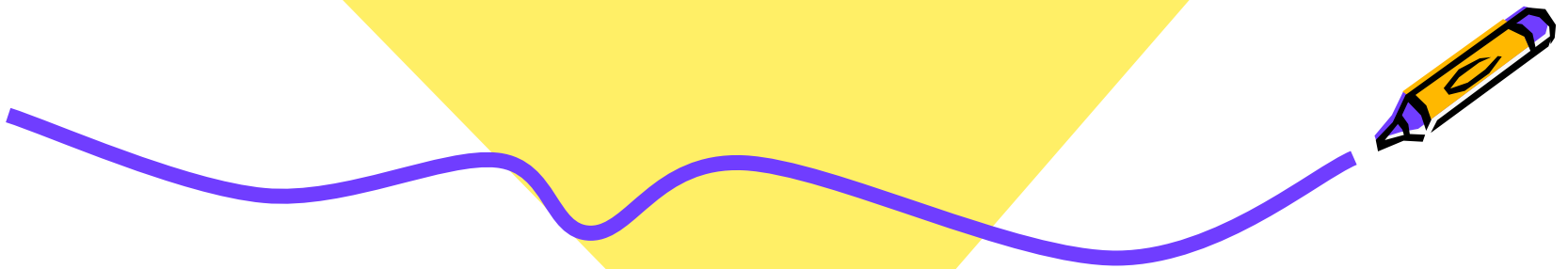




Chinese Names

中国人的姓名





王

Wang

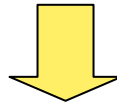
last name

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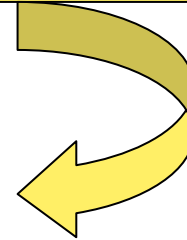
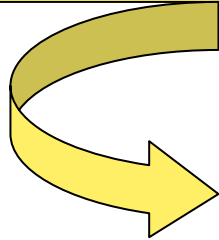
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first name

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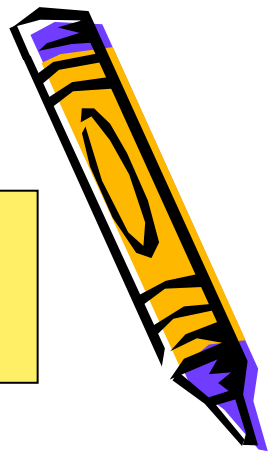


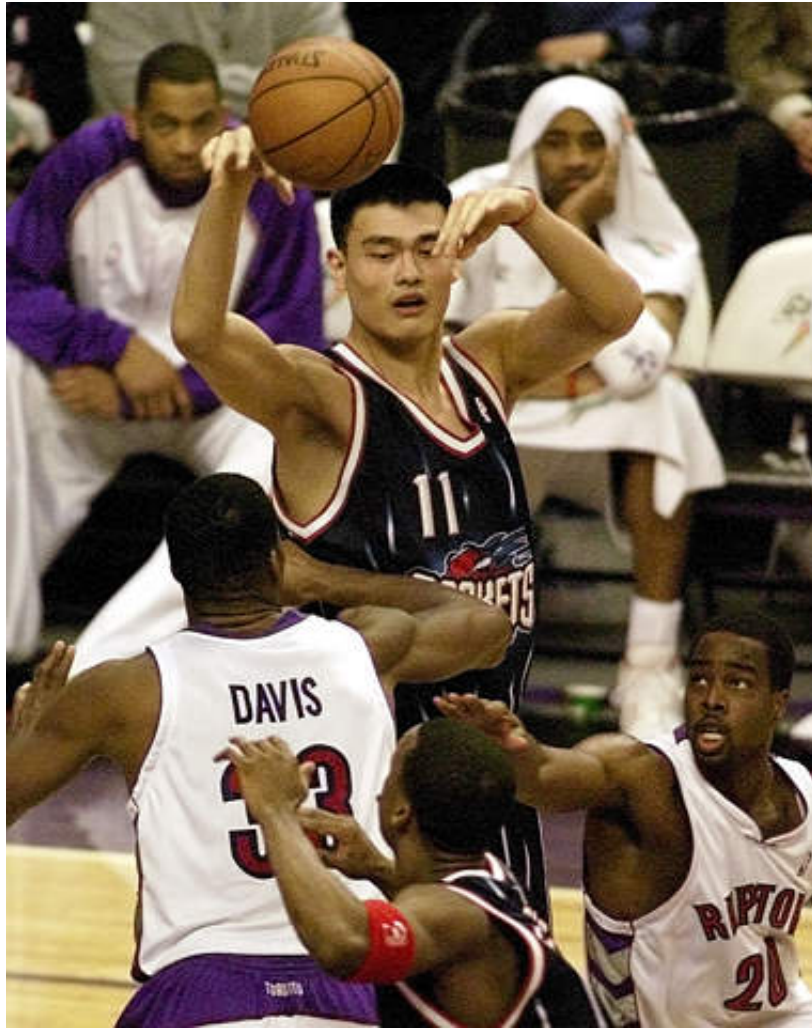
Two parts



Last name

First name





姚 明

Yao Ming

Last
name

First
name





Jackie Chan

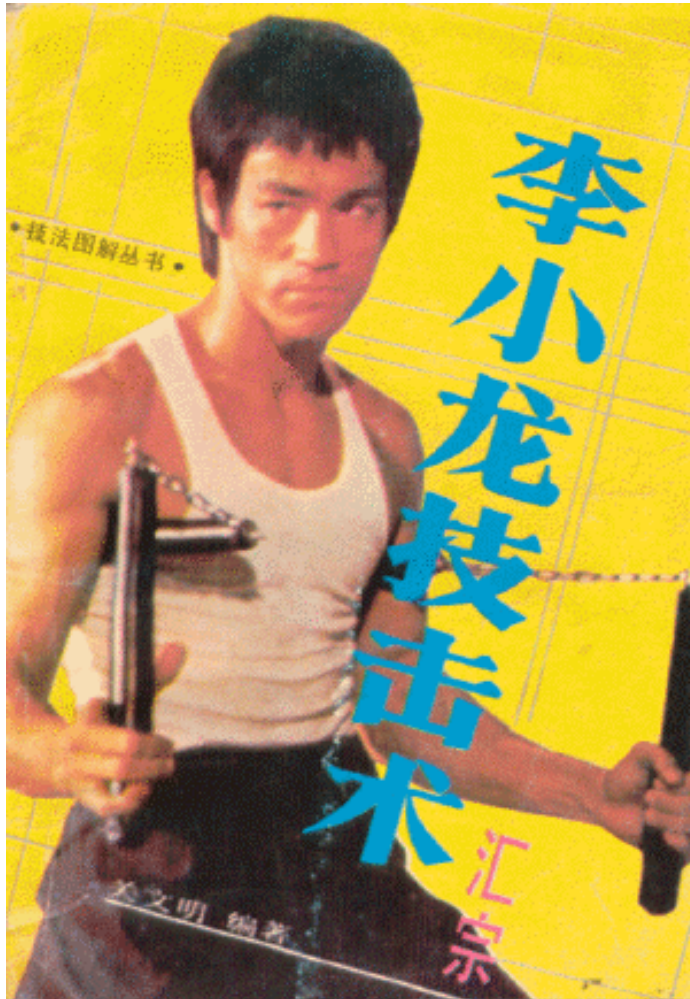
成 龙

cheng long

Last
name

First
name





Bruce Lee

李 小 龍

li xiao long

Last
name

First
name



The surname has roughly several origins as follows:

1. the creatures worshipped in remote antiquity .

龙long, 马ma, 牛niu, 羊yang,

2. ancient states' names

赵zhao, 宋song, 秦qin, 吴wu, 周zhou

韩han, 郑zheng, 陈chen

3. an ancient official titles

司马sima, 司徒situ



4. the profession.

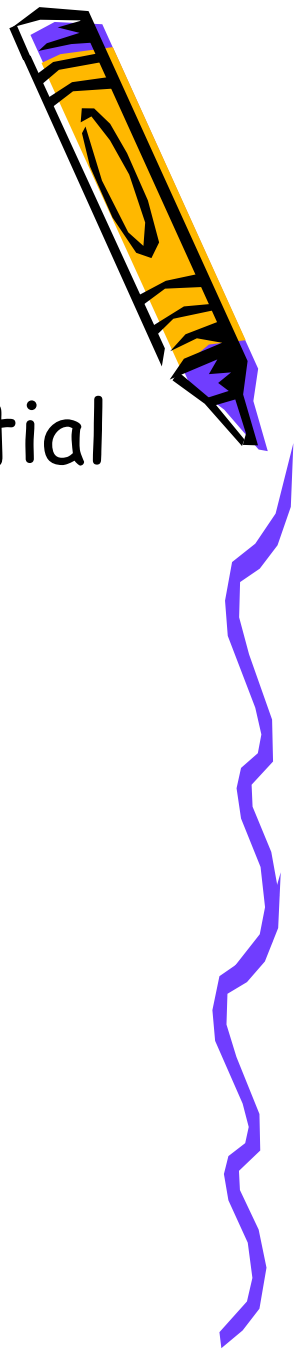
陶tao, 钱qian, 张zhang

5. the location and scene in residential places

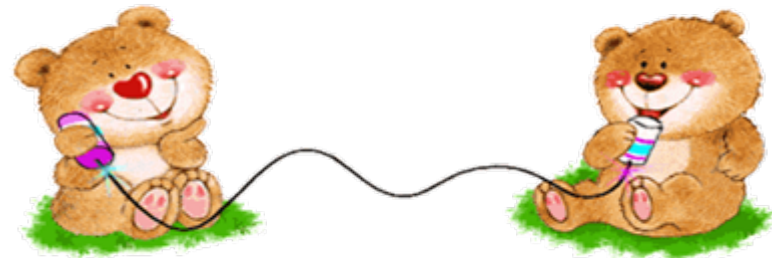
江jiang, 柳liu

6.the rank or title of nobility

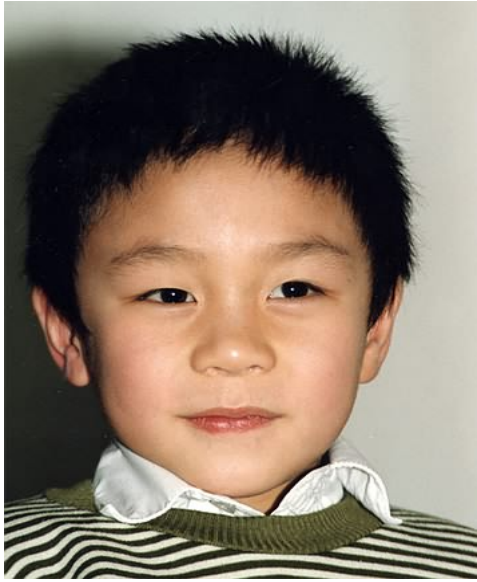
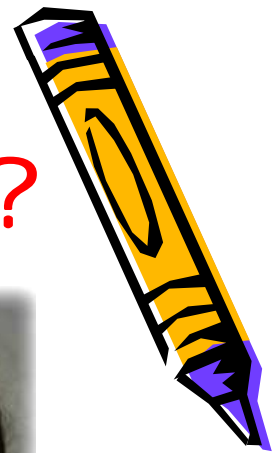
王wang, 李li



- Most are one-character surnames, but some are compound surname made up of two or more characters.
- 3500 Chinese surnames
- 100 commonly used surnames
- The three most common are 张 zhang, 王 wang and 李 li



What does my name mean?



first
name

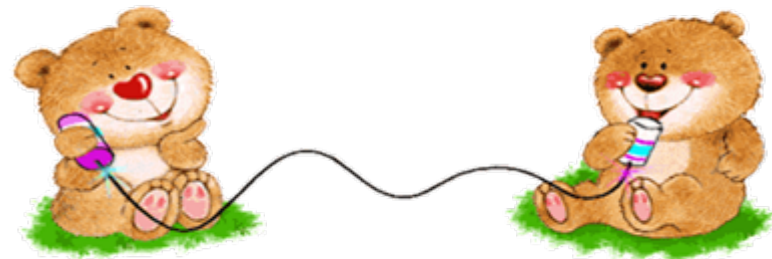


strong
courageous
intelligent

beautiful lively
pure gentle



1. A person has an infant name and an official one.
2. In the past, the given names were arranged in the order of the seniority in the family hierarchy.
3. It's the Chinese people's wish to give their children a name which sounds good and meaningful.



Project: Search on-Line

www.Mandarinintools.com/chinesename.html

Find Chinese Names for yourself, your brother, sisters, mom and dad, or even your grandparents. Find meanings of these names.



-----What is your name?

你 叫 什 么 名 字?

ni jiao shen me ming zi?

-----我 叫 王 海 敏
wo jiao Wang Hai min



----- What is your last name?

你 姓 什 么?

ni xing shen me?

(你贵姓?) ni gui xing?

----- 我 姓 王 , 王 海 敏。

wo xing wang, Wang Hai min



----- What is your nationality?

你 是 哪 国 人 ？

ni shi na guo ren?

----- I am chinese/American

我 是 中 国 人 / 美 国 人

Wo shi zhong guo ren/mei guo ren





百家姓

bai jia xing



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|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 赵(zhào) | 钱(qián) | 孙(sūn) | 李(lǐ) |
| 周(zhōu) | 吴(wú) | 郑(zhèng) | 王(wán) |
| 冯(féng) | 陈(chén) | 褚(chǔ) | 卫(wèi) |
| 蒋(jiǎng) | 沈(shěn) | 韩(hán) | 杨(yáng) |
| 朱(zhū) | 秦(qín) | 尤(yóu) | 许(xǔ) |
| 何(hé) | 吕(lǚ) | 施(shī) | 张(zhāng) |

