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Names

What's your name? _____

What's your favourite name? _____

There are thousands of different names in Chile. Some are from Spain, others are taken from other cultures. Just a few are really from Chile. There are always some fashionable names. Nowadays there are a lot of boys and girls named Nicolás, Sebastián, Ignacio, Matías, Catalina, Javiera, etc.

Some common names are very similar in different languages. For example Juan in Spanish is John in English, Giovanni in Italian and Jean in French.

In Britain, the most common surname is Smith (over 7.000.000 in Britain and 18.000.000 in America). In fact, there are nearly 30.000 people in Britain called John Smith.

• **Answer** (Responde en inglés)

1. What are some popular first names for boys in Chile?

2. What are some popular first names for girls in Chile?

3. What is the most common English surname?

4. What is the most common name and surname in Chile?

5. Do you know some English native names? Write them.
