father’s given name—and a family name. The three most common ways of forming the patronymic are:

| <i>Father’s name</i> |          | <i>Son’s patronymic</i> |           | <i>Daughter’s patronymic</i> |
|----------------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| IVAN                 | + ovich  | = Ivanovich             | + ovna    | = Ivanovna                   |
| NIKOLAI              | + yevich | = Nikolayevich          | + yevna   | = Nikolayevna                |
| ILYA                 | + ich    | = Ilyich                | + inichna | = Ilyinichna                 |

**Formality:** Eight of the possible ways of addressing a man, in descending order of formality:

- (1) Gospodin [Mr.] Turgenev (2) Ivan Sergeyeovich Turgenev (3) Ivan Sergeyeovich (4) Ivan (5) Vanya (6) Vanka (7) Vanusha (8) Vanushka.