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FEMALE AFRICAN NAMES

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NAME	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING	ORIGIN
Aba	ah-BAH	born on Thursday	Fante, Ghana
Abayomi	ah-BAH-yoh-mee	pleasant meeting	Yoruba, Nigeria
Abimbola	ah-BEEM-boh-lah	born to be rich	Yoruba, Nigeria
Akwete	ah-KWEH-teh	elder of twins	Ga, Ghana
Akwokwo	ah-KWO-kwoh	younger of twins	Ga, Ghana
Bayo	BAH-yoh	joy is found	Yoruba, Nigeria
Chinwe	CHEEN-weh	God's own blessing	Ibo, Nigeria
Chuki	CHOO-kee	born amid animosity	Swahili, E. Africa
Dada	DAH-dah	having curly hair	Yoruba, Nigeria
Efia	eh-FEE-ah	born on Friday	Fante, Ghana
Folayan	faw-LAH-yahn	to walk in dignity	Yoruba, Nigeria
Habibah	hah-BEE-bah	beloved	Arabic, N. Africa
Hembadoon	HEM-bah-doon	the winner	Tiv, Nigeria
Ifama	ee-FAH-mah	everything is fine	Ibo, Nigeria
Ifetayo	ee-feh-TAH-yoh	love brings happiness	Yoruba, Nigeria
Ige	EE-geh	delivered feet first	Yoruba, Nigeria
Jamila	Jah-MEE-lah	beautiful	Swahili, E. Africa
Kambo	KAM-boh	unlucky	Shona, Zimbabwe
Kamilah	kah-MEE-lah	the perfect one	Arabic, N. Africa
Layla	LAH-ee-lah	born at night	Swahili, E. Africa
Masani	mah-SAH-nee	has gap between teeth	Luganda, Uganda
Mawasi	mah-woo-SEE	in the hands of God	Ewe, Ghana
Naila	NAH-ee-lah	one who succeeds	Arabic, N. Africa
Ode	oh-DEH	born along the road	Benin, Nigeria
Osaye	oh-SEH-yeh	the happy one	Benin, Nigeria
Pasua	pah-SOO-ah	born by Caesarean	Swahili, E. Africa
Quibilah	KWUB-ee-lah	concord	Arabic, N. Africa
Ramia	RAHM-lah	predictor of the future	Swahili, E. Africa
Rashida	rah-SHEE-dah	righteous	Swahili, E. Africa
Safiya	sah-FEE-yah	clear-minded	Swahili, E. Africa
Sauda	sah-ODA-dah	dark complexioned	Swahili, E. Africa
Serwa	sair-WAH	noble woman	Ewe, Ghana
Sigolwide	see-gol-WEE-deh	my ways are straight	Nyakysa, Tanzania

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