

INTERESTING FACTS ON CHINESE SURNAMES



Chinese surnames are not evenly distributed throughout the country. But there are a few similarities when it comes to their naming practices. Here are some interesting points about Chinese surnames.

FACTS ON CHINESE SURNAMES

张

There are more than 6000 Chinese last names.

Modern Chinese surnames are mostly one syllable.

音



Chinese names start with family names, then followed by given names.

Chinese surnames are patrilineal.



The Hanyu Pinyin system is used to Romanize Chinese surnames in Mainland China.

Chinese last names are Romanized in some regions based on the person's reference.



Chinese women mostly do not change their surnames after marriage.

Mandarin names and Non-Mandarin Chinese names are pronounced differently despite the same characters.

TOP 5 CHINESE SURNAMES

王

Wang

李

Li

张

Zhang

刘

Liu

陈

Chen

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