

RUSSIAN NAMES

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

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

(1) Gospodin [Mr.] Turgenev (2) Ivan Sergeyevich Turgenev (3) Ivan Sergeyevich (4) Ivan (5) Vanya (6) Vanka (7) Vanusha (8) Vanushka. The most commonly used form is given name and patronymic.