

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

Russian names are composed of first name, patronymic (from the father's first name), and family name. Formal address requires the use of first name and patronymic; diminutives are commonly used among family and friends and are for the most part endearing, though in a certain blunt form (Katka for Katerina, Mitka for Dmitri) they can be rude or dismissive; the family name alone can also be used familiarly or casually, and on occasion only the patronymic is used, usually among the lower classes. In speech, the patronymic can also take a shortened form: Andreich instead of Andreevich, or Kirilych instead of Kirillovich. The accented syllables of Russian names are long, the others very short. We also give the French forms of first names as Tolstoy uses them.

BEZÚKHOV, COUNT KIRÍLL VLADÍMIROVICH

COUNT PYÓTR KIRÍLLOVICH or KIRÍLYCH (Pierre), his son

PRINCESS KATERÍNA SEMYÓNOVNA (Catiche), his niece

BOLKÓNSKY, PRINCE NIKOLÁI ANDRÉEVICH or ANDRÉICH

PRINCE ANDRÉI NIKOLÁEVICH (Andryúsha, André), his son

PRINCESS MÁRYA NIKOLÁEVNA (Másha, Máshenka, Marie), his
daughter

PRINCESS ELIZAVÉTA KÁRLOVNA, née Meinen (Líza, Lizavéta, Lise), the
“little princess,” Prince Andrei's wife

PRINCE NIKOLÁI ANDRÉEVICH (Nikólushka, Nikólenka, Coco),
their son

ROSTÓV, COUNT ILYÁ ANDRÉEVICH or ANDRÉICH (Élie)

COUNTESS NATÁLYA (no patronymic) (Natalie), his wife

COUNTESS VÉRA ILYÍNICHNA (Verúshka, Vérochka), their elder
daughter

COUNT NIKOLÁI ILYÍCH (Nikólushka, Nikólenka, Nikoláshka, Kólya,
Nicolas, Coco), their elder son

COUNTESS NATÁLYA ILYÍNICHNA (Natásha, Natalie), their younger
daughter

COUNT PYÓTR ILYÍCH (Pétya, Petrúsha), their younger son

SÓFYA ALEXÁNDROVNA (no family name) (Sónya, Sophie), orphaned
cousin of the younger Rostovs

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- KURÁGIN, PRINCE VASSÍLY SERGÉEVICH
PRINCE IPPOLÍT VASSÍLIEVICH (Hippolyte), his elder son
PRINCE ANATÓLE VASSÍLIEVICH, his younger son
PRINCESS ELÉNA VASSÍLIEVNA (Lélya, Hélène), his daughter
- DRUBETSKÓY, PRINCESS ÁNNA MIKHÁILOVNA
PRINCE BORÍS (no patronymic) (Bórya, Bórenka), her son
- AKHROSÍMOV, MÁRYA DMÍTRIEVNA, Moscow society matron
- ALPÁTYCH, YÁKOV (no family name), steward of the Bolkonsky estates
- BAZDÉEV, ÓSIP (IÓSIF) ALEXÉEVICH, an important figure in the Masons
- BERG, ALPHÓNSE KÁRLOVICH or KÁRLYCH (later called Adólf), a young Russian officer
- BOURIÉNNE, AMÁLIA EVGÉNIEVNA (Amélie, Bourriénka), Princess Marya's French companion
- DENÍSOV, VASSÍLY DMÍTRICH (Váska), a hussar officer, friend of Nikolai Rostov
- DÓLOKHOV, FYÓDOR IVÁNOVICH (Fédya), a Russian officer
- KARÁGIN, JULIE (no Russian first name or patronymic), a wealthy heiress
- KARATÁEV, PLATÓN, peasant foot soldier befriended by Pierre Bezukhov
- LAVRÚSHKA (no patronymic or family name), Denisov's and later Nikolai Rostov's orderly
- SCHÉRER, ÁNNA PÁVLOVNA (Annette), hostess of an aristocratic salon in Petersburg
- TÍKHON (no patronymic or family name) (Tishka), old Prince Bolkonsky's personal manservant
- TÚSHIN (no first name or patronymic), captain of Russian artillery at the battle of Schöngraben
- WILLÁRSKI (no first name or patronymic), Polish count and Mason