

BABY NAMES



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GIRLS NAMES



NAME	ORIGIN	MEANING
A		
Aaliyah	African	To rise through life. Other spelling: Aliyah
Abigail	Hebrew	A father's joy. Derived from the Hebrew elements abi, meaning father & gail, meaning joy. Name borne by wife of King David. Other spelling: Abbigail, Abagail. Short form: Abbey, Abbie, Abby, Gale, Gayle
Acacia	Greek	Thorny one. From the Greek word akakia, meaning thorns which characterize the Acacia tree.
Adah	Hebrew	Beautiful ornament.
Adara	Greek	Soft & pure.
Addison	Hebrew	Descendant of Adam (from the red earth).
Adela	French	Variation of Adele.
Adelaide	Old German	Noble & kind. Derived from the Old German name Adalheidis, adel meaning noble & heid, meaning kind.
Adele	French	Noble woman. From the Old Germanic element adel, meaning noble & sincere. Other spelling: Adelle, Adell, Adella, Adelia
Adeline	French	Variation of Adele which is a derivative of Adelaide. Other form: Adelina, Adaline
Adrian	English	Variation of the Latin word Hadrianus, meaning person from Hadria - dark & mysterious. Once an important Roman port in northern Italy. The Adriatic Sea was also named after this port & during this time the Roman emperor Hadrianus had Hadrian's wall built in northern England. Other Spelling: Adrien, Adrianne, Hadrian, Hadrien, Adryan. Other form: Adriana
Adrienne	French	French feminine form of Hadrianus (a person from Hadria - dark & mysterious).
Agatha	Greek	Good & honourable woman. From the Greek name Agathe, derived from the Greek word agathos, meaning good & honourable.
Agnes	Greek	Pure & holy. Derived from the Old Greek name Hagne, which was itself derived from the word hagnos, meaning pure & holy.
Ai	Japanese	Love child
Aida	Latin	She who helps.
Aika	Japanese	Love song
Aiko	Japanese	Beloved child
Aileen	Greek	Irish form of Helen (the bright one). Scottish form of Eileen (bright & shining daughter).



Aisha	Arabic	Alive & prospering. Name borne by the third & most popular wife of Muhammad. Derived from the Arabic word <i>asha</i> , meaning to live
Aisling	Irish	She who has a vision & a dream.
Akemi	Japanese	Radiant beauty
Aki	Japanese	Bright autumn
Akiko	Japanese	Bright radiant child born in Autumn
Alaina	French	French form of Alana. Other spelling: Alayna
Alana	Gaelic	Pretty & in harmony. Feminine form of Alan. Other spelling: Alanna
Alba	Latin	Fair skinned. From the Latin word <i>albus</i> , meaning white.
Albertha	Old German	Noble & bright. Feminine form of Albert.
Albertine	Old German	Noble & bright. Feminine form of Albert.
Albina	Latin	Pure as white. From the Latin word <i>albus</i> , meaning white.
Alda	Old German	Wealth & prosperity. From the Old German element <i>aud</i> , meaning prosperity. Other spelling: Aldah
Aleah	Old English	From the settlement. Derived from the Old English element <i>leah</i> , meaning cleared settlement.
Alecia	Greek	Greek form of Alicia. (truthful person)
Aleita	Greek	Truthful & honest person. Derived from the Greek word <i>alethes</i> , meaning truth. Short form: Aletha, Aleta, Alethia
Alena	Latin	Shining light. Other spelling: Alenna
Alene	Arabic	Variation of Alina. (privileged & illustrious). Other spelling: Allene, Aline
Alesha	French	Variation of Alice. (born privileged). Other spelling: Aleisha
Alethea	Greek	Symbol of truth. Name of a sapphire necklace worn by the High Priests of Egypt in medieval times.
Alexandra	Greek	Helper of mankind. From the Greek word <i>alexen</i> , meaning to protect & <i>andros</i> , meaning mankind. Other spelling: Alessandra, Alejandra, Alexina. Short form: Alexia, Alexa, Alex
Alexandria	Greek	Egyptian city named by the famous 4th century BC Macedonian King, Alexandros the Great. Other spelling: Alexandria
Alexis	Greek	Protector & helper. From the Greek name <i>Alexios</i> , containing the element <i>alexo</i> , meaning to protect & help. Other form: Alexis, Alexia, Alexa, Alex
Alfreda	Old English	Wise listener, good counselor. From the Old English name <i>Aelfraed</i> , <i>aelf</i> meaning elf & <i>raed</i> meaning counsel. Counsel with the Elf.
Ali	Arabic	A tribute to Allah. From the Arabic word <i>ala</i> , meaning to ascend to heaven. Other spelling: Alia, Alie, Allie
Alice	French	Born privileged. Originally derived from Adelaide. (noble & kind). Other spelling: Alyce
Alicia	French	Truthful. Variation of Alice. Other spelling: Alycia, Alysia
Alina	Arabic	Illustrious & progressive. Other spelling: Aleena, Alima, Aleema

Alison	French	English form, derived from Alice (born privileged). Other spelling: Allison, Allyson, Alyson
Alissa	Hebrew	Joy. Other spelling: Alisa, Alysa, Alyssa. Other form: Aliza, Alisha, Alysha
Aliyah	Arabic	Ascend to Allah. From the Arabic element ala, meaning to ascend.
Alma	Latin	Nurturing mother. From the Latin word almus, meaning nourish.
Almira	Arabic	The little princess.
Althea	Greek	She who heals. Name derived from a marshmallow plant called Althaia, said to contain healing properties. Short form: Altha
Alvara	Latin	Latin element meaning white. Pure as white. Short form: Alva
Alvina	Old English	Supernatural friend. From the Old English elements ael, meaning elf & wine, meaning friend. Other form: Alvena
Amabelle	Old French	Good natured & friendly. From the Old French word amabel, meaning love. Later to become the English word amiable. Other spelling: Amabel, Amabell
Amalia	Old German	Variation of Amelia (hard working & industrious).
Amanda	Latin	One to be loved. From the Latin word amare, meaning to love. Short form: Mandy, Mandi, Mandie
Amani	Arabic	To be wanted.
Amber	Arabic	Jewel of light. From the Arabic word ambar, a name given to the yellowish resin used to make jewellery & ornaments.
Amelia	Old German	Illustrious & hard working daughter. From the Old German name Amalia, containing the element amal, meaning to toil or work.
Amy	Old French	Beloved one. From the Old French name Amee which was derived from the Latin word amatus, meaning to love. Other spelling: Amie, Amee, Aimee
Ana	Hebrew	Variation of Anne (with grace & favoured by god).
Anabel	French	Modern name coined by blending the Hebrew name Anne (with grace & favoured by god), with the French suffix belle, meaning beautiful. Beautiful Anne, Anna. Other form: Anabelle, Annabell, Annabella
Anastasia	Greek	Resurrection. From the Greek word anatisis, meaning resurrection. Popular Eastern European name.
Anatola	Greek	Girl of the eastern sunrise.
Andrea	Greek	Strong & resilient. Contains the Greek element andr, meaning strength.
Angel	Greek	Messenger. From the Greek word Angelos, meaning messenger of god, bearer of good tidings.
Angela	Greek	Italian & Spanish form of Angel. Other form: Angelia
Angelene	Greek	French form of Angel. Other spelling: Angeline. Other form: Angelina, Angelita

Angelica	Latin	Angelic. From the Latin word angelicus, meaning angel like. Derived originally from the Greek word angelos, meaning messenger of god. Other form: Anjelica, Angelique
Angie	Greek	Short form of Angel. Other spelling: Angee
Anissa	Greek	Variation of the Greek name Agnes (pure & holy).
Anita	Hebrew	Spanish form of Anne.
Annabelle	Hebrew	Beautiful Anna. With the French word belle, meaning beautiful. Other spelling: Annabell. Short form: Belle, Bella
Annamarie	Hebrew	Wanted child & blessed by god. Other form: Annmarie
Anne	Hebrew	With grace & favoured by god. Derived from the Hebrew name Hannah. Name borne by the mother of the Virgin Mary. Other form: Annie, Anna. Short form: Ann, Nan
Annette	Hebrew	French form of Anne (with grace & favoured by god). Other form: Annetta
Annika	Hebrew	East European form of Anne. Other spelling: Anika
Antoinette	French	Praiseworthy & valuable. Derived from a Roman clan name Antonius. Other form: Antonette, Antonetta, Antoinetta, Antonina, Antonia. Short form: Toni
Antonia	Latin	Feminine form of Anthony (praiseworthy & valuable).
April	Latin	Open to the Spring sun. From the Latin word aprilis, meaning to open & face.
Ara	Arabic	Rainmaker. Other spelling: Arra
Arabella	Latin	Yielding to prayer. From the Latin word orabilis, meaning pray.
Ardina	Latin	High spirit. From the Latin element ard, meaning lofty ideals.
Aretha	Greek	Of excellent virtue. Derived from the Greek word arate, meaning excellence. Short form: Areta
Ariana	Welsh	Silver. Other spelling: Arianna
Ariel	Hebrew	Lioness of god. From the biblical place name Ariel. Other spelling: Arielle
Arline	Celtic	One who can pledge. Other form: Arlene, Arleen, Arlie
Arrie	Hindu	Born under a stary sky.
Asako	Japanese	Morning child
Asami	Japanese	Morning flower
Asha	Hindu	My wish. From the Hindu word asa, meaning hope/wish. Other form: Ashah
Ashani	Hindu	Respectful & righteous with hope. From the Hindu word asa, meaning hope/wish.
Ashley	Old English	Taken from several place names in England. Derived from the Old English elements aesc, meaning ash & leah, meaning clearing in the woods. Name given to a person from a settlement in a clearing among Ash trees. Other spelling: Ashlea, Ashlee, Ashleah, Ashleigh, Ashlie, Ashli
Ashlyn	Old English	Variation of Ashley. Other spelling: Ashlynn

Ashton	Old English	From the town with Ash trees. Derived from the Old English elements aesc, meaning ash tree & tun, meaning clearing which became a settlement which became a town.
Aspen	English	Name taken from the popular north American tree Populus Tremulus, who's leaves turn a beautiful yellow in the fall.
Assunta	Hindu	She who will prosper.
Astrid	Scandinavian	Devine beauty. From the Old Norse elements ass, meaning god & frior, meaning beauty.
Athena	Greek	Goddess of wisdom. Variation of Athene, after whom the city of Athens was named.
Atsuko	Japanese	Warm child, industrious
Aubrey	Old German	Supernatural power. From the Old German name Auberic, containing the elements alb, meaning elf or supernatural being & ric, meaning powerful. Other spelling: Aubree, Aubrie, Aubury
Audrey	Noble strength	Radical variation of the Old English name Aeolpryo, containing the elements aeol, meaning noble & pry, meaning strength. Short form: Audie, Audra
Augusta	Latin	Majestic & strong. Derived from the Latin element augere, meaning to expand. Other form: Augustine
Aurea	Latin	A daughter who sparkles like the stars. From the Latin aura, meaning the beautiful night sky.
Aurora	Latin	Beautiful dawn. From the Latin aureus, meaning golden morning. Name borne by the Roman goddess of dawn. French form: Aurore
Autumn	Latin	From the season, derived from the Latin autumnus.
Avis	Latin	Birdlike. From the Latin name Avcia, meaning bird. Short form: Ava
Ayako	Japanese	Scholarly child
Ayanna	Scandinavian	Modern name coined by blending the prefix a to the Slavic name Jana (god is gracious). Other spelling: Ayana
Ayesha	Arabic	Prosperous & fortunate. Other spelling: Ayishah.
Ayla	Arabic	Supreme. Contains the elemnet al, meaning in honour of Allah.
Ayumi	Japanese	She who strolls
Azaria	Hebrew	Helped by god. Derived from the biblical name Azariah.
Azina	Arabic	Beautiful eyes.
Azumi	Japanese	Bright flower

B

Bailey	Latin/ Old French	Latin meaning is a steward or administrative official concerned with court matters (later bailiff). From the Latin word <i>baiulus</i> , meaning official. The Old French meaning refers to the outer wall of a castle, from the Old French word <i>baille</i> , meaning outer wall (of a castle). Old Bailey in London was at some stage the outer wall of the medieval city of London. Other spelling: Bailee, Baylee
Barbara	Greek	Stranger. From the Greek name <i>Barbarus</i> , meaning a person who spoke unintelligible gibberish, (or simply a person who couldn't speak Greek). Short form: Barbra, Barb
Beatrice	Latin	Voyager through life. Derived from the Latin name <i>Viatrix</i> , containing the Latin word <i>viator</i> , meaning blessed life travel. Other form: Beatrix, Beatriz, Trixie
Becky	Aramaic	Short form of Rebecca (she who tends the cattle to bind & keep the family).
Belinda	Old German	Beautiful woman. From the Old French word <i>belle</i> , meaning beautiful & the Old German element <i>lin</i> , referring to the graceful motions of the German Linden (Lime) tree blowing in the breeze.
Bella	Spanish	Short form of Isabella (sworn to God).
Belle	Old French	Beautiful. Often used as a suffix. Janelle, Anabell
Benita	Spanish	Blessed one. Derived from the Latin <i>benedictus</i> , meaning blessed.
Bernadette	Old German	Strong & hard like a bear. From the Old German elements <i>bern</i> , meaning a bear & <i>hard</i> , meaning strong. Other form: Bernadine
Bernadina	Old German	Strong & hard like a bear. Name borne by 11th century Saint Bernard of Menthon who introduced a breed of dog to the Alpine passes to rescue people stranded in snow.
Bernice	Greek	Victory bringer. Derived from <i>Berenice</i> , which was derived from <i>Berenike</i> , which was derived from <i>Pherenike</i> . Other spelling: Berniece.
Bertha	German	Bright & illustrious. From the German word <i>berht</i> , meaning bright & illuminating. Short form: Berta
Beryl	Greek	Taken from the name of a gemstone which is a pale greenish blue semi precious stone.
Beth	Hebrew	Short form of Elizabeth (oath to God).
Bethany	Hebrew	House of figs. Biblical place name outside Jerusalem where Jesus sometimes stayed. Name honors Mary of Bethany, sister of Lazarus. Short form: Beth
Betty	Hebrew	Short form of Elizabeth (oath to God). Other form: Bettie, Bette, Betsy, Bettye
Beulah	Hebrew	Married woman. Name of the prophet Isaiah & applied to the land of Israel.

Beverley	Old English	Taken from a medieval place name Biferlic, in Yorkshire. From the Old English beofor, meaning a beaver, & lic, meaning a stream. The name refers to a woman coming from a settlement beside a beaver stream. Short form: Beverly, Bev
Bianca	Italian	White & pure. Refers to a woman of blonde or fair complexion.
Billie	English	Resolute. Other spelling: Billy
Blair	Gaelic	Popular Scottish name taken from a number of places that refer to a field, presumably a battlefield. From the Gaelic blar, meaning field. Other spelling: Blaire, Blare
Blanche	Old French	Originally a nickname for someone with a fair complexion & light hair (an ideal of beauty at the time). From the Old French word blanc, meaning white & pure. Short form: Blanch, Blanca
Bobbie	Old German	Bright & Famous. From the Old German name Hreodbeorht, hruod, meaning fame & berhta, meaning bright. Other spelling: Bobbi, Bobby
Bonita	Spanish	Pretty woman.
Bonnie	Latin	Originally from the Latin word bonus, meaning good. Used as a nickname in Scotland as a term for good, fine or pretty. Other spelling: Bonie, Bonny
Brea	English	Short form of Sabrina, Bridget, Gabrielle. Other spelling: Bree, Breah
Breana	English	Variation of Sabrina (name borne from Welsh mythology of Sabrina, illegitimate child of King Lochrine of Wales. Sabrina & her mother were subsequently drowned on the orders of the jealous Queen Gwendolen. The river where they were drowned was later named Sabrina then later Severn. Other form: Brenna, Breanne
Brenda	Scandinavian	Strong as the sword. From the Latin word brandr, meaning sword. Other form: Brenna
Bria	Celtic	Short form of Brianna.
Brianna	Celtic	Strong honourable name meaning high position & noble. Other form: Briana, Bryana, Brianne, Breonna
Bridget	Gaelic	The exalted one. From the Gaelic word briget, meaning exalted. Name borne by St Brigid of Kildare, a patron saint of Ireland. Other spelling: Bridgette, Brigid, Brigitte - French form.
Bridie	Celtic	Strong & feminine.
Brielle	Hebrew	Short form of Gabrielle (a woman of & who seeks strength from god).

Brittany	Latin	Taken from the French province of Brittany. Derived originally from the medieval word Britannia. Other form: Britany, Britney, Britni, Brittani, Brittanie, Brittney, Brittni
Bronwyn	Welsh	White breast. Refers to someone who's fair & pure. From the Welsh words bron, meaning breast, & wen meaning white or fair. Other form: Bronwen
Brooke	Old English	Name given to a person who lived near a brook or other water stream. From the Old English word broc, meaning brook or stream. Other spelling: Brook
Brooklyn	English	Modern name coined by blending Brooke & Lynn.

C

Caitlin	Gaelic	Modern name coined by combining Catherine & Lynn. Other spelling: Caitlyn, Katelyn
Callie	Gaelic	One who comes, from the Galeic word call.
Camilla	Latin	Attendant at a ceremony. Derived from the old Roman name Camillus. Other form: Camilia, Camilia, Camelia
Camille	Latin	French form of Camilla.
Candace	Latin	Whiteness & purity. From the Latin word canditia, meaning pure white. Other spelling: Candice. Short form: Candy
Candy	American	Bright & sweet. Also a short form of Candace.
Cara	Gaelic	Beloved friend. From the Latin name Karus, meaning someone dear. Other spelling: Kara
Carey	Gaelic	Variation of Cara. Other spelling: Carrie, Cary, Kari. Other form: Carina, Carissa
Carina	Gaelic	Dear one. Derived from Cara. Other spelling: Karina
Carla	Old German	Derived from the Old German name Charal, meaning free person.
Carly	Old German	Variation of Carla. Other form: Carley, Carleigh, Carli, Carlie, Carlee, Carlene, Carleen, Karly, Karlee, Karlie, Karleigh
Carmel	Hebrew	Garden or orchard. Taken from the name of a mountain near Haifa in the Holy land, meaning beauty & a happy life. Name borne by the Virgin Mary with her title "Our lady of Carmel". Other form: Carmela, Carmella
Carmen	Hebrew	Spanish form of Carmel.
Carol	Old German	Strong & womanly. Derived from the Old German name Charal, meaning free person. Other spelling: Caroll, Caryl, Karol
Carole	Old German	French form of Carol
Carolina	Old German	Variation of Carol. North & South Carolina in the US were named after the British King, Charles the Ist.
Caroline	Old German	Latin & Italian variation of Carolina. Other form: Carolyn
Casey	Irish	Watchful & vigilant. From the popular Irish name Cathasach. Other spelling: Casy, Cassie, Kasey, Kasie, Kaci

Cassandra	Greek	She who can prophesize. Name borne by a Trojan Princess with the gift of prophecy but whom no one would believe. Other form: Casandra, Kassandra, Kasandra. Short form: Cassie, Sandra
Cassidy	Irish	One with "bent" curly hair. Derived from the Irish Gaelic name. O Caiside. Other form: Kassidy
Catherine	Greek	Variation of Katherine (pure & clear like crystal). Other form: Catherina, Catharine, Cathrine, Cathryn. Short form: Cathy, Cathey, Cathi, Cathie
Cathleen	Greek	Variation of Catherine. Other form: Catalina
Cecilia	Latin	Unseeing what's happening. Dim sighted. From the Latin word caecus, meaning blind. Name borne by the 3rd century Saint Cecelia who is the patron saint of music. Other spelling: Cecelia
Celeste	Latin	Heavenly woman. From the Latin word caelestis, meaning heaven. Other form: Celestine
Celia	Latin	Heavenly woman. From the Latin & Roman name Caelia, derived from caelum, meaning heavenly. Other form: Zaylie
Celina	Latin	Girl of the moon.
Celine	French	Girl of the moon.
Chandler	Old French	Occupational name for someone who made & sold candles. From the Old French word chandele, meaning candle.
Chanel	French	Lovely fragrance. From the French word chanel.
Chantal	French	Resolute as stone. Taken from a stony place in southern France. Derived fom the French word cantal, meaning stone. Other form: Chantel, Shantel, Shantelle
Charla	Old German	Short form of Charlene or Charlie.
Charlene	Old German	Free woman. Modern named derived from Charles (strong & free). Other spelling: Charleen, Charlyne, Sharlene
Charlie	Old German	Variation of Charles.
Charlotte	French	French feminine form of Charles (strong & free).
Charmaine	English	Modern 20th century name coined by adding aine to charm, as with Lorraine.
Chasity	Latin	Pure, undefiled. From the latin word castus, meaning pure in soul.
Chaya	Hebrew	She who enjoys life.
Chelsea	Old English	Taken from place name in south-west London on the river Thames meaning place for chalk & lime. Name borne by the daughter of President Clinton. Other spelling: Chelsey, Chelsie, Chelsi
Cherry	Middle English	Taken from the fruit of the same name. Originally derived from the Old French word cherise. Other spelling: Cherri, Cheri, Cherie

Cheryl	English	Modern 20th century name coined by combining Cherry with Beryl. Other spelling: Cheryle, Sherryl, Sherrill, Sherry
Cheyenne	Native American	Name taken from a tribe of American Indians who dwelled on what is now the US state of Wyoming. Other form: Cheyanne
Chiako	Japanese	Lives for one thousand mornings
Chie	Japanese	Wisdom, & blessings
Chieko	Japanese	Wise child, thousand blessings
Chiharu	Japanese	Lives for one thousand springs
Chikako	Japanese	Lives for one thousand years
Chisato	Japanese	Stay put for 1000 years
Chiyo	Japanese	Beloved for a thousand years
Chiyoko	Japanese	Beloved for a thousand years
Chloe	Greek	Young green shoot. Refers to tenderness & youth similar to a young plant. From the Greek name Khloris, the Greek goddess of plants.
Chris	Greek	From the Greek word Christianos which means Christian & follower of Christ. Short form of: Christa, Christen, Christi, Christian, Christiana, Christie, Christin, Christina, Christy
Christine	Greek	From the Greek word Christianos, which means Christian & follower of Christ. The name Christ comes from the Hebrew translation Messiah or anointed one. Other form: Christina
Ciara	Irish	Black. Other spelling: Cierra, Ciera. Other form: Cinda
Cindy	English	Modern 20th century name coined as late as the 1950's. It is the short form of Cynthia & Lucinda. Other spelling: Cindi
Clancy	Gaelic	Fiery fighter. Derived from the medieval Irish clan name Mac Fhlannchaidh, containing the element flann, meaning red or fiery. Other spelling: Clancey
Clare	Latin	Bright & clear. Variation of Clara, from the Latin name Clarus. French spelling: Claire. Other form: Claribel, Clarice, Clarissa
Claudia	Latin	French name derived from the Latin/ Roman name Claudius, which itself was derived from Claudus, meaning lame or crippled. Other form: Claudie, Claudine, Claudette, Gladys
Clementine	Latin	Mild gentle & merciful. From the Latin name Clemens, which became the basic element in the word clemency. Other form: Clementina, Clemmie
Cleo	Greek	To be acclaimed & praised. Other form: Cleora
Colleen	Gaelic	Irish variation of the Gaelic word cailin, meaning girl. Other spelling: Coleen. Other form: Colette
Collette	Greek	Victory to the people. Feminine variation of Collin or Nicholas. Other spelling: Collett, Collete
Connie	Latin	Short form of Constantina, Constance,
Consetta	Latin	Hard & industrious child. Other spelling: Concetta, Conseta
Constantina	Latin	Steadfast. From the Latin constans, meaning constant.

Consuelo	Latin	Place of comfort & refuge.
Cora	Greek	Maiden. From the Greek word kore, meaning maiden or girl.
Coral	Latin	From the sea. Modern 20th century name derived from the Latin word corallium. One of a number of names taken from gem stones around the turn of the 20th century. Other form: Coralie
Cordelia	Latin	Kind hearted. From the Latin cordis, meaning heart. Short form: Cordie, Cordia
Corey	Irish	Good & peaceful person. Other spelling: Cory, Cori, Corrie. Other form: Corene
Corinna	Greek	Maiden. From the Greek word kore, meaning maiden or girl. French form: Corrine
Cornelia	Latin	The horn of plenty. Old Roman family name from the Latin word cornu, meaning horn. Short form: Cornell
Courtney	Old French	Name taken from a number of places in Northern France called Courtenay, meaning domain of the Roman baronial family Curtius. Other spelling: Cortney, Kourtney, Kortney
Crystal	Greek	From the Greek word Christophorus, meaning bearing Christ. Important name for early Christians who were figuratively bearing Christ in their hearts. Other spelling: Cristal, Krystle, Krystal
Cynthia	Greek	Goddess of the moon. Derived from the Greek name Kynthos. Short form: Cynthie, Cynthia, Cindy

D

Dahlia	Hebrew	Flowering branch. Other form: Daliah
Daisy	Old English	Derived from the name of the flower daegeseage, meaning day's eye & refers to the daisy opening its gold petals in the morning and closing them in the evening.
Dale	Old English	One who lives in the valley. Other spelling: Dayle
Dallas	Gaelic	Resting in the meadow. Taken from the place name Dalfhas, in Morayshire which was derived from dallais, meaning at the meadow. Traditionally used as a nights resting place by cattle drovers. Dallas Texas named after George Dallas (1792-1864) former Vice President of the United States (1845-1849).
Damaris	Greek	Calf (perhaps a reference to, as tender & innocent as one!).
Dana	Hebrew	Scandinavian short form of Danielle (god is my judge).
Danielle	Hebrew	God is my judge. Taken from the original Israelite tribe of Dan & the element el, meaning God. Other form: Danyelle, Daniella, Daniela, Danette, Danica, Danita
Daphne	Greek	From the flower dafni, meaning laurel bush.
Dara	Gaelic	Daughter of the oak. Irish variation of the Gaelic word dair, meaning oak tree. Other spelling: Darragh

Darcy	Celtic	The dark one, in reference to a dark complexion. From the Celtic word darhk, meaning dark.
Darian	Gaelic	Modern name with no apparent meaning but possibly a variation of Marian.
Darla	English	Short form of Darlene.
Darlene	English	Modern 20th century name coined by adding a feminine ene to darling. Other spelling: Darleen
Dawn	English	Modern 20th century name taken from dawn, meaning daybreak. Possible connection to the Latin aurora, meaning daybreak or dawn.
Dayna	Scandinavian	A woman from Denmark.
Deanna	English	Modern 20th century name derived from Diana & coined in 1936 by singer & film star Deanne Durbin. Other form: Deana, Deanne
Deborah	Hebrew	Buzz like a bee. Biblical name in reference to the industrious work ethic of a bee. Also signifies perfection & eloquence. Short form: Debrah, Debra, Debora, Debbie, Debby, Debi
Deena	Old German	Short form of Bernadina, (strong & hard like a bear). Other spelling: Dinah. Short form: Dee
Deirdre	Irish	Broken hearted. Name borne by "Deirdre of the Sorrows", heroine of Celtic legend who was betrothed to a King of Ulster but instead eloped with one of the Kings sons. The son was killed & Deirdre died of a broken heart. Other spelling: Deidre
Delanie	Old French	Strong as the Alder tree. Taken from any number of places in France that are situated close to Alder trees. Derived from the word aunaie, meaning alder tree. Other spelling: Delaney
Delia	Greek	Warm & kind. Taken from the beautiful Greek island Delos, birthplace of the moon goddess Artemis. Other spelling: Delya
Delilah	Hebrew	Delighted one. Name borne by the mistress of Samson who tricked him into revealing that his strength lay in his hair. She then cut off his hair and betrayed him to the Philistines. Short form: Della
Dell	Old English	From the valley. Taken straight from the Old English word dell, meaning valley. Other form: Della
Delma	German	She who can protect.
Delphine	French	Woman from Delphi, an ancient city in Greece. Derived from Delphina. Short form: Delphia
Delta	Greek	Taken from the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet.
Demetria	Greek	Derived from Demeter, the Greek goddess of agriculture. Short form: Demi
Demi	Greek	Short form of Demetria.

Denise	Greek	Devine one. French form of Dionysos, known as the god of wine. Other spelling: Denice
Denna	Hebrew	From a noble & just family.
Desiree	Latin	Desirable woman. French form of the Latin Desiderata, meaning long for.
Destiny	French	One of fate. From the Old French destinee, meaning fate. Other form: Destina, Destine, Destini, Dessie
Diana	Latin	Devine woman. Derived from the Latin Divia, goddess of the moon & the hunt. Other spelling: Dianna
Diane	Latin	French form of Diana. Other spelling: Dianne, Dian, Diann
Dina	Hebrew	The judged one. From the Hebrew din, meaning judgement. Name borne by the daughter of Jacob & Leah. Other spelling: Dinah
Dixie	English	Ten. Originated as a nickname for a ten dollar bill in the American deep south. Dix is the French Cajun word for ten.
Dolores	Spanish	Woman of sorrow. Refers to the seven sorrows of the Virgin Mary. Maria de los Dolores. From the Spanish dolor, meaning sorrow. Other form: Delores, Deloris, Delois
Dominique	Latin	Belonging to the Lord & a servant of God. From the Latin word Dominus, meaning the lord. Other form: Domonique, Dominique, Domenica, Dominga
Donna	Latin	Lady of the house. From the Latin word dominus, meaning master which was derived from domus, meaning house. Short form of Madonna, the Virgin Mary. Other form: Dona, Donita, Danna
Dora	English	Modern 20th century name derived possibly from a short form of Dorothy.
Doreen	Irish	The quiet one. Derived from the Irish name Doirean, meaning reserved. Other spelling: Dorene, Dorine,
Doretha	Greek	Modern name as a variation of Dorothy (gift of God).
Dorinda	Greek	Modern name coined by blending any number of names starting with Dor, & Linda.
Doris	Greek	Gifted. Name derived from a district in Greece that was inhabited by a tribe called the Dorians. From the element doron, meaning gift. Other form: Dorita, Dorris
Dorothy	Greek	Gift of God. Variation of Dorothea, doros, meaning gift & theos, meaning god. Other form: Dorothea, Dortha, Dorthy, Dolly, Dollie
Dovie	Latin	Dove. From the Latin dov, meaning white bird of peace.

E

Eaba	Hebrew	Variation of Eve & Eava (consecrated to god). Eeba, Eiba
Earlene	Old English	Occupational name for someone having worked in a noble household. From the Old English word Eorl, meaning person of nobility. Other spelling: Earline
Ebony	Greek	Dark or black. From the Greek ebenos, meaning black wood, for carving & working. Other spelling: Eboni
Eden	Hebrew	Delighted one. From a place of pleasure & prosperity. (the garden of eden)
Edith	Old English	Riches with striffe. From the name Eadgyth, ead, meaning rich & gyth, meaning trouble. Other spelling: Edythe, Edyth
Edna	Hebrew	One who derives pleasure. From the Hebrew word ednah, meaning delight or pleasure.
Edwina	Old English	Rich & generous friend. From the Old English elements ead, meaning wealth & win, meaning friend.
Effie	Greek	Well spoken.
Eiko	Japanese	Good child. Long living child
Eileen	Irish	Derived from Eibhlin, meaning light or fair skinned. Ultimately a variation of Evelyn (fruit of wisdom).
Elaine	Greek	Girl who shines. From the Greek word helius, meaning sun or Helios, the Greek sun god. The English variation of Helen & short form of Eleanor. Other form: Elaina
Elda	Old English	To become an old & wise protector.
Eldora	Spanish	Coated in gold.
Eleanor	Old German	Foreigner. From the name Alienor, containing the Old German elements ali, meaning foreign or other. Other form: Eleanora, Elenora, Eleanore, Elinor
Elena	Greek	Italian & Spanish form of Helen (the bright one).
Eleri	Welsh	From the elder tree island. Other spelling: Ellerie
Elfreda	Old English	Supernatural strength. From the Old English name Aelfpryo, aelf, meaning elf (supernatural being) & pryo, meaning strength. Other form: Elffrieda, Elfriede
Eliana	Hebrew	God has answered my prayers. Contains the Hebrew element el, meaning an acknowledgement of god's work.
Elisha	Hebrew	God is my savior. Other spelling: Elysha, Eliesha
Elizabeth	Hebrew	Oath to God. Derived from Elisheba. From the elements el, meaning god & sheba, meaning oath. Name borne by John the Baptist's mother. Other forms: Elisabeth, Elisha, Elissa, Elisa, Eliza, Beth, Liz
Ella	Old German	All encompassing. From the Old German name Alia, meaning all.
Ellen	Greek	English variation of Helen (the bright one).
Ellie	English	Short form for names beginning with El.
Elma	German	Under god's protection.

Elmira	Spanish	From a noble family.
Elna	German	Variation of Elma.
Elnora	Latin	From the heavens.
Eloise	Old French	Derived from the Old French name Heloise, which is a female variation of Louis (famous warrior). Other form: Elouise, Eloisa
Elsie	English	Short form of Elizabeth. Short form: Else, Elsa
Elva	Irish	Elf like. Other form: Elvera, Elvira
Elyse	Hebrew	Short variation of Elizabeth (oath to god). Other form: Elyssa
Emelia	Old German	Variation of Emily & Amelia (Illustrious & hard working daughter). Other spelling.: Emilia
Emerald	Greek	Taken from the green gemstone of the same name. Variation of Esmeralda.
Emi	Japanese	Smile
Emiko	Japanese	Smiling child
Emily	Old German	Striving.& Industrious. From the Old German name Aemilia, which become Amelia. Contains the Old German element amil, meaning to toil or work. Other spelling: Emilee, Emilie
Emma	Old German	Complete woman. Derived from the Old German name Ermintrude, containing the Old German element erm, meaning entire. Other form: Emmeline, Emmie, Emmy
Ena	Gaelic	Strong willed. From the Gaelic name Eithne. Name borne by one of Queen Victoria's granddaughters Princess Ena who became Queen of Spain in 1906. Other form: Ina
Enid	Celtic	Soulful. From the Welsh word enaid, meaning soul.
Eri	Japanese	Blessed prize
Erica	Latin	Scandinavian name meaning strong leader. Contains the Old Norse elements ei, meaning always, & rik, meaning ruler. Other spelling: Ericha, Ericka, Erika
Erika	Japanese	Blessed prize
Erin	Gaelic	From Ireland. Derived from the Irish Gaelic name Eirinn which was derived from Eire, meaning Ireland. Other form: Erina
Ernestine	German	From the German word ernst, meaning vigor. One who proceeds with purpose & sincerity. Other form: Ernestina
Esmeralda	Spanish	Spanish form of Emerald.
Estefania	Spanish	She who will be crowned.
Estella	Latin	Bright crystal. French variation of the Latin word stella, meaning star. Other form: Estela, Estelle, Estell. Short form: Essie, Essy
Ester	Persian	Short form of Esther (star Venus). Other spelling: Esta, Hester

Esther	Persian	Star Venus. Biblical name borne by Jewish captive who rose through her own intelligence to become Queen of Persia with King Ahasuerus in the 5th century BC. Her Hebrew name was Hadassah but changed later by a cousin to Esther.
Etha	Scandinavian	Light & nimble.
Ethel	Old English	Noble woman. From the Old English element ethel, meaning noble. Other form: Ethelyn, Ethyl
Etsuko	Japanese	Joyful child
Etsuyo	Japanese	Joy for generations
Eugenia	Greek	From the Greek word eugenes, meaning well-born with a bright future. Other form: Eugenie. Short form: Gene
Eulalia	Greek	Sweetly spoken. From the Greek elements eu, meaning good & lalia, meaning to talk. Short form: Eulah, Eula
Euna	Hindu	Warm with life like spring.
Eunice	Greek	Good Victory. From the Greek elements eu, meaning good & nike, meaning victory.
Eva	Latin	Latin form of Eve (breath of life).
Eve	Hebrew	Breath of life. The first woman, created from one of Adam's ribs. Derived from the Hebrew word hayya, meaning life. Other form: Evie
Evelyn	French	Hazelnut. Referring to the Celtic fruit of wisdom. Other form: Eveline, Evelyne, Evlin, Evalyn

F

Fabiola	Italian	Bean grower.
Faith	Latin	Trusting in god. Along with Charity & Hope makes up the three virtues of a good Christian.
Fathiya	Arabic	Victorious one.
Fatima	Arabic	She who can resist or abstain from sin.
Fay	English	Nickname for someone considered trustworthy & loyal, & even someone a bit mystical. Sometimes used as a short form of Faith. Other spelling: Faye, Fae
Felicity	Latin	The lucky one. Derived from Felicitas, the Roman goddess of luck. Other form: Felicia, Felicita
Felipa	Greek	Variation of Philippa (lover of horses).
Fiona	Gaelic	White or fair complexion. From the Gaelic word fionn, meaning white. Other spelling: Fionna
Flora	Latin	Flower child. From the Latin floris, meaning flower & refers to a child flourishing like a flower.
Florence	Latin	Flourish & blossom. From the Latin name Florentius, which was derived from florere, meaning to bloom. Short form: Florey, Florrie, Flo
Fran	Old French	Short form of Frances.

Frances	Old French	French or denoting a French person. From the Old French word <i>franciscus</i> , meaning a free person. This was in reference to the Franks (Germanic tribes) fighting themselves free of Roman authority. Other form: Francis, Francesca, Francine, Francisca
Frieda	German	Peaceful leader. From the Old German elements <i>frid</i> , meaning peace & <i>ric</i> , meaning power. Other forms: Freda, Freeda, Frieda, Frida
Fujiko	Japanese	Devine mountain
Fumiko	Japanese	Child of treasured beauty. Literary child.

G

Gabrielle	Hebrew	A woman of & who seeks strength from god. From the Hebrew elements <i>el</i> , referring to god & <i>abri</i> , meaning faith. Name borne by the Archangel & messenger of god who told Mary of the impending birth of Jesus. Other form: Gabriela, Gabriella, Gabby, Gabie
Gail	Hebrew	Short form of Abigail. (a father's joy). Other spelling: Gale, Gayle
Gay	French	Happy & merry. Coined English name derived from the French word <i>gai</i> , meaning joyful. Other spelling: Gaye, Gae, Gayla
Gena	Hebrew	Variation of Jean (god (Jehovah) is gracious). Other spelling: Jeana, Geanna, Jeanna
Genevieve	Welsh	White & smooth skin. In reference to the tenderness of a young girl. Derived from the Welsh name <i>Gwenhwyfar</i> , <i>gwyn</i> , meaning white & <i>hwyfar</i> , meaning smooth. Name borne by the wife of King Arthur who later ran off with Sir Lancelot.
Georgina	Greek	Worker of the earth or farmer. Derived from the Greek elements <i>ergo</i> , meaning to work & <i>geo</i> , meaning earth. Other form: Georgette, Georgina, Georgie, Gina
Geraldine	English	Coined name by the Earl of Surrey, Henry Howard in the 16th century in a poem he wrote (The Fair Geraldine) praising Lady Fitzgerald. Other form: Geralyn
Germaine	German	She who is German. From the word <i>germanus</i> , meaning sisterly.
Gertrude	German	Strength with a spear. From the elements <i>ger</i> , meaning spear & <i>trude</i> , meaning strength. Short form: Gertie
Gianna	Italian	God has been gracious to me.
Gillian	Greek	Variation of Julian, derived from Juliana (youthful & spirited).
Gina	English	Short form of Georgina (worker of the earth) & Regina (queen).
Ginger	English	Nickname for someone with red or ginger hair.
Giovanna	Hebrew	Italian form of Joan (god (Jehovah) is gracious).

Giselle	Old German	She who can make an oath. French form of the Old German word <i>gisil</i> , meaning pledge.
Glenda	Welsh	Good & pure. Modern 20th century name coined by combining the Welsh words <i>glan</i> , meaning pure & <i>da</i> , meaning good. Other form: <i>Glenna</i> , <i>Glennie</i>
Gloria	Latin	To seek <i>Glory</i> . From the Latin word <i>gloria</i> , meaning <i>Glory</i> .
Golda	English	Byname for someone with blond hair. Other form: <i>Goldia</i> , <i>Goldie</i>
Grace	Latin	Thanksgiving to god. From the Latin word <i>grates</i> , meaning thankfulness. Other form: <i>Grayce</i> , <i>Gracie</i> , <i>Graciela</i>
Greta	Persian	Short form of <i>Margaret</i> (child of light like a pearl.).
Griselda	German	Grey in battle. In reference to the toil of a maid.
Gwen	Welsh	A blessed woman. Derived from the Welsh name <i>Gwyn</i> , meaning blessed. Other form: <i>Gwenyth</i> , <i>Gwyneth</i>

H

Haley	Old English	Taken from the place name <i>Hailey</i> in Oxfordshire. From the elements <i>leah</i> , meaning a clearing in the forest which is how most settlements originated. Other form: <i>Hayley</i> , <i>Hailee</i> , <i>Haleigh</i> , <i>Haylee</i> , <i>Halie</i>
Hanae	Japanese	Pure like the flower
Hanako	Japanese	Flower child
Hannah	Hebrew	God has favoured me. From the Hebrew word <i>Hanani</i> , meaning god's grace. Other spelling: <i>Hanna</i>
Harriet	French	Ruler of the settlement. Other spelling: <i>Harriett</i> , <i>Harriette</i>
Harue	Japanese	Spring flower branch
Haruko	Japanese	Spring child
Harumi	Japanese	Spring beauty
Haydee	Greek	Modest & smart. Derived from the Greek adjective <i>aidoios</i> , meaning modest. Other form: <i>Heydee</i> , <i>Haydey</i> , <i>Heydey</i> , <i>Heydie</i> , <i>Haydie</i>
Hazel	Old English	Relatively modern name taken directly from the <i>Hazel</i> nut. From the Old English word <i>haesel</i> , meaning <i>hazel tree</i> . Other form: <i>Hazle</i>
Heather	Old English	Taken from the name of the hardy bright heartland plant the <i>Hather</i> .
Heidi	German	Short variation of <i>Adelaide</i> (noble & kind).
Helen	Greek	The bright one. Derived from the Greek name <i>Helene</i> , which was derived from <i>Helios</i> , the Greek sun goddess. Other form: <i>Helena</i> , <i>Helene</i>
Helga	Scandinavian	The successful one. From the Old Norse words <i>heilagr</i> , meaning prosperous & <i>heill</i> meaning happy. Other form: <i>Olga</i>

Henrietta	Old German	Powerful home ruler. From the French form Henriette which was taken from the Old German form Haimrich, haim, meaning home & ric, meaning power.
Hideko	Japanese	Wonderful child
Hilary	Greek	Jovial & happy. From the Latin word hilarius, meaning cheerful. Other spelling: Hillary
Hilda	Old German	Battle woman. From the Old German word hild, meaning battle. Name borne by Hildr, war goddess of the north. Other spelling: Hylda, Hildur. Other form: Hulda
Hiroko	Japanese	Prosperous & generous child.
Hiromi	Japanese	Wide vision & beauty
Hisako	Japanese	Long living child
Hisano	Japanese	Long fertile plain
Hitomi	Japanese	She with the beautiful eyes.
Holly	English	Christmas girl. Name taken from the holly tree, whose sprigs of red holly berries are used as decorations at Christmas. Originally given to girls born around Christmas. Other spelling: Hollie
Hope	Old English	Along with Charity & Faith makes up the three virtues of a good Christian. From the Old English word hopa, meaning expectation (for the resurrection & eternal life).

I

Idell	Scottish	Hardworking woman from the wide valley. Other form: Idelle, Idella
Iesha	Latin	Joyful & happy child.
Ilana	Hebrew	She who'll bring eternal joy. Other spelling: Ilyana
Ina	Latin	Short form of names ending in ina. Kristina, Georgina. Latin suffix ina denotes feminine form of a name.
Ingrid	Scandinavian	Beautiful goddess. Name borne by the fertility goddess. Derived from the Old Norse name Ingfríor, Ing, meaning goddess & fríor, meaning beauty. Other form: Inga
Ira	Hebrew	The watchful one.
Irene	Greek	Woman of peace. Name borne by the Greek Goddess of peace on earth. Derived from the Old Greek name Eirene, meaning peace. Other form: Ilene, Rene, Rena
Irina	Greek	Russian form of Irene (woman of peace).
Iris	Greek	From the Greek word iris, meaning rainbow. Name borne by a Greek goddess who contacted people through the rainbow. Name later spread to the flower & coloured part of the eye.

Isabel	Spanish	Sworn to God. Spanish form of Elizabeth. Due to pronunciation difficulties Hispanic speakers changed the last th to l. Other form: Isabell, Isabelle, Isabella, Isobel, Izabelle, Tibby
Isabella	Spanish	Variation of Isabel adding the Spanish suffix bella, meaning beautiful. Other spelling: Ezabella
Isamar	Hebrew	For god is my oath.
Ivy	Old English	Taken from the name of the plant, ifig.

J

Jacqueline	Greek	Supplanter. French variation of the Greek word Iakobos, meaning cunning. Other form: Jacalyn, Jacklyn, Jaclyn, Jacquelyn, Jaqueline, Jacqueline. Short form: Jacki, Jackie
Jade	Spanish	Stone of the bowels, referring to the Jade stone's perceived healing powers of the intestines when taken in a powder form.
Jalisa	Greek	Woman of the sea.
Jamie	Greek	One who replaces. From the Greek form Iakobos, meaning cunning.
Jamila	Arabic	Pure beauty.
Jan	Hebrew	Originally derived from John, meaning God is gracious. From a name that asks God to favor the bearer. Short for: Janice, Janet
Jana	Slavic	Slavic form of Jan. Other form: Janae, Janay
Jane	Hebrew	Originally derived from John, meaning God is gracious. From a name that asks God to favor the bearer. Other form: Janice, Janet, Janette, Janelle, Janice, Janis, Janie, Janessa, Janine, Janna
Jaslyn	English	Fragrant flower. Other spelling: Jazlyn
Jasmine	Persian	Kind & amicable. Taken from the Persian word Yasemin, from the popular climbing plant now called Jasmine. Other spelling: Jasmin, Jazmine, Jazmin
Jayla	Latin	One who chatters. Taken from the bird, Jaybird with an inference to chatter. Derived from the Latin word Gaius, which means rejoice. Other form: Jaye, Jay
Jean	Hebrew	French form of the root name John. Derived from Johanan, meaning God (Jehovah) is gracious. A name that asks God to favor the bearer. Other form: Jeane, Jeanne, Gene, Jeanette, Jeannie, Jeanine.
Jeannine	Welsh	Variation of Jennifer. Other spelling: Jenine
Jennifer	Welsh	White & mystical. Derived from the Welsh name Gwenhwyfar, gwyn, meaning white & wyfar meaning ghost like & mystical. Name borne by Queen Guinevere (Latin form), wife of King Arthur. Other form: Jenifer, Jennie, Jenny, Jenna, Jena, Jen

Terri	English	Short feminine form of Jeremy, meaning appointed by Jehovah (the lord) & Gerald, meaning to rule by the spear. Other form: Terrie, Terri, Jerry, Jerilyn, Terrica
Jessica	English	Coined name by Shakespeare for a character in his play "The Merchant of Venice". Other spelling: Jessika
Jessie	Hebrew	Committed to God. From the Hebrew word Yishai, meaning a gift from god. Other form: Jessi, Jessenia,
Jill	Greek	Short form of Gillian or Julian (youthful & spirited).
Jillian	Greek	Variation of Julian (youthful & spirited).
Joan	Hebrew	English feminine form of John, meaning God (Jehovah) is gracious. A name that asks God to favor the bearer. Other form: Joana, Joanie, Joann, French form: Joanne, Jo-Ann, Joanna. German form: Johanna. Short form: Joe, Jo
Jocelyn	Old German	Descendent from the nation of Goth. Derived from the name of a medieval Germanic tribe called Gautzelin. Other spelling: Jocelin, Joscelyn, Joslyn, Joslin
Jodie	Hebrew	Variation of Judith (she will be praised). Other spelling: Jody, Jodi
Joelle	Hebrew	The Lord is God. Both Jo & el in various Hebrew names refer to an acknowledgement of God's blessing. Other form: Joellen, Joel
Jolene	English	Modern 20th century name derived from combining Jo, & the suffix lene. Other spelling: Joleen, Joline, Jolinne
Joni	Hebrew	Variation of Joan. Other spelling: Joani, Joanie
Jordan	Hebrew	From the Hebrew word Yarden, meaning descend or flow down. Name of Biblical river in which John the Baptist baptized Christ. Name subsequently given to children who were baptized in the River Jordan. Other spelling: Jorden, Jordon, Jordyn
Josephine	Hebrew	From the Hebrew word Yosef, meaning God will add. Refers to an addition to a family & subsequent personal enlightenment. Name borne by Napoleon's first wife. Other form: Joselyn, Josefa, Josefina. Short form: Josie, Jo
Josie	Hebrew	Short form of Josephine.
Joy	Latin	The happy child. From the Latin word Jocos, meaning merry.
Joyce	Latin	Akin to the lord. Although derived from the French name Josce, the original form was Iodoc, meaning lord. Other form: Joisse, Josse, Joycelyn
Juana	Spanish	Spanish form of Johanan, meaning God (Jehovah) is gracious. A name that asks God to favor the bearer. Other form: Juanita
Judith	Hebrew	She will be praised. From the biblical name Jehudah, meaning praised one. Short form: Judi, Judy

Julia	Greek	From the Greek word Ioulos, meaning youthful & spirited. Name borne by a daughter of Caesar. Other form: Julie, Juli, Juliet, Juliette, Juliana, Juliann, Julianna, Julianne, Julissa
Julian	Greek	Variation of Julia.
Julie	Greek	Youthful & spirited.
Jun	Japanese	Faithful
June	Latin	Name derived from the month of the year. Name borne by the Roman goddess Juno.
Junko	Japanese	Obedient & faithful child.
Justine	Latin	From the Latin word Justinus, meaning righteous & honourable. Other form: Justina

K

Kaela	English	Adored sweetheart German form of the English name Collier. Other form: Kaila, Kayla, Kailee, Kailey, Kailyn
Kai	Hawaiian	From the sea.
Kaitlin	Greek	Variation of Catherine, meaning pure & clear like crystal. Other spelling: Kaitlyn, Kaitlynn, Katelin, Katelyn
Kandy	American	Spelling variation of Candy (bright & sweet). Short form of Kandace.
Kaori	Japanese	Nice fragrance
Kaoru	Japanese	Nice fragrance
Kara	Greek	Short form of Katherine (pure like crystal). Other spelling: Cara
Karen	Greek	Danish short form of Katherine. Sweedish form: Karin. Other spelling: Karan, Caren, Karyn, Karon, Keren
Karina	Greek	Short form of Katherine (pure like crystal). Other spelling: Carina
Karisa	English	Modern 20th century name coined by combining Karin & Lisa. Other spelling: Karissa, Karris
Karla	Old German	Derived from the Old Germanic word carl, meaning full grown free woman, strong & courageous. Other form: Kala
Katerina	Greek	Russian form of Katherine.
Katherine	Greek	Pure & clear like crystal. From the Greek word katharos, meaning clear & pure. Other form: Katarina, Katerina, Katharine, Katheryn, Kathrine, Kathleen. Short form: Kathy, Kathie, Kate, Katie, Kittie, Kitty
Kathleen	Greek	Variation of Katherine.
Katrina	Greek	Short form of Katherine (pure & clear like crystal).
Katsumi	Japanese	Stunning beauty
Kay	Greek	Short form of Katherine (pure & clear like crystal). Other form: Kaye, Kaylyn, Kaylee, Kayley, Kaylyn, Kayla
Kazue	Japanese	First blessing, harmonious

Kazuko	Japanese	Harmonious child
Kazumi	Japanese	Harmonious beauty
Keely	Gaelic	Beautiful & slender. From the Gaelic word caol, meaning stylishly slender.
Keiko	Japanese	Blessed & respected child
Keila	English	German form of the English name Collier.
Keishla	Gaelic	Beloved daughter of the chief.
Kelly	Irish	Strife. From the Irish Gaelic name Ceallach, which was derived from the Gaelic word cealagh, meaning strife. Other form: Kellie, Kelli, Kelley. Short form: Kell
Kelsey	Old English	Victory ship. From the Old English name Ceolsige, ceol, meaning ship & sige, meaning victory. Other spelling: Kelsea, Kelsie, Kelsi, Kelcie
Kendra	Old English	Wise & knowledgeable. Modern 20th century name coined as a feminine form of Kendrick. (exalted ruler on the summit).
Kennedy	Irish	Strange head. From the Irish Gaelic name Cinneidigh, ciann, meaning head & eidigh, meaning ugly.
Kerry	Gaelic	Child of Ciar. Name derived from the county in Ireland which was itself derived from the Irish Gaelic word ciarda, meaning dark complexion. Referred to the descendants of Spanish sailors marooned on Ireland after their defeat by William Drake. Other spelling: Kerri
Keshia	African	Beloved child.
Kia	English	Short form of Kiana, Kianos, Kiari. Also African for hill.
Kiana	Irish	God's justice. From the Irish name Kiahna. Other spelling: Kianna
Kianni	Irish	From a long established family. Other spelling: Kiari
Kianos	Greek	Bringer of light & hope.
Kiera	Celtic	Modern 20th century name coined as a short feminine form of Kieran, which is derived from Ciaran, meaning black or dark. Other form: Kierra, Kiara
Kikuko	Japanese	Crysanthemum flower child
Kim	Old English	Short form of Kimberly (natural leader).
Kimberley	Old English	Natural leader. Taken from the place name in Norfolk England & derived from the Old English elements kyn, meaning chief & leah, meaning sheltered clearing in the forest (a settlement). Other spelling: Kimberlee, Kimberly. Short form: Kim Kym
Kimiko	Japanese	Dear child
Kira	Russian	A lady.
Kirsten	Greek	Scandinavian variation of Christine. Derived from the Greek word Christianos meaning Christian & follower of Christ. The name Christ comes from the Hebrew translation Messiah or anointed one. Other spelling: Kirstin, Kiersten

Kirstie	Greek	Scottish short form of Christine (Christian & follower of Christ). Other spelling: Kirsty
Kiyoko	Japanese	Pure child
Kori	Greek	A beautiful young girl.
Kristen	Greek	Sweedish short form of Christine (Christian & follower of Christ). Other spelling: Kristin, Kristyn, Krista,
Kristie	Greek	Sweedish short form of Christine (Christian & follower of Christ). Other spelling: Kristi, Kristy
Kristina	Greek	Sweedish short form of Christine (Christian & follower of Christ). Other form: Christina, Kristine, Kristal, Kristy, Kris
Kumiko	Japanese	Beautiful long living child
Kylie	English	Modern 20th century name coined by combining Kyle & Kelly. Other form: Kyla, Kylee, Kyra, Kilie, Kiley
Kyoko	Japanese	Child of Kyoto city.

L

Lacey	Old French	Taken from the place name Lassy in the Calvados region of Normandy France. Other spelling: Lacie, Lacy
Lakeisha	English	Modern name derived from Keziah.
Lana	English	Modern 20th century name coined as a short form of Alana (pretty & in harmony).
Lara	Latin	Short form of Larissa (cheerful child).
Larissa	Latin	Cheerful child. From the Latin word lascivia, meaning cheerful & playful. Other spelling: Larisa
Latasha	English	Modern 20th century name coined by blending Latisha & Natasha.
Latisha	Latin	Happy child. From the Latin word laetisha, meaning joy. Other spelling: Laetitia.
Latoya	Latin America	The one who strives for victory. From the Latin American elements la, meaning the & toya, meaning victory.
Laura	Latin	English form of the Italian name Lauletta. Other spelling: Lora
Lauren	Latin	Variation of Lauletta. Other form: Lauryn, Laurin, Lorin, Loren, Lorena, Lorene, Lorenza
Lauletta	Latin	Refers to a person from Laurentium, a Roman port city around which the evergreen shrub (laurus) Laurels grew. Other form: Laureen, Laurel, Lauletta, Laurette, Loretta
Lavinia	Latin	Woman of Rome. Taken from the ancient Italian town of Lavinium. Name borne in mythology by the mother of the Roman people. Other form: Lavern, Lavina, Lavonne
Layla	Arabic	Dark haired beauty. From the Arabic element layl, meaning night or dark & refers to a dark complexioned person. Other spelling: Laila, Leila, Lelah

Leanne	English	Modern 20th century name coined combining Leigh & Anne. Other form: Leann, Leeann, Leanna, Leandra, Lianne
Leigh	Old English	From the clearing in the woods. Derived from the Old English element leah, meaning sheltered clearing in the forest. Is where the sailing term leeward (away from the wind) originated. Other spelling: Lee, Leah, Lea
Leishka	Russian	Russian form of Elizabeth (sworn to God). Other form: Lieschen, Liskenka, Elisheba
Lelia	Latin	Strong & fortuitous. Derived from the Roman name Laelius, meaning strength. Short form: Lela
Lenna	English	Short form of Helena (the bright one). Other spelling: Lena
Lenore	Old German	Variation of Eleanor (foreigner). Other form: Lenora
Leonie	Latin	As strong as a lioness. From the Latin word leo, meaning Lioness. Other form: Leone, Leona, Leonor, Leota, Leola, Leora
Lera	Russian	Dedicated to the Virgin Mary.
Lesley	Scottish	From the garden of hollies. Taken from the lands named Lesslyn in Aberdeenshire Scotland. Other spelling: Leslie, Lesly, Lessie
Leta	Latin	One who's always glad. From the Latin word letus, meaning glad.
Leticia	Latin	Abounding with joy. From the Latin word leatitia, meaning forever joyous. Other form: Leteisha, Letisha, Letitia, Lettice (Le teese), Lettie
Lexie	Greek	Short form of Alexandra & Alexandria (helper of mankind). Other spelling: Lexi
Lexus	Greek	Short form of Alexis (protector & helper).
Liana	Greek	Short form of Juliana (youthful & spirited).
Libby	Hebrew	Short form of Elizabeth (oath to God). Other spelling: Libbie
Lillian	Hebrew	Short form of Elizabeth (oath to God). Other form: Lilian, Liliana, Lilla, Lilly
Linda	Variety	From the Old German word lindi, meaning wise serpent. From the Spanish word linda, meaning pretty. Short form of Belinda, Melinda & Rosalind. Other form: Lindy, Lindi, Lynda, Short form: Lynne
Lindsey	Old English	From the place name Lindsey in Lincolnshire. Refers to Linden trees beside water - making a good camp site. Other spelling: Lynsey, Linzi
Linnie	Welsh	Short form of Lynette (spiritual).
Lisa	Hebrew	Short form of Elizabeth (oath to God). Other spelling: Leesa, Liza, Lyssa
Liz	Hebrew	Short form of Elizabeth (oath to God). Other form: Lizzie, Lizbeth, Lise - French, Liese - German

Llewelyn	Welsh	The spiritual one. Derived from the Celtic name Lugobelinos, containing the element lugo, meaning spiritual being. Other form: Lewellen, Llewelin, Llewlyn
Lola	Spanish	Mary of sorrows. Derived from the Spanish name Dolores (refers to the seven sorrows of the Virgin Mary, Maria de los Dolores. From the Spanish dolor, meaning sorrow.)
Lonnie	Old English	She who has the heart of a lioness. Other spelling: Lonny, Lonie, Loni
Lorelei	Scandinavian	Alluring & intriguing.
Lorna	English	Modern 19th century name coined by R. D. Blackmore for the heroine of his novel Lorna Doone (1869).
Lorraine	Latin	Name taken from the province Lorraine in eastern France. Derived from the Latin word Lotharingia, meaning Lothar's kingdom. Lothar was a 9th century ruler. Contains the elements hari, meaning army (area). Other spelling: Laraine
Lottie	French	Short form of Charlotte (strong & free). Other spelling: Lotty
Louann	English	Modern 20th century name coined by blending Louise & Anne. Other spelling: Luanne, Luana
Louella	English	Modern 20th century name coined by blending Louise & Ella. Other form: Luella, Lula
Louise	Old French	Variation of Louisa, meaning famous leader. Feminine form of Louis. Other form: Louisa. Short form: Lou, Luisa, Lulu
Lourdes	French	From the place name in southern France. Established after a young peasant girl had visions of the Virgin Mary & uncovered a healing spring.
Lucia	Latin	She who shines. Variation of the Roman name Lucius, derived from the Latin element lux, meaning light. Other form: Lucilla, Lucienne, Lucille, Lucinda, Lucina - name borne by the goddess of childbirth.
Lucy	Latin	English form of Lucia (she who shines). Other spelling: Lucie
Lurline	German	Siren of the river. Taken from the rock name Lorelei, on the bank of the Rhine which echoes with wind. Other spelling: Lurleen
Luvenia	Latin	My darling & beloved daughter.
Lydia	Greek	A woman from Lydia, a region in west Turkey. Other form: Lidia, Liddy
Lyla	French	Coming from the island.
Lynette	Welsh	Short variation of Llewelyn (spiritual). Other spelling: Lynnette Short form: Lynne, Lynn, Lyn

M

Mabel	Old French	Good natured & friendly. From the Old French word amabel, meaning love. Later to become the English word amiable. Other spelling: Mable, Mabelle
Macie	French	Deadly as a weapon. Other spelling: Macey, Macy, Mazie
Mackenzie	Gaelic	From the Gaelic word Mac Coinneach, meaning homely person. Other spelling: Makenzie, Mackensie, Makensie, Mckenzie
Madaline	French	Taken from the village of Magdala on Lake Galilee. Name borne by Maria Magdalene, who it is said washed Christs' feet with her tears & was present during his crucifixion. Other spelling: Madalyn, Madelyn, Madelaine, Madeline, Madeleine - French form. Other form: Madelina. Short form: Maddie, Maddy, Madge
Madison	English	Son of Madde. Other spelling: Maddison. Short form: Maddie, Maddy
Madonna	Italian	My lady. Italian title of the Virgin Mary.
Magdalene	French	German form of Madeline (name taken from the village of Magdala). Other form: Magdalen, Magdalena,
Maggie	Persian	Short form of Margaret (child of light like a pearl).
Maiko	Japanese	Dancing child
Maira	Arabic	Strong like the red desert.
Majella	Persian	Variation of Margaret (child of light like a pearl).
Makayla	Hebrew	She who is one with god.
Maki	Japanese	True & honest child
Malia	Spanish	Calm & industrious.
Mallory	Old French	She who's unlucky. Nickname given to a person with bad luck. Derived from the Old French word malheure, meaning unhappy or unlucky. Short form: Mallie, Mally
Malvina	English	Modern 18th century name coined by Scottish poet James Macpherson (1736-1796).
Mamie	English	Born into a sea of love.
Mandy	Latin	Short form of Amanda (one to be loved). Other spelling: Mandie
Manuela	Hebrew	Feminine form of Emmanuel, meaning God is with us. Popular in Spanish speaking countries.
Mara	Hebrew	The Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. Name borne by the biblical Naomi who after the deaths of her husband & children changed her name to Mara. Other spelling: Marah
Marcelle	Latin	Derived from the Latin name Marcius, containing the Latin element mars, meaning Roman goddess of war (large hammer). Other form: Marcella, Marcelina. Short form: Marcie, Marcy

Marcia	Latin	Femine form of Marcius, & derived ultimately from Marcus, meaning "mars"- Roman god of war (large hammer). Other spelling: Marsha. Short form: Marcie, Marcy
Margaret	Persian	Child of light like a pearl. Derived from the Persian word marwarid, meaning pearl. Other form: Margret, Margarete, Marguerite, Margareta, Margarita, Margery, Marjorie. Short form: Margie, Margo, Greta, Gretel, Reta
Maria	Hebrew	Bitter & sorrowful. Latin form of Mary containing the Hebrew element mar, meaning bitterness. Derived ultimately from Miriam & created during biblical times where whole peoples were subjected to bondage & slavery. Other form: Mariah, Mimi, Molly. Short form: Mia
Mariam	Hebrew	Variation of Mary (bitter & sorrowful).
Marian	Hebrew	Variation of Mary (bitter & sorrowful). Other form: Marrian, Mariann, Marion, Mariana, Marianne
Marie	Hebrew	French form of Maria (bitter & sorrowful). Other form: Mari, Maribel, Maribeth, Maricela, Mariel, Marita
Mariella	Hebrew	Italian form of Maria. Other form: Marietta, Marilee
Mariko	Japanese	Dear child
Marilyn	English	Modern 20th century name coined by combining Mary & Ellen or Lynn. Other spelling: Marilynn
Marisa	English	Modern 20th century name coined by combining Mary & Lisa. Other spelling: Marissa
Marla	Greek	High tower. In reference to being a tower of strength.
Marlene	German	Contracted form of Maria Magdalene, biblical woman who came from Lake Galilee & who was healed of sin by Jesus & thus became his follower. See Madaline. Other form: Marlena
Marna	Latin	Sweedish form of the Latin name Marinus, containing the element mars, meaning goddess of war. Other form: Marnie
Martha	Aramaic	Lady (of the house). Biblical name borne by the sister of Mary of Bethany. Martha is the patron saint of home-makers & is associated with hard domestic work.
Martina	Latin	From the Latin name Martinus, which contains the element mars, meaning goddess of war.
Mary	Hebrew	Variation of Maria (bitter & sorrowful). Other compound form: Maryanne, Marybeth, Maryellen, Maryjane, Maryjo, Marylou
Masa	Japanese	Ruling & noble child
Masako	Japanese	Ruling & noble child
Masami	Japanese	Elegant beauty

Matilda	Old German	Strength in battle. From the Old German name Mahthildis, containing the elements maht, meaning might or strength & hild, meaning battle. Name borne by the wife of William the Conqueror. Other form: Matilde, Mathilde, Mathilda. Short form: Maude, Maud, Tilley, Tilly
Maureen	Hebrew	Derived from the Irish name Maire, a form of Mary (bitter & sorrowful). Other spelling: Maurine, Moreen, Maureen. Short form: Maura
Mavis	Old French	Songbird. From the Old French word mauvis, meaning Song Thrush.
Maxine	Latin	From the Latin name Maximus, meaning greatest. Short form: Maxie, Maxy, Max
May	Latin	Messenger of God. Derived from the Latin word Maia, meaning mother of Mercury. Later to become the name of the 5th month & another name for the flower, hawthorn whose flowers bloom in May. Other form: Maye, Mae, Maya, Maybelle, Maymie, Mayra
Mayumi	Japanese	True beauty
Mckayla	Celtic	She who belongs to god.
Megan	Welsh	Welsh form of Margaret (child of light like a pearl). Other form: Meagan, Meaghan, Meghan
Megumi	Japanese	Blessed child
Melanie	Greek	She with the dark complexion. Derived from the Latin name Melaina, containing the Greek adjective melas, meaning black or dark. Other spelling: Melany, Melony. Short form: Mel
Melba	Greek	Soft & tender. Variation of the Greek word melva, meaning soft.
Melina	English	Short form of Melinda.
Melinda	English	Modern coined name by combining the Greek word Mel, with the suffix inda, such as Belinda & Lucinda. Other spelling: Malinder
Melissa	Greek	Sweet like the honey bee. Derived from the Greek word mel, meaning bee. Other spelling: Melisa
Melodie	Greek	Singer of songs. Derived from the Greek word melodia, meaning singing of songs, which was itself derived from melos, meaning song. Other spelling: Melody. Short form: Mellie
Melva	Gaelic	Servant of God. From the Gaelic word mael, meaning disciple.
Melvina	English	Modern name invented by Scottish poet James McPherson in the 18th century.
Meranda	Old English	She who wanders. A wanderer or adventurer.
Meredith	Welsh	Lord of the seas. Derived from the Welsh name Mereiudd, mere, meaning sea & iudd, meaning lord.
Merle	French	Blackbird. From the French word merle, meaning Blackbird.

Meryl	Celtic	Variation of Muriel (clear & bright like the sea). Other spelling: Merryll
Mia	Hebrew	Short form of Maria (bitter & sorrowful)..
Micah	Hebrew	Short form of Michaela (one who is with God).
Michaela	Scottish	Scottish feminine form of the Hebrew name Michael (one who is with God). Other spelling: Michaela. Short form: Micky, Mickie
Michelle	French	French feminine form of Michael (one who is with God). Other spelling: Michele
Michiko	Japanese	Child on the correct path.
Mieko	Japanese	Blessed & beautiful child
Miharu	Japanese	Beautiful spring
Miho	Japanese	Beautiful bay
Mika	Japanese	Beautiful fragrance
Mikaela	Russian	Russian feminine form of the Hebrew name Michael (one who is with God). Other spelling: Micaela, Mikala, Mickayla
Miki	Japanese	Three beautiful trees
Mikiko	Japanese	Three beautiful trees
Mildred	Old English	Gentle strength. From the Old English name Mildpryo, mild, meaning gentle & pry, meaning strength.
Millie	Old English	Short form of Mildred, Emilia & Amelia.
Minako	Japanese	Seventh daughter
Mindy	English	Short form of Melinda. Other spelling: Mindi, Mindee
Mineko	Japanese	Daughter to reach the summit
Minerva	Latin	Cultured. From the Latin word mins, meaning mind. Name borne by the Roman Goddess of wisdom & arts.
Minna	Old German	She who loves & protects. Derived from the Old German name Wilhelmina, containing the elements will, meaning love & helm, meaning protect Other form: Mina, Minette, Minetta, Minnie
Miranda	Latin	Modern name invented by Shakespeare for the heroine of his play The Tempest. Possibly derived as the feminine form of the Latin name Mirandus, meaning admire. Other spelling: Myranda, Marander. Short form: Mira
Miriam	Hebrew	Bitter & sorrowful. Derived from the Hebrew element mar, meaning bitterness. Created during biblical times where whole peoples were subjected to bondage & slavery. Name borne by the elder sister of Moses. Other form: Myriam, Mireya
Mishty	Bengali	Sweet woman.
Misty	English	Foggy. From the Old English word mist, meaning cloudy or foggy. Other form: Mistie, Mittie, Mitzi
Mitsuko	Japanese	Bright child
Miyoko	Japanese	Child of the third generation
Miyuki	Japanese	Happy child

Modesta	Latin	Shy child. From the Latin word modestus, meaning humble or shy.
Molly	Hebrew	Variation of Mary & Maria (bitter & sorrowful). Other spelling: Mollie, Mollee
Mona	Gaelic	A noble woman. Derived from the Gaelic name Muadhnaid, containing the element muadh, meaning noble.
Monica	Latin	Advisor & counselor. From the Latin word monere, meaning to advise. Name borne by the mother of St Augustine who with his mothers guidance converted to Christianity. Other spelling: Monika
Monique	Latin	French form of Monica (advisor & counselor).
Morgan	Welsh	Bright & great as the sea. From the Old Welsh name Morcant, containing the element mor, meaning sea & cant, meaning complete.
Moriah	Hebrew	God is my teacher. Other spelling: Morriah, Morria, Moria
Motoko	Japanese	Child of the source.
Muriel	Celtic	Clear & bright like the sea. From the Celtic name Muirgheal, containing the elements muir, meaning the sea, & geal, meaning clear & bright. Other spelling: Meriel
Myra	English	Modern name invented by the 17th century poet Fulke Greville (1554 - 1628). Short form: Mya
Myrna	Celtic	Beloved daughter. From the Celtic word muirne, meaning beloved. Other spelling: Merna
Myrtle	Old French	Taken from the name of the flowering shrub myrtille. Other form: Myrtie, Myrtice

N

Nadia	Russian	English & French form of the Russian name Nadya (a woman of hope & faith). Other form: Nardine
Nana	Japanese	Born on the 7th day of the 7th month.
Nancy	Hebrew	Variation of Anne (with grace & favoured by god). Other form: Nanci, Nanette. Short form: Nan
Naoko	Japanese	Honest child
Naomi	Hebrew	Pleasant girl. From the Hebrew word naomi, meaning pleasantness.
Narelle	English	Modern Australian 1940's coined name with unknown origins. Other spelling: Norelle
Nasia	Hebrew	Miracle of God. From the Hebrew element nas, meaning miracle. Other spelling: Nasya
Natalie	Latin	Christmas Child. From the Latin word natalis, meaning birthday of the Lord (Christmas day). Other form: Natalia, Natania, Nataly, Natalya, Nathalie

Natasha	Latin	Russian form of Natalya, variation of Natalie (Christmas Child). Short form: Tasha
Nell	English	Short form of: Helen, Janelle, Ellen & Eleanor. Other form: Nellie, Nelly, Nella
Nerida	Greek	Child of the sea. Derived from the Greek word nereis, meaning sea sprite. Other form: Nereida, Nelida, Nerissa, Nerina
Nettie	English	Short form of: Annette & Jeannette. Other spelling: Netty
Nia	Gaelic	Born to be a champion.
Nicole	Greek	Victory to the people. From the Greek name Nikolaos, niko, meaning victory & laos, meaning people. Other form: Nichole, Nicol, Nicola, Nicolette, Nikole. Short form: Nikki, Nicky
Nikeisha	Greek	Unconquerable. From the Greek name Aniketos, meaning not conquerable. Other spelling: Nikeesha
Nikki	English	Short form of Nicole (unconquerable). Other spelling: Nickie, Nicky, Nicki
Nina	French	Short form of Antonina (praiseworthy & valuable).
Nishad	Hindu	Taken from the seventh note of a music octave.
Nobuko	Japanese	Faithful child
Noelle	Old French	Christmas or birthday of the Lord. From the Latin natalis dies, meaning birth day.
Nola	Gaelic	Derived from the Irish surname Nuallan, meaning a shouting champion. Other form: Noala, Nuala, Fenella, Finola
Nolene	Gaelic	Derived from the Gaelic surname Nuallan, meaning a shouting champion. Other spelling: Noleen.
Nona	Latin	From the Latin word nonus, meaning ninth. In Victorian times often given to the ninth child.
Nora	English	Short form of: Eleanora & Leonora. Other form: Norah, Noreen, Norene
Noriko	Japanese	Girl of principles
Norma	Latin	Setting the standard. From the Latin word norma, meaning a rule or standard.
Nova	Latin	New star. From the Latin word novus, meaning new & nova stella, meaning a star. Other form: Novella
Nydia	Latin	Homely. From the Latin word nydi, meaning nest. Other spelling: Nidia

O

Obadiah	Hebrew	Servant of the Lord. Biblical name borne by the prophet Obadiah, author of the shortest book in the Old Testament. Same meaning as the Arabic Abdullah.
Oda	German	Prosperity. From the Old German word oda, meaning fortune or riches. Other form: Odette
Odelle	English	From the place name Odell in Bedfordshire England. Name refers to a forested hill. Other spelling: Odell
Odessa	Greek	Adventurous wanderer. From the Greek word Odyssey, as written in Homer's 8th century classic poem The Odyssey. Other spelling: Odesa
Odette	German	Variation of Oda (prosperity).
Ola	Scandinavian	Protector. From the Old Norse element ala, meaning nourisher & protector. Other form: Olah, Oleta
Olga	Scandinavian	Variation of Helga (the successful one).
Olivia	Latin	A woman of peace. From the Latin Oliva, meaning Olive Tree. Short form: Olive
Oni	African	Desired one.
Opal	Sanskrit	Jewel. From the Indian Sanskrit word upala, meaning precious stone.
Ophelia	Greek	She who helps. From the Greek name Ophelos, meaning help.
Orla	Irish	Golden Princess. Other spelling: Orlah, Orlagh

P

Paige	Old French	Occupational name for someone who worked as a page for a wealthy Lord or in a court. Derived from the Old French name Paget.
Palma	English	Name given to someone who had made the pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As proof of the journey one would bring back a palm leaf & thus acquire the name.
Paloma	Spanish	White dove.
Pamela	English	Name coined by Elizabethan pastoral poet Sir Philip Sidney (1542 - 1597) for his poem Arcadia (1590). Possible links to the Greek word for honey, implying sweetness. Other spelling: Pamella, Pamala, Pamela. Short form: Pam
Pansy	Old French	A thinker. Taken from the name of the garden flower which was derived from pansee, meaning thought.
Paola	Latin	Italian form of Paula (nickname meaning small in number).
Paris	French	Derived from a Gaulish tribe the Romans called Parissi, who inhabited the area of the now French capital. Other form: Parisa

Patrica	Latin	From the Latin <i>Patricius</i> , meaning noble. Name borne by St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland (388-461). From the Latin word <i>pater</i> , meaning a motherly figure. Other form: <i>Patrice</i> , <i>Patricia</i> , <i>Patty</i> , <i>Pattie</i> , <i>Trish</i> , <i>Trisha</i> . Short form: <i>Patsy</i> , <i>Pat</i>
Paula	Latin	Short form of <i>Pauline</i> (nickname meaning small in number).
Pauline	Latin	Feminine form of <i>Paul</i> . Derived from the Roman family name <i>Paulus</i> , a nickname meaning small in number. Other form: <i>Paulette</i> , <i>Paulina</i> ,
Pearl	English	Coined 19th century name taken from the Oyster <i>perle</i> . Other spelling: <i>Pearle</i>
Pegg	German	Occupational name for someone who made pegs. From the Old German word <i>pegge</i> , meaning stake or wooden pin. Other form: <i>Peggie</i> , <i>Peggy</i>
Penelope	Greek	Model of domestic virtues. Borne in Greek mythology by the wife of <i>Odysseus</i> (<i>Ulysses</i>) who waited patiently for 20 years for her husband to return from the Trojan war. Short form: <i>Penny</i>
Petra	Greek	From the Greek word <i>Petros</i> , meaning strong as stone.
Petulia	Latin	Soft as a flower.
Philippa	Greek	Lover of horses. From the Greek name <i>Philippos</i> , <i>philein</i> , meaning to love & <i>hippos</i> , meaning horse. Other spelling: <i>Filipa</i>
Philomena	Greek	Love & strength. From the Greek words <i>philein</i> , meaning love & <i>menos</i> , meaning strength.
Phoebe	Greek	Radiant light of life. From the Greek <i>phoibos</i> , meaning bright & radiant. Name borne by the Greek goddess of the moon.
Phyllis	Greek	Flighty like a leaf. Name borne by Greek legend who died for love & was transformed into an almond tree- to bear no leaves until her lovers' return. From the Greek word <i>phyllis</i> , meaning foliage.
Polly	Hebrew	Modern 18th century name coined as a rhyming variation of <i>Molly</i> , which is derived from <i>Mary</i> or <i>Maria</i> (bitter & sorrowful).
Portia	Latin	From the pig farm.
Priscilla	Latin	Aristocratic & established. Derived from the Old Roman name <i>Priscus</i> , from <i>Prisci</i> , who are considered the original Latin Tribe. The meaning denotes established and ancient.
Prudence	Latin	Foreseeing with good sense. From the Latin name <i>Prudentia</i> , derived from <i>prudens</i> , meaning foreseeing. Later variation to become the English word <i>prudent</i> .

Q

Quee	Scottish	Derived from the Scottish name <i>MacQuey</i>
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R

Rachel	Hebrew	One of the oldest names in the bible, meaning lamb of God. Rachel means ewe in Hebrew, a symbol of innocence & gentleness. Other form: Rachael, Racheal, Rachele, Lahela, Shelly.
Rafaela	Hebrew	Very early Christian name meaning "God has healed". Name of the third archangel in the Bible.
Ramona	Old German	Counselor & protector. From the Old German words ragin, meaning to give advice & mund, meaning to protect. Other form: Ramonita
Randi	Latin	Short form of Miranda (name invented by Shakespeare). Other spelling: Randy
Raquel	Hebrew	Spanish form of Rachel (lamb of God).
Rayleen	English	Modern 1940's coined compound name blending Ray with the suffix ine (een). Other spelling: Raelene, Raylene
Reagan	Irish	Little King.
Rebecca	Aramaic	She who tends the cattle to bind & keep the family. Derived from the ancient Aramaic word marbek, meaning cattle stall. Another reference is to the word noose, implying binding a family together. Name borne by the beautiful wife of Isaac. Other spelling: Rebekah, Rebeca. Short form: Beckie, Becky
Regan	Irish	Noble little King.
Regina	Latin	From the Latin word regina, meaning Queen.
Reiko	Japanese	Courteous & pretty child
Reina	Latin	Sorrowful queen.
Renee	Latin	Reborn. Popular Roman name from the Latin word renatus, meaning to spring up again or be reborn. Other form: Renae, Renita, Reyna. Short form: Rene, Rena
Reubena	Hebrew	Feminine form of Reuben (behold a son).
Rhea	Greek	Protector. Name borne by the mother of the famous Roman brothers Romulus & Remus who were to become the founders of the city of Rome.
Rhiannon	Welsh	Great Queen. In Welsh mythology name borne by a goddess of the moon. Derived from the Welsh title Rigantona, meaning Queen goddess. Short form: Reanna
Rhoda	Greek	Sweet as roses. From the Greek word rhodon, meaning rose.
Rhona	Scottish	From the medieval name Rognvaldr, meaning decisive ruler. Other spelling: Rona
Rhonda	Welsh	Modern name coined by blending Rhoda & Rhona. Other spelling: Ronda
Ricarda	Old German	Brave & powerful ruler. From the Old German name Ricohardu, ric meaning ruler & hardu, meaning brave & strong. Short form: Rickie, Ricky

Rie	Japanese	Valued & blessed child
Rita	English	Short form of Margarita (child of light like a pearl) & Dorita.
Roberta	Old German	Bright & Famous. From the Old German name Hreodbeorht, hruod, meaning fame & berhta, meaning bright. Short form: Robbie
Robin	Old German	Created by adding the French suffix in, to Rob (bright & famous). Other spelling: Robyn
Rochelle	Old French	From the town on the rocky outcrop. From the town name in France. Contains the Old French word roche, meaning rock. Other form: Rachelle
Roma	Latin	Taken from the name of the Italian capital Rome. Short form of Romulus, one of the founding brothers of the city. Other form: Romona
Romona	Latin	A woman from Rome. Variation of Roma.
Ronna	Latin	Short form Veronica (patron saint of photography).
Rosa	Old German	Pretty as a rose flower. Latin form of the Old German word rose, meaning the flower, the rose.
Rosalie	Latin	Rose of the world. From the Latin rosa, meaning rose. Name borne by a 12th century Sicilian virgin, Saint Rosalia who is patron of Palermo. Other form: Rosalee, Rosalia
Rosalind	Latin	Tender & spirited like a pony. From the Latin words hros, meaning horse & lind, meaning soft. Other spelling: Rosalyn, Roselyn, Roslyn
Rosalinda	Latin	Spanish form of Rosalind (tender & spirited like a pony).
Rosanna	English	Modern 19th century name coined by blending Rose & Anna. Other spelling: Roseanna, Rosanne, Rosann, Roseanne
Rose	Old German	Famous. From the Old German word hrod, meaning fame. Only in the 19th century did the word come to denote the flower. Other form: Rosia, Rosie, Rosina, Rosita, Rosetta, Rosella, Rosario
Rosemarie	English	Modern 19th century name coined by blending Rose & Marie.
Rosemary	English	Modern 19th century name coined by blending Rose & Mary.
Rowena	Old German	Joyous & famous. From the old German elements hrod, meaning fame & wynn, meaning joy. Other form: Rhonwen
Roxanne	Persian	Dawn of the day. From the Persian name Roxana, meaning dawn. Name borne by the wife of Alexander The Great. Other form: Roxann, Roxane, Roxana, Roxanna. Short form: Roxie
Ruby	Latin	Modern 19th century name taken from the Latin rubeus, meaning red gemstone. Other spelling: Rubie, Rubee
Ruth	Hebrew	Companion & vision of beauty. From the Hebrew word reuth, meaning beauty, & combined with the Biblical Moabite woman Ruth, whose decision to stay with & look after her mother-in-law Naomi, denotes compassion with the name.

Ruthanne	English	Modern 19th century name coined by blending Ruth & Anne.
Rylee	Irish	From the meadow on the island.
Ryoko	Japanese	Good child
S		
Sabina	Latin	Woman from the Sabine tribe. From the Latin Sabine, who were an ancient tribe living near the city of Rome. They were inevitably conquered by the Romans in the 3rd century BC.
Sabrina	English	Name borne from Welsh mythology of Sabrina, illegitimate child of King Locrine of Wales. Sabrina & her mother were subsequently drowned on the orders of the jealous Queen Gwendolen. The river where they were drowned was later named Sabrina then later Severn.
Sachiko	Japanese	Happy child
Sage	Latin	Wise. Nickname for a wise person. From the Latin sapere, meaning wise or knowledgeable.
Sakiko	Japanese	Blossoming child
Salena	Latin	Like the salt-water / salt of the earth. Other form: Shaleena, Shalina
Saliha	Arabic	Virtuous & devoted woman.
Sally	Hebrew	Variation of Sarah (Princess). Other spelling: Sallie
Salome	Aramaic	Peaceful woman. From the Aramaic word shalom, meaning peace.
Samantha	Hebrew	Old Biblical name traced back in the Old Testament around 11th century BC. From the Hebrew name Shemuel, meaning God has heard. (and blessed my prayers & delivered me a child). Hebrew names containing el, are an acknowledgement of a prayer being answered by god. Short form: Sammie, Sammy
Sandra	Greek	Short feminine form of Alexandra & Alexandria (helper of mankind). From the Latin form Alessandro. Other form: Sandi, Sandy, Zandra, Saundra, Sondra
Sarah	Hebrew	Princess. Original form was Sarai, meaning quarrelsome but was changed by god to Sarah. Contains the Hebrew element sar, meaning ruler. Name borne by the wife of Abraham who gave birth to her first child, Isaac at age 90. Other spelling: Sara, Sarra, Sarai, Shari
Sarina	Hebrew	Variation of Sarah (Princess).
Sasha	Greek	Russian short form of Alexandra & Alexandria (helper of mankind).
Savanah	Spanish	Derived from the topographical feature of open grassland, or treeless plains. Other spelling: Savanna, Savannah
Scarlett	Old French	Occupational name for a dyer & seller of rich bright fabrics. From the Old French word escarlate, meaning scarlet cloth.

Seiko	Japanese	Successful & achieving.
Selena	Greek	Goddess of the moon. From the Greek selene, meaning moon goddess. Other form: Selina, Celena, Celine, Selene, Selina
Serena	Latin	Calm woman. From the Latin serenus, meaning calm or serene. Other spelling: Serina
Setsuko	Japanese	Temperate child
Shakira	Arabic	Thankful to Allah.
Shana	Irish	Variation of Shannon (the old wise one). Other form: Shanna, Shannah, Shanae, Shanay, Shania, Shaina
Shani	Swahili	Wonderful woman. Other spelling: Sharni
Shanice	English	Modern 20th century name with no apparent meaning.
Shannon	Irish	The old wise one. Taken from Ireland's oldest river. Derived from the element sean, meaning old & wise.
Shantel	French	Variation of Chantal (resolute as stone). Other spelling: Shantell, Shantelle
Sharon	Hebrew	Fertile Plain. Modern 20th century name taken from the Plain of Sharon in the Holy land. Other spelling: Sharron, Sharen, Sharyn, Sharona. Short form: Shari
Shauna	Irish	Feminine form of Sean which is the Irish form of John (god is gracious). Other spelling: Shawna
Shayla	Irish	Variation of Sheila, containing the Latin element sile, meaning blind.
Shayna	Yiddish	Beautiful woman. Derived from the Old German element schone, meaning beautiful.
Sheena	Hebrew	Scottish Gaelic form of Jane (god is gracious). Other spelling: Shena
Shelby	Old English	Living by or near a rocky outcrop or cliffs. From the Old English name Scelfdun, scelf, meaning shelf or ledge. Other spelling: Shelbi, Shelbi
Shelley	Old English	From the settlement on the slope. Taken from any number of place names in England, derived from the Old English elements scylf, meaning slope & leah, meaning clearing in the woods (away from the wind). Other spelling: Shelly, Shellie, Shelli, Shellia
Sheree	French	Darling. From the French word cherie, meaning darling. Other form: Sherie, Sherea, Sherry, Sherrie
Sheryl	English	Modern 20th century name coined by combining Cherry with Beryl. Other spelling: Cheryl, Cheryle, Sherryl, Sherrill, Sherryl
Shirley	Old English	From the settlement in the sun. From place names in England exposed to sunny weather. From the Old English words scir, meaning bright & leah, meaning clearing in the forest. Other form: Shirlene

Shyanne	Native American	Spelling variation of Cheyanne. Name taken from a tribe of American Indians who dwelled on what is now the US state of Wyoming.
Sian	Hebrew	Welsh form of Jane (god is gracious).
Sierra	Spanish	Habitational name for someone living near a mountain range or chain of hills. From the Spanish word serra, meaning saw & refers to the "saw teeth" appearance of the hills.
Sigrid	Scandinavian	Beautiful & accomplished. From the Old Norse elements sigr, meaning victory & frior, meaning beautiful.
Silvia	Latin	Strong like wood. From the old Roman name Silvius, derived from silva, meaning wood. Name borne by Rhea Silvia (goddess of nature), mother of the Roman brothers Romulus & Remus, the founders of Rome. Other spelling: Sylvia
Simone	Hebrew	French feminine form of Simon (one who listens). Derived from the Hebrew word shimon, meaning to listen with patience.
Sinead	Hebrew	Irish form of Jane (god is gracious).
Siobhan	Irish	God has been gracious to me with such a kind & praiseworthy daughter.
Sky	Scandinavian	Taken from the firmament above us. From the Old Norse word sky, meaning cloud or gate to heaven. Other form: Skye, Skyler, Skylar
Skye	Scandinavian	Name given to a person from the Isle of Skye in Scotland.
Sonja	Greek	German form of Sonya (wise & strong woman).
Sonya	Greek	Russian form of Sophia (wise & strong woman). Other spelling: Sonia
Sophia	Greek	Wise & strong woman. From the Greek word sofi, meaning purity, referring to the fact that true wisdom comes only through a pure heart. Other spelling: Sofia
Sophie	Greek	French form of Sophia (wise & strong woman).
Stacey	Greek	Short variation of Anastasia, (resurrection). From the Greek word anatisis, meaning resurrection. Other spelling: Staci, Stacy, Stacie
Stella	Latin	Star lover. From the Latin word stella, meaning star.
Stephanie	Greek	From the Greek name Stephanos, meaning "a crown". Name borne by the first Christian on record. Other spelling: Stephany, Stefanie. Short form: Stevie
Suellen	English	Modern name coined by blending Sue & Helen.
Sumiko	Japanese	Clear thinking child
Susan	Hebrew	Short form of Susannah. Other spelling: Susanne, Suzan, Suzette. Short form: Susie, Sue
Susannah	Hebrew	Beautiful like the colors of the Lily. Derived from the Hebrew word shushannah, meaning lilly. Other form: Susanna

Sybil	Greek	Prophetess. From the Greek word sibulla, meaning prophetess (half human half sorcerer). Other spelling: Sibyl
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T

Tabitha	Aramaic	Graceful like a gazelle. From the ancient Aramaic tabeitha, meaning gazelle. Other form: Tabatha
Takako	Japanese	Noble & high child
Talia	Hebrew	Dew of heaven.
Tamara	Hebrew	Natural & graceful like a palm tree. Russian form of Tamar, meaning palm tree.
Tamera	Hebrew	Elegant like the palm tree.
Tammy	Hebrew	Variation of Tamara. Other spelling: Tammie, Tammi, Tami
Tamra	Hebrew	Short form of Tamara (natural & graceful like a palm tree).
Tana	Old English	Occupational name for someone who used to tan skins for a living.
Tanisha	English	Modern name coined by blending Tania & Elisha. Other spelling: Taneesha
Tanya	Latin	Russian form of Tatiana. Other spelling: Tania
Tara	Irish	Hill or elevated land. Taken from the place name in county Meath near Dublin where Irish Kings ruled until the 6th century.
Taryn	Irish	Variation of Tara.
Tatiana	Latin	Safe & secure. Derived from the Latin name Tadius, which was itself derived from the Latin tutus, meaning safe. King Tadius ruled over the tribe of Sabines, who initially fought the Romans but later joined them.
Tatum	Old English	Cheerful girl. From the Old English word tayt, meaning cheerful.
Tatyana	Latin	Spelling variation of Tatiana (safe & secure).
Tayler	Old French	Occupational name for a cloth worker (tailor). From the Old French word tailleur, meaning to cut (cloth). Other spelling: Taylor
Teresa	Greek	Italian & Spanish form of Theresa. Other form: Terese, Teresia, Tressa, Tressie, Treasa
Terri	Latin	Taken from the Roman clan name Terentius, believed to mean soft & tender. Other spelling: Teri, Terrie
Tess	Greek	Short form of Theresa. Other form Tessie, Tessa
Thea	Greek	Short form of Dorothy (gift of god).
Thelma	English	Modern 19th century name coined by writer Marie Corelli for her novel Thelma. Possible association to the Greek word thelema, meaning strong willed.
Theodora	Greek	Gift of god.

Theresa	Greek	Spanish name of Greek origin. Possibly derived from the Greek Islands of Therasia, or from the Greek word <i>theros</i> , meaning to harvest & would be given as an occupational name to a woman who harvested or reaped grain. Other form: Therese, Theresia, Tressa, Tressie
Tiana	Latin	Variation of Tatiana (safe & secure). Other spelling: Tianna. Short form: Tia
Tiara	Greek	A thinker. Taken from the Greek word <i>tiara</i> , which was a conical cap worn by ancient Greeks. Other spelling: Tiarra
Tierra	Spanish	A landowner. From the Spanish word <i>tierra</i> , meaning land or earth. Other spelling: Tiera
Tiffany	Greek	Presence of god. Derived from the Old Greek name <i>Theophania</i> , <i>theos</i> , meaning god & <i>phaenien</i> , meaning to appear. Other spelling: Tiffani, Tiffanie
Tina	Greek	Short form of Christina (christian & follower of Christ). Other spelling: Teena, Tena
Tomoko	Japanese	Wise & friendly child
Toni	Latin	Praiseworthy & valuable. Derived from a Roman clan name <i>Antonius</i> .
Tonya	Latin	Praiseworthy & valuable. Derived from a Roman clan name <i>Antonius</i> . Other spelling: Tonia
Toshiko	Japanese	Alert child
Tracey	French	Taken from the French place name <i>Tracy</i> . Apparently named after a Baronial family from <i>Calvados</i> . Later became a short form of <i>Theresa</i> . Other spelling: Traci, Tracie, Tracy
Tricia	Latin	Short form of <i>Patrica</i> & feminine form of <i>Patrick</i> . From the Latin <i>Patricius</i> , meaning noble. Name borne by <i>St Patrick</i> , patron saint of Ireland (388-461). From the Latin word <i>pater</i> , meaning a motherly figure. Other form: Trisha
Trina	Greek	Short form of <i>Katrina</i> (pure & clear like crystal).
Trinity	Latin	Three. From the Latin <i>tri</i> , meaning three of.
Trista	Celtic	Bright & sparkling.
Trudie	German	Short form of <i>Gertrude</i> (strength with a spear). From the elements <i>ger</i> , meaning spear & <i>trude</i> , meaning strength. Other spelling: Trudy
Tyesha	Greek	Born unto the sea. Like a mermaid. Other spelling: Taisha
Tyra	Scandinavian	Battle goddess & from <i>Thor's battle</i> . Other spelling: Taira

U

Una	Gaelic	Tender as a lamb. From the Gaelic word <i>uan</i> , meaning lamb. Other spelling: Yuna
Ursula	Latin	Strength of a bear. Derived from the Latin <i>ursus</i> , meaning bear.

V

Valda	Old German	She who rules. From the Old German element vald, meaning power or rule. Other form: Velda
Valentine	Latin	Healthy. Derived from the Latin word valens, meaning healthy. Other form: Valentina, Valencia
Valerie	Latin	Strong & healthy. Derived from the Latin word valere, meaning strength. Other form: Valarie, Valorie, Valetta, Valeria. Short form: Val
Vanessa	English	Modern 18th century name coined by writer Jonathan Swift from his lovers name Ester Vanhomrigh. Other spelling: Vanesa
Velva	Celtic	Soft like velvet.
Vena	Celtic	She who will bring us joy.
Venita	Latin	Variation of the Italian city of Venice.
Venus	Latin	Roman goddess of love & desire.
Vera	Latin	True & faithful. Derived from the Latin word verus, meaning truth. Other form: Verla
Verena	Swiss	Truthful. Derived from the Latin verus, meaning truth. Other spelling: Verina. Short form: Verna
Vernice	Old French	A nice honest person.
Verona	Latin	Short form of Veronica or someone coming from the city of Verona in north eastern Italy. Other form: Veronese
Veronica	Latin	Derived from the Latin word veraiconica, containing verus, meaning true & iconico, meaning an image. According to Christian legend Veronica wiped the sweat from Christ's face on his way to be crucified. Later she discovered an image of his face imprinted in the cloth. As a result St Veronica became the patron saint of photography. Other form: Veronique, Berenice, Berenike
Vesta	Latin	Roman for the goddess of home life.
Victoria	Latin	She who's victorious. From the Latin victorius, meaning victory. Name symbolizes Christ's victory over death. Short form: Vickey, Vicky, Vickie, Vicki, Vikki
Vina	Old French	Occupational name for someone working in a vinyard.
Vincenza	Latin	From the Latin vincens, meaning to conquer.
Violet	Latin	Taken from the flower name Violet which was derived from the Latin viola, meaning violet colored. Other form: Violetta, Viola
Virginia	Latin	Derived from the Latin & Roman clan name Verginius, meaning strong race. American state of Virginia was named after Elizabeth the first, (known as the Virgin Queen), by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1584. Short form: Virgie, Ginger, Ginny
Vita	Latin	Breath of life.

Vivien	Latin	To live life to the fullest. Derivative of the Latin name Vivianus, which contains the Latin element vivus, meaning "alive". Other form: Vivienne, Viviena, Viviana. Short form: Viva, Viv
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W

Wanda	Old German	Taken from an old Germanic tribe the Wends, who inhabited what is now Berlin. Later they were called the Vendels & were known for their legendary passion for destruction. The English word Vandal is a derivative of this. Other form: Wenda
Wendy	English	Modern 20th century name coined by play writer J.M.Barry for a central character in his play Peter Pan (1904). He got the idea from friendly-wendy, a term a close friend referred to him as. Other spelling: Wendi
Wenona	Sioux	According to Sioux tradition this name was given to the first borne daughter. Name borne by Hiawatha's mother in Longfellow's famous poem Hiawatha. Other form: Winona
Whitney	Old English	From the white island. From the Old English name Hwytene, containing the elements ene, meaning island & hwyt, meaning the color white.
Wilhelmina	Old German	Resolute protector. From of the Old German name Willhelm, will, meaning resolute & helm, meaning protect. Other form: Wilhelmine, Helmine. Short form: Willa
Wilma	Old German	Short form of Wilhelmina (resolute protector).
Winifred	Welsh	Inner sanctuary. Derived from the Welsh name Gwenfrewi, gwen, meaning white or blessed & frewi, meaning reconcile. Old English, wynn, meaning joy & fred, meaning peace. Other spelling: Winnifred, Winifrid. Short form: Winnie

X

Xanthe	Greek	Radiant woman. From the Greek word xanthos, meaning bright or yellow hair like the sun. Other form: Xantha
Xenia	Greek	Hospitable person. Derived originally from the Greek word xenos, meaning a stranger.

Y

Yadira	Hindu	Beloved & sweet child. Tender & spirited like a young goat.
Yael	Hebrew	Female wild goat. In ancient times goats were very important animals for food & clothing & having one or more was very precious for daily life.

Yardena	Hebrew	From the Hebrew word Yarden, meaning descend or flow down. Name of the Biblical river in which John the Baptist baptized Christ. Name subsequently given to children who were baptized in the River Jordan. Other spelling: Yardina
Yasmin	Persian	Kind & amicable. Taken from the Persian word Yasemin, from the popular climbing plant now called Jasmine. Other form: Yasmine, Yazmin, Yasmeeen
Yelena	Latin	Merry as a lily blossom. Taken from the Latin yelena, meaning lily blossom. Other spelling: Yelina
Yoko	Japanese	Positive child from the ocean
Yolanda	Latin	Modest & humble. Derived from the Latin word viola, meaning the flower, the Violet. Other form: Yolande
Yoshie	Japanese	Fragrant branch
Yoshiko	Japanese	Give to children
Yukiko	Japanese	Happy snow child
Yuko	Japanese	Helpful child
Yumiko	Japanese	Helpful positive child
Yusha	Indian	Fresh. From the Indian word usa, meaning daybreak.
Yvette	French	Variation of Yvonne. Other spelling: Ivette
Yvonne	French	Occupational name for a person who worked with yew wood making bows & arrows. From the Old French word iv, meaning yew wood. Other form: Evon, Evonne, Ivone

Z

Zafira	Arabic	A winner, unstoppable. From the Arabic rabi, meaning victorious.
Zahra	Arabic	To blossom. From the Arabic zahr, meaning flower. Other spelling: Zara
Zaida	Arabic	She who will bring luck to the family.
Zanna	Persian	Womanly.
Zelda	Old German	Battle experienced. Derived from the Old German name Griselda, gris, meaning grey & hild, meaning battle.
Zella	Greek	With strength & dignity.
Zenna	Greek	Scottish short form of Alexina (helper of mankind). Other spelling: Zena
Zillah	Hebrew	She who shelters others. From the Hebrew word zilla, meaning shadow or protect from the sun. Other form: Zyllis
Zinnia	Old German	Plant with bright flowers named by German botanist J.G Zinn.
Zita	Italian	A girl. From the Old Tuscany word zit, meaning a girl. Name borne by a 13th century servant who remained a servant her whole life from age 12 & thus later became the patron saint of domestic serves.

Zoe	Greek	She who lives life. Early Jews translated this Greek name into Eve. Other form: Zoey, Zoella
Zola	English	Modern 19th century name coined by adding the suffix la to Zoe (she who lives life).
Zona	Latin	Girdle or belt
Zulan	African	One with nature & the animals.