LECTURE 11

Supplementary material

- 1. Gender of Russian Adjectives.
- 2. Common Adjectives with a stem ending in a soft "н".

Section 1

Прилагательное (Adjective)

Generally, Masculine Singular Adjectives end in "ый", since majority of Russian Adjectives have a stem that ends in a hard consonant. Majority of Feminine Singular Adjectives end in "ая" and majority of Neuter Singular Adjectives end in "ое".

The ending "ий" is either used with Adjectives with a soft "н" (please see the list below), in which case the Feminine Singular Adjectives end in "яя" and Neuter Singular Adjectives end in "ee" or with Adjectives with a stem ending in one of the 7 letter rule letters such as г, к, х, ш, щ, ж, ч, in which case Feminine Singular Adjectives end in "aя" and Neuter Singular adjectives end in "oe". (Please note that the Neuter ending will be affected by the stress related spelling rule, which states, that we never write an unstressed "O" after the letters Ж, Ч, Ш, Щ, Ц. Instead we use "E", e.g.: "плохо́е" but "хоро́шее".)

If the ending is stressed, then Masculine Singular Adjectives end in "ой", Feminine Singular adjectives end in "ая" and Neuter Singular adjectives end in "ое".

Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
ЫЙ	ая	oe
ОЙ	ая	oe
ий	яя	ee (soft "H")
ий	ая	oe (7 letter rule)

Section 2

Some of the most common Adjectives with a stem ending in a soft "H":

у́трен н ий	morning
вече́рний	evening
ра́нний	early
по́здний	late
СИНИЙ	blue
дома́шний	domestic
весе́нний	spring
ле́тний	summery
осе́нний	autumnal
зи́мний	wintry
пре́жний	former, previous
после́дний	last