

Nombres

Some names in Spanish are cognates and are exactly or almost exactly like the English names. You can probably guess the following names. Notice that many girls' names end in -a and that many boys' names end in -o.

Nombres de muchachas

Alicia
Ana
Andrea
Angela
Bárbara
Beatriz
Brenda
Carmen
Carolina
Clara
Claudia
Cristina

Diana
Dolores
Ester
Eva
Gloria
Irene
Josefina
Laura
Lidia
María
Mónica
Natalia

Olivia
Patricia
Paula
Rebeca
Rosa
Sara
Silvia
Susana
Teresa
Victoria
Virginia



Nombres de muchachos

Alberto
Antonio
Arturo
Benjamín
Bernardo
Cristián
Daniel
David
Donaldo
Eduardo
Ernesto

Gabriel
Gregorio
Hugo
Isaac
Julián
Leonardo
Lorenzo
Manuel
Mario
Martín
Nicolás

Oscar
Ricardo
Roberto
Rolando
Samuel
Simón
Teodoro
Timoteo
Tomás
Vicente
Víctor



Some names, however, don't match very well. Can you match these names with their English equivalents?

Muchachas

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. _____Alegra | a. Jane or Joan |
| 2. _____Amada | b. Rachel |
| 3. _____Aurora | c. Kathy |
| 4. _____Bibiana | d. Phyllis |
| 5. _____Carlota | e. Stephanie |
| 6. _____Catalina | f. Joyce |
| 7. _____Elena | g. Naomi |
| 8. _____Estefanía | h. Dawn |
| 9. _____Francisca | i. Amy |
| 10. _____Felisa | j. Michelle |
| 11. _____Isabel | k. Vivian |
| 12. _____Juana | l. Charlotte |
| 13. _____Micaela | m. Ellen |
| 14. _____Noemí | n. Frances |
| 15. _____Raquel | o. Elizabeth |

Muchachos

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. _____Adán | a. Steven |
| 2. _____Alejandro | b. Ralph |
| 3. _____Carlos | c. Paul |
| 4. _____Cristóbal | d. James |
| 5. _____Enrique | e. Peter |
| 6. _____Esteban | f. Eric |
| 7. _____Felipe | g. Charles |
| 8. _____Guillermo | h. Christopher |
| 9. _____Jaime | i. Alexander |
| 10. _____Jorge | j. Phillip |
| 11. _____Juan | k. George |
| 12. _____Mateo | l. Adam |
| 13. _____Pablo | m. Matthew |
| 14. _____Pedro | n. John |
| 15. _____Rafael | o. William |

Many boys' names have feminine forms and many girls' names have masculine forms.

Agustín	Agustina	José	Josefa
Alberto	Alberta	Julio	Julia
Antonio	Antonia	Lázaro	Lázara
Berto	Berta	Luis	Luisa
Camilo	Camila	Manuel	Manuela
Claudio	Claudia	Marcelo	Marcela
Daniel	Daniela	Octavio	Octavia
Emilio	Emilia	Ramón	Ramona
Enrique	Enriqueta	Roberto	Roberta
Fernando	Fernanda	Rolando	Rolanda
Gabriel	Gabriela	Sandro	Sandra

Here are some common nicknames (apodos). Can you match them with the name they represent?

Apodo

Nombre

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|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. _____ Benito | a. Juan | 1. _____ Anita | a. Juana |
| 2. _____ Beto | b. Carlos | 2. _____ Chabela | b. Mercedes |
| 3. _____ Carlitos | c. Guillermo | 3. _____ Juanita | c. Marcela |
| 4. _____ Chelo | d. Francisco | 4. _____ Leti | d. Francisca |
| 5. _____ Beto | e. Manuel | 5. _____ Lola | e. Ana |
| 6. _____ Juanito | f. Enrique | 6. _____ Lupita | f. María, Isabel |
| 7. _____ Manolo | g. Marcelo | 7. _____ Maribel | g. Dolores |
| 8. _____ Memo | h. Benjamín | 8. _____ Marilú | h. María José |
| 9. _____ Nacho | i. José | 9. _____ Maripepa | i. Isabel |
| 10. _____ Paco, Pancho | j. Humberto | 10. _____ Meche | j. Guadalupe |
| 11. _____ Pepe | k. Ignacio | 11. _____ Mela | k. María Luisa |
| 12. _____ Quique | l. Roberto | 12. _____ Paquita | l. Leticia |

Additionally, the diminutives –ito (boys) and –ita (girls) may be added to many names and nicknames.

Alvarito
Andresito
Jaimito
Jesuscito
Luisito
Manolito
Miguelito
Omarcito
Paquito
Ramoncito

Anita
Chabelita
Evita
Inesita
Judita
Julita
Ofelita
Pepita
Rosita
Sarita

Some names used in Spanish are rarely or never used as names in English. Notice that many of these Spanish names are religious.

Fidel (faithful)
Jesús (Jesus)
Jacinto (hyacinth)
Salvador (savior)
Santiago (Saint James)
Santos (saints)
Serafín (cherub, angel)
Trinidad (trinity)

Blanca (white)
Consuelo (consolation)
Dulce (sweet)
Luz (light)
Milagros (miracles)
Paloma (dove)
Pilar (pillar, column)
Soledad (solitude)

Práctica

Here are two short conversations that you can use to practice your names.

Estudiante 1: ¿Cómo te llamas?

Estudiante 2: Anita. Y tú, ¿cómo te llamas?

Estudiante 1: Me llamo Roberto.

Estudiante 1: Hola, ¿cómo te llamas?

Estudiante 2: Me llamo Jim, pero mi apodo es Diego ¿y tú?

Estudiante 1: Mi nombre es Kimberly pero me llaman Pilar.

El Alfabeto Español

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Examples</u>	
A	a	Adela	Agustin
B	be, be grande	Bárbara	Bartolo
C	ce	Catalina	César
D	de	Diana	Daniel
E	e	Estefanía	Ernesto
F	efe	Felicia	Fernando
G	ge	Gabriela	Gerardo
H	hache	Hortensia	Horacio
I	i	Inés	Iván
J	jota	Julieta	Jesús
K	ca	Kati	Koldo
L	le	Laura	Lorenzo
M	me	Marta	Marcos
N	ne	Natalia	Nicolás
Ñ	eñe	Taña	Iñigo
O	o	Olivia	Oscar
P	pe	Pilar	Plácido
Q	cu	Jaquelina	Quintín
R	ere	Rosa	Raúl
RR	erre		
S	ese	Soledad	Samuel
T	te	Teresa	Tomás
U	u	Ursula	Ulises
V	ve, ve chica	Verónica	Víctor
W	doble ve	Wilma	Wenceslao
X	equis	Ximena	Xavier
Y	i griega	Yolanda	Isidro
Z	zeta	Zenobia	Zacarías