

Nikita (given name)

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Nikita (**НИКИТА**, Russian pronunciation: [nʲɪˈkʲitə]) is a Slavic masculine name, which is – since the popularization of the French film *Nikita* – sometimes used as a feminine name in countries not part of eastern Europe. The Ukrainian version is **Mykyta** (Ukrainian pronunciation: [mɪkɪtɑ]),^[1] and the Belarusian version is **Mikita** (Belarusian pronunciation: [mʲikʲita]), but Nikita also appears in both countries. The Romanian version is Nichita. All are derived from the Greek **Niketas** (Νικήτας) meaning "victorious". Beginning in the 20th century, it was adopted for female children in some countries such as France but remains strictly masculine in Russia and other countries of eastern Europe. The Indian feminine name Nikita means earth, and is derived from Sanskrit word "Niketana" which means abode.

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Notable bearers

- Saint Nicetas the Goth
- Prince Nikita of Russia
- Prince Nikita Romanov, son of HH Prince Nikita
- Nikita Simonyan - Soviet footballer of Armenian descent
- Nikita Anand, Indian model
- Nikita Filatov, Russian professional ice hockey player
- Nikita Katsalapov, Russian ice dancer
- Nikita Koloff, former American wrestler
- Nikita Khrushchev (1894–1971), leader of the Soviet Union
- Nikita Mikhalkov, Russian filmmaker and actor
- Nikita Odnorolov, Russian musician, lead singer of the band Everfound
- Nikita Rukavytsya, A-league football (soccer) player in Australia for Perth Glory
- Nikita Russian, the perpetrator of a con committed in 2002
- Nikita Sakharov, Soviet Evenk poet
- Nikita Thukral, South Indian actress
- Nikita, British professional wrestler with the real name Katarina Waters, now wrestling as "Katie Lea"
- Nikita Willy, an Indonesian actress and pop singer who won the Kids Choice Awards and the Panasonic Awards both for being the Most Favorite Actress
- Nikita Nikitin Russian professional ice hockey player

Fictional Nikitas

- Nikita the Furrier, character in Russian folklore

- Main character in *Nikita*, *La Femme Nikita*, and *Nikita (TV series)*
- Nikita - song by Elton John

See also

- Mykyta the Fox - Ukrainian animated series
- Nichita Stănescu, Romanian poet and essayist

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