

## Lesson 3

Do you want to know more about English names? Then read about them and say what you've learned.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Here are some more new words:

people ['pi:pl] — люди  
usually ['ju:ʒuəlɪ] — обычно  
some [sʌm] — некоторые  
job [dʒɒb] — работа (*профессия*)  
baker ['beɪkə] — булочник  
butcher ['bʊtʃə] — мясник  
to end [end] — оканчиваться  
flower ['flaʊə] — цветок  
violet ['vaɪələɪt] — фиалка  
a lot = very much

Try to read and guess the meaning of these words:

English ['ɪŋɡlɪʃ]  
surname ['sɜ:nəm]  
Christian ['krɪstjən] name  
Bible ['baɪbl]  
Rose [rəʊz]



English people usually have two or three names, they have surname and first (or **Christian**) name: Bill Johnson, Helen Smith. Bill is a first (Christian) name. Johnson is a surname. Helen is a first (Christian) name. Smith is a surname.

Some surnames are words for colours: Black, Brown, White or Green. Some are the names of jobs: **Baker** or **Butcher**.

Look at these surnames: Johnson, Peterson, Richardson, Stevenson. They all **end** with the word "son". That is: the son of John or John's son — Johnson, the son of Peter or Peter's son — Peterson.

Children take their father's surname and wives usually take their husbands' names.

Many first (Christian) names come from the **Bible**: Adam, Mary, Peter, Paul.

Many girls' names come from **flowers**: **Rose**, **Violet**.

As you see names can tell you **a lot**.



#### Let's have a talk.

1. How many names do English people usually have?
2. What are they?
3. Christian is the first name, isn't it?
4. Let's take the name Helen Smith. What is the Christian name and what is the surname?
5. Some surnames are words for colours. Which of them do you know?
6. Some surnames are the names of jobs. Find some in the text.
7. Can you find in the text some names that end with the word "son"?
8. Whose surname do children usually take?
9. Whose surname do wives usually take?
10. Some Christian names come from the Bible, don't they? Find them in the text.
11. Do many girls' names come from flowers? Do you remember any?
12. Now you know something about English names. And what about Russian ['rʌʃn] names?
13. How many names do Russian people have?
14. As English names some Russian names are also the names of colours, jobs, flowers. Can you name some?