

Chinese names

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Chinese Naming Practices

- US: Given name, Family name
- China: Family name, Given name
 - Wang Xiaomei
 - Miss Wang, Dr. Wang, *Dr. Xiaomei
- 95% family names are monosyllabic
 - Wang, Li, Zhang, Liu, Chen, Yang, Huang, Zhao, Wu, Zhou...
- Disyllabic family names: ouyang, huangpu, yuwen...

Order	Last name	Population	Percentage	Accumulated Percentage
1	王 wang 2	9468	7.10	7.10
2	李 li 3	9276	6.96	14.06
3	张 zhang 1	8550	6.42	20.48
4	刘 liu 2	6882	5.16	25.64
5	陈 chen 2	5673	4.26	29.90
6	杨 yang 2	3960	2.97	32.87
7	黄 huang 2	2876	2.16	35.03
8	赵 zhao 4	2702	2.03	37.05
9	周 zhou 1	2506	1.88	38.93
10	吴 wu 2	2376	1.78	40.72
11	徐 xu 2	1902	1.43	42.14
12	孙 sun 1	1859	1.39	43.54
13	马 ma 3	1788	1.34	44.88
14	胡 hu 2	1551	1.16	46.04
15	朱 zhu 1	1517	1.14	47.18

Chinese Naming Practices

- Two syllables:
 - Last name + a given name from parents
- Three syllables:
 - Last name + an inherited character + a given name from parents
- Nowadays, monosyllabic given names are fading out. Most of the time parents give their children a two-syllabled given name.

Common characters used in names:

- In the 90s:

- 英 ying ‘flower’/‘hero’
- 华 hua ‘beautiful and illustrious’
- 玉 yu ‘jade’
- 秀 xiu ‘beautiful’
- 明 ming ‘bright’
- 珍 zhen ‘precious’
- 文 wen ‘literate’
- 芳 fang ‘fragrant’
- 兰 lan ‘orchid’
- 国 guo ‘country’

Common characters used in names:

- Last year

- 嘉 jia ‘fine’
- 哲 zhe ‘wise’
- 俊 jun ‘handsome’
- 博 bo ‘well-educated’
- 妍 yan ‘pretty face’
- 乐 le ‘happy’
- 佳 jia ‘excellent’
- 晨 chen ‘morning’
- 宇 yu ‘universe’
- 怡 yi ‘relaxed’

Pet names for children...

- Use antonyms:
 - 丑 chou ‘ugly’: 丑丑 chou chou
 - 傻 sha/憨 han ‘silly’: 傻宝 shabao, 憨子 hanzi
 - 虎娃 hu wa ‘tiger-baby’, 虎子 hu zi
- Wish for a long life
 - 石头 shitou ‘stone’, 铁柱 tiezhu ‘iron pillar’

Rare & Interesting last names

- Numbers:

一	二	三	四	五	六	七	八	九	十
1424	6630	4490	4430	12337	1237	1356	1228	1010	530
one	two	three	four	five	six	seven	eight	nine	ten

- Dynasties
- Colors
- Cooking: 柴米油盐酱醋茶 ‘firewood, rice, oil, salt, source, vinegar, tea’

Mid-Autumn Last names

Last name	Population	Meaning
海 hai 3	47729	sea
上 shang 4	4539	above
升 sheng 1	529	rise
明 ming 2	289859	bright
月 yue 4	6202	moon
天 tian 1	3617	sky
涯 ya 2	61	shore
共 gong 4	932	all
此 ci 3	67	this
时 shi 2	632159	moment

Mid-Autumn Last names

- 海上升明月，天涯共此时
- hai shang sheng mingyue, tianya gong ci shi.
- ‘Above the sea arises the moon
agleam and hanging round; Afar as
we’re apart, in present core our hearts
do bound.’ – ZHANG jiuling, Tang
Dynasty, *Wang Yue Huai Yuan*

Forms of Address

- Occupational titles:
 - 老师 lao-shi 3+1 “teacher”
 - 经理 jing-li 1+3 “manager”
 - 教授 jiao-shou 4+4 “professor”
 - 主席 zhu-xi 3+2 “chairman”
 - 医生 yi-sheng 1+1 “doctor”

Men and Women

- Single/Married Men
 - 先生 *xian-sheng* ‘Mr.’
 - Li xiansheng, Wu xiansheng
- Married women keep the family name
 - 太太 *tai-tai* ‘Mrs.’
 - Wang taitai, Zhang taitai
 - 女士 *nü-shi* ‘Mrs. (formal)’
 - Zhao nüshi, Yang nüshi
- Single women
 - 小姐 *xiao-jie* ‘Miss’
 - Chen xiaojie, Lin xiaojie

Other Forms of Address

- Extended kinship terms to people not related by blood or marriage
 - shushu/dashu ‘uncle; elderly man’
 - ayi ‘aunt; elderly woman’
 - ge/dage ‘older brother; man’
 - jie/dajie ‘older sister, woman’
- Asking a stranger for direction
- Addressing friends of your parents

Kinship Terms

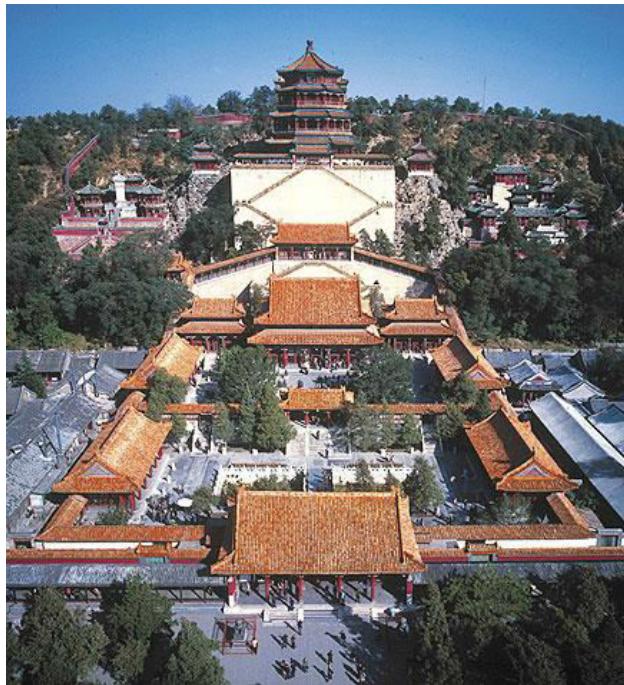
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父亲	fuqin	爸爸	baba	father
母亲	muqin	妈妈	mama	mother
祖父	zufu	爷爷	yeye	paternal grandfather
祖母	zumu	奶奶	nainai	paternal grandmother
外公	waigong	姥爷	laoye	maternal grandfather
外婆	waipo	姥姥	laolao	maternal grandmother
		哥哥	gege	elder brother
		姐姐	jiejie	elder sister
		弟弟	didi	younger brother
		妹妹	meimei	younger sister

Formal		Informal		Gloss
伯父	bofu	伯伯	bobo	father's elder brother
伯母	bomu			wife of father's elder brother
叔父	shufu	叔叔	shushu	father's younger brother
叔母	shumu	婶婶	shenshen	wife of father's younger brother
姑母	gumu	姑姑	gugu	father's sister
舅父	jiufu	舅舅	jiujiu	mother's brother
姨妈	yima	阿姨	ayi	mother's sister
公公	gonggong			husband's father
婆婆	popo			husband's mother
岳父	yuefu			wife's father
岳母	yuemu			wife's mother

World Heritage Sites in China

- 颐和园 Summer Palace
- 莫高窟 Mogao Caves
- 大足石刻 Dazu Rock Carvings
- 龙门石窟 Longmen Grottoes
- 武当山 Wudong Mountain
- 九寨沟 Jiuzhaigou Valley
- 丽江古城 Old Town of Lijiang
- 开平碉楼 Kaiping Diaolou
- 福建土楼 Fujian Tulou

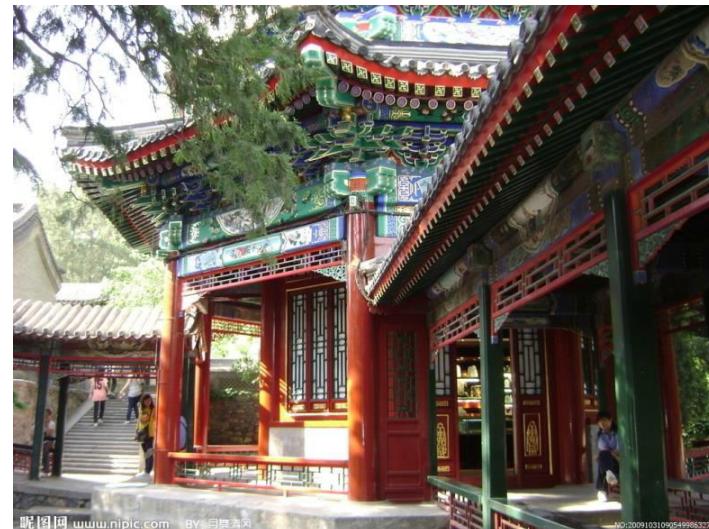
Summer Palace



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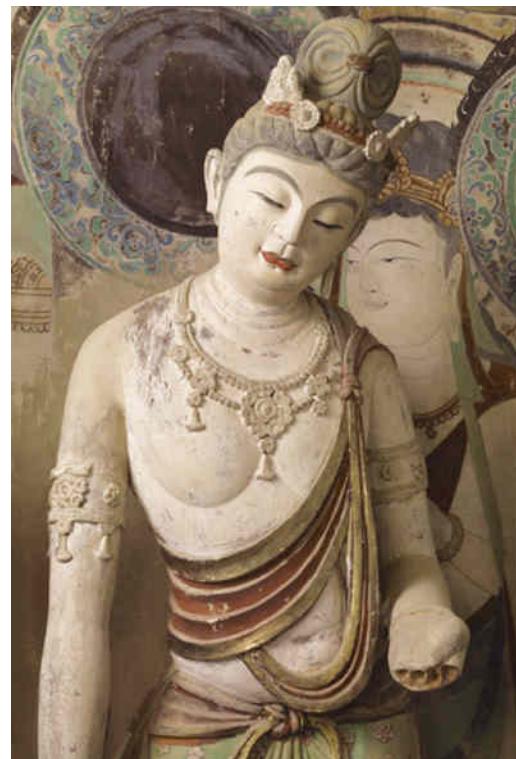
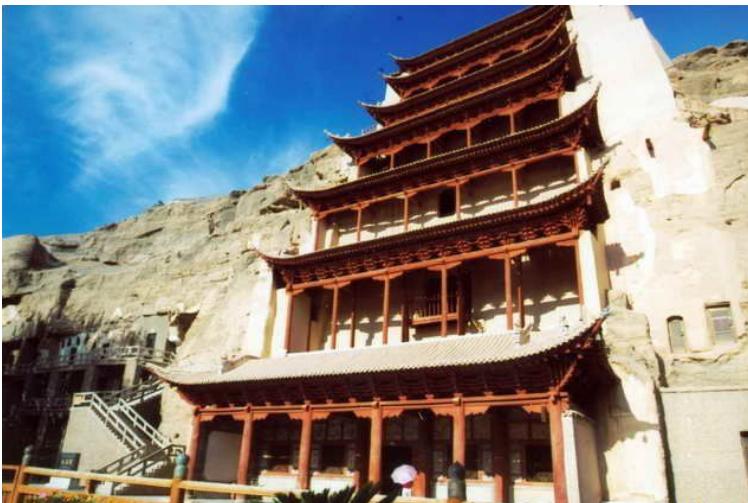


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Mogao Caves



Dazu Rock Carvings

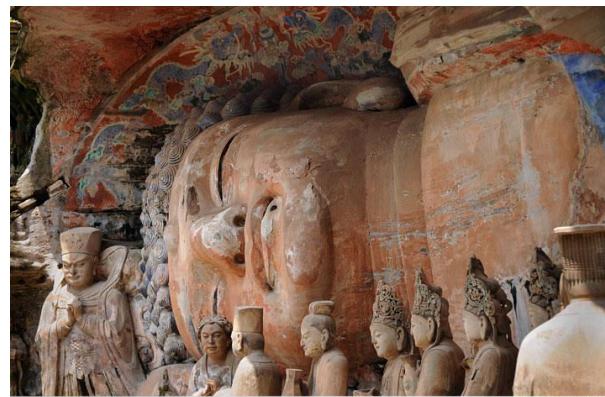
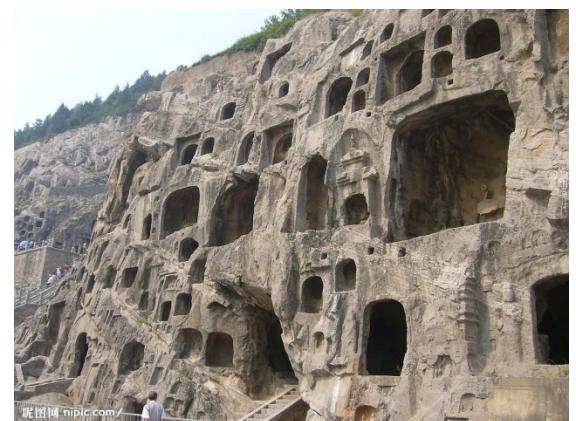
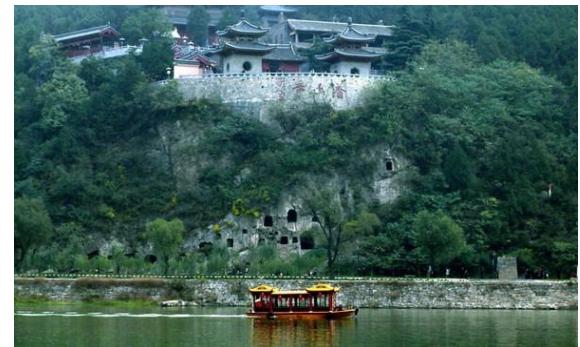


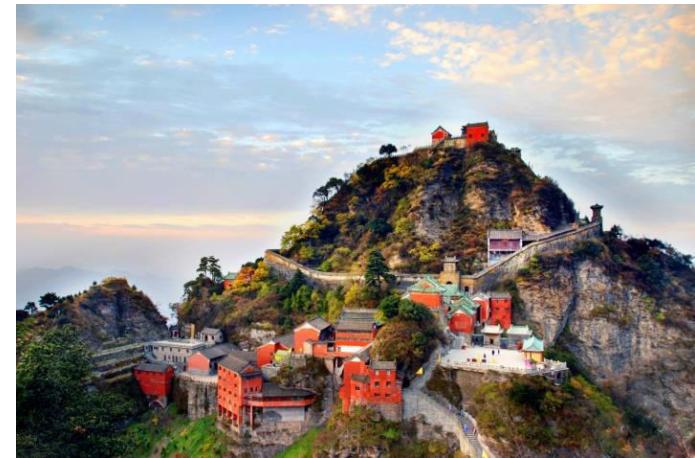
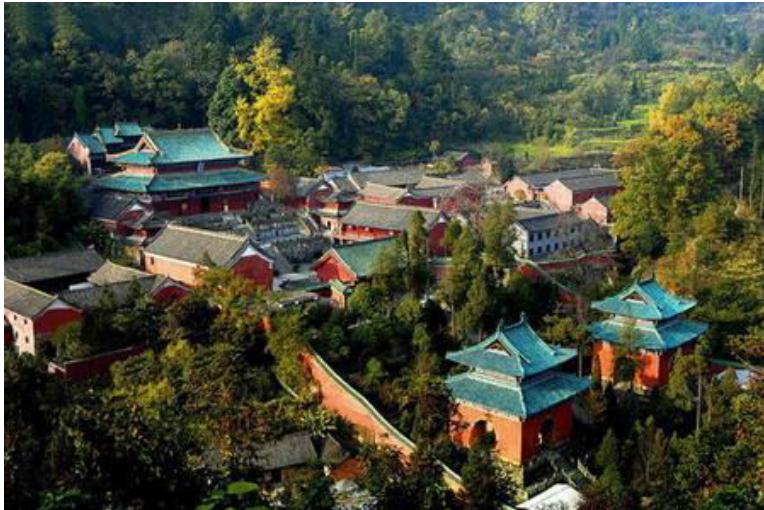
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Longmen Grottoes



Wudang Mountain



Jiuzhaigou Valley



Old Town of Lijiang



五一艺术

Kaiping Diaolou



Fujian Tulou

