

# Rarest Korean surnames



## So Bong

Believed to be of Chinese origin, meaning “a small peak.”



## Sam

Contrary to its Korean meaning of the number “three,” here it means “a place abundant with trees.”

## Jang Gok

A surname originated from Japan, meaning “a long valley.”



## Jeup

It was used as the last name for the Koreans marrying the Japanese during their colonial period in Korea. It was later adopted as the official surname in the North Korean North Hamgyong province.

## Hak

According to Chinese characters, a surname of unknown origin refers to the “name of a land.”



## Eo Geum

The last name is believed to have originated from China, where Eo means “fish” and Geum means “gold or money.”