

nickname1. [ˈnɪkneɪm] *n*

1. прозвище
2. уменьшительное имя

2. [ˈnɪkneɪm] *v*

1. давать прозвище
he was nicknamed Shorty - его прозвали Коротышкой
2. называть уменьшительным именем
3. называть неправильно, не так, как полагается

nickname

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nick-name [nickname nicknames nicknamed nicknaming] *noun, verb BrE*[ˈnɪkneɪm] *n* *NAmE* [ˈnɪkneɪm] *v***noun**

an informal, often humorous, name for a person that is connected with their real name, their personality or appearance, or with sth they have done

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from an eke-name (eke meaning 'addition'), misinterpreted, by wrong division, as a neke name.

Culture:**nicknames**

Nicknames are informal, sometimes humorous names that are based on a person's real name or on an obvious characteristic or habit. Nicknames were in use before **↑surnames** became widespread in the 13th century and were a means of identifying a person. Some nicknames, such as 'Russell' meaning 'red-haired' and 'Brown' referring to brown hair or skin, later developed into surnames.

Nicknames reduce the level of formality in a relationship and may suggest a close friendship. Many people are given a nickname while they are still children and may keep it throughout their life, whether they like the name or not. Nicknames may also be given to politicians and other public figures, especially by the press, such as the name 'Dubya' often used for George W Bush. This makes famous people seem more ordinary, and also leads to shorter, **eye-catching headlines**.

There are several kinds of nickname in common use. The most popular are **short forms**, **shortened** versions of a person's first name. Some common short forms include: Bob or Rob for Robert, Ted or Ed for Edward, Dick or Rick for Richard, Meg or Maggie for Margaret, Beth, Liz or Lizzie for Elizabeth, and Kathy, Kate or Katie for Katherine.

Nicknames may also be derived from surnames. Nicknames for famous people that have been much used by the British media include 'Fergie' for Alex Ferguson and 'Becks' for David Beckham. 'Madge' is used for the singer Madonna.

Other nicknames, like the original ones, reflect a personal characteristic. 'Ginger' is often used for people with red hair. 'Shorty', or even teasingly 'Lofty', is used for short people. Names like 'Fatty', 'Tubby' or 'Skinny' that refer to a person's weight are rude and generally used only as insults. Nicknames based on skin colour are offensive and should not be used. 'Brains' is used for somebody who is very intelligent, and 'Tiger' for someone who is brave or aggressive. The Duke of Wellington is sometimes called 'The Iron Duke' and Margaret Thatcher was known as 'The Iron Lady' because of her strength and determination. These more descriptive nicknames are less common in the US.

Nicknames based on a person's race or country can still be heard but are often highly offensive. In England, for instance, men from Scotland used to be addressed as 'Jock' or 'Mac', people from Ireland were 'Paddy' or 'Mick', and people from Wales 'Dai' or 'Taffy'. Members of **immigrant** groups in both Britain and the US have had to suffer rude names from the native or mainstream **population**. Nicknames for people in foreign countries are also usually offensive e.g. 'Yanks' or 'Yankees' for Americans, 'Frogs' for the French, and 'Krauts' for Germans.

The British have nicknames for many other things: a 'Roller' is a Rolls-Royce car and 'Marks and Sparks' is **Marks and Spencers**.

'The Hammers' and 'Spurs' are both football teams, West Ham United and **↑Tottenham Hotspur**. In the US all states have nicknames: **↑California** is 'The Golden State', **↑Texas** is 'The Lone Star State', and **↑Wyoming** is 'The Equality State'.

Thesaurus:**nickname** *noun C*

- We had nicknames for all our teachers.

pseudonym • • **alias** •

a nickname/pseudonym/alias **for sb**

use/adopt a/an nickname/pseudonym/alias

Example Bank:

- He got his nickname 'Ash' from his heavy smoking.
- He got his nickname when he was at school and it stuck for the rest of his life.
- He used the nickname 'Brutus'.
- He worked in a garage— hence his nickname 'Oily'.
- Knockout Nat lived up to his nickname.
- Leicester Tigers lived up to their nickname in a very attacking game.
- Their nickname for the club was 'Muscle Alley'.
- His scruffy hair earned him the nickname 'Shaggy'.
- How did you get your nickname?
- We used to have nicknames for all our teachers.

verb often passive ~ sb/sth + noun

to give a **↑nickname** to sb/sth

- She was nicknamed 'The Ice Queen'.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	nickname
	BrE / 'nɪkneɪm/
	NAme / 'nɪkneɪm/
he / she / it	nicknames
	BrE / 'nɪkneɪmz/
	NAme / 'nɪkneɪmz/
past simple, past participle	nicknamed
	BrE / 'nɪkneɪmd/
	NAme / 'nɪkneɪmd/
-ing form	nicknaming
	BrE / 'nɪkneɪmɪŋ/
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Example Bank:

- He was nicknamed 'Stretch' because he was so tall.
- His family kept bees, so we nicknamed him 'Buzz'.
- Michael Jackson, nicknamed 'Jacko'

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nickname /'nɪkneɪm/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: an ekename, mistaken for a nekename, from eke 'also' (11-19 centuries) (from Old English eac) + name] a name given to someone, especially by their friends or family, that is not their real name and is often connected with what they look like or something they have done

nickname for

- " We had nicknames for all the teachers.
- " Stephen earned himself the nickname Hawkeye.

—nickname verb [transitive]:

- " She was nicknamed Sunny because of her happy nature.
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THESAURUS

- **first name** (also **given name especially American English formal**) the name chosen for you by your parents: People usually call each other by their first name. | Please write your given name and your date of birth.
- **Christian name** *old-fashioned* first name: His Christian name was Joseph.
- **last name/family name/surname** the name that you share with your family or husband. Most English speakers would say **last name**. **Surname** sounds slightly formal: Can I have your last name? | Johnson is a common English family name. | At school they used to call each other by their surnames.
- **middle name** the name between your first and last names: Harry Potter's middle name is James.
- **full name** your first name, middle name, and last name: I need your full name and address.
- **maiden name** a woman's family name before she married and began using her husband's name: My mother's maiden name was Higgins.
- **married name** a woman's family name after she gets married, if she uses her husband's name: I don't know what her married name is.
- **nickname** a name that people call you because of your appearance, personality etc, which is not your real name: At school he was given the nickname 'Shorty'.
- **stage name** the name that an actor uses which is not their real name: She began acting in her childhood under the stage name Marjorie Moore.
- **pen name** (also **pseudonym formal**) a name that a writer uses which is not their real name: Mark Twain was his pen name. His real name was Samuel Clemens. | She wrote under the pseudonym of George Eliot.
- **under an assumed name** using a false name in order to hide your real name: He had rented the car under an assumed name.
- **alias** /'eɪliəs/ a false name, especially one used by a criminal: He uses a number of aliases.
- **appellation formal** a name which describes something – a very formal use: This fine city justifies its appellation 'the Pearl of the Orient'.
- **sobriquet formal** a nickname – a very formal use: Jackson gained the sobriquet 'Stonewall' at the Battle of Bull Run.

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