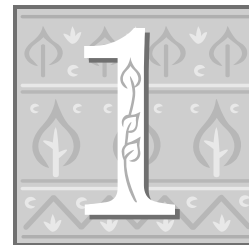


Lecture 1

Russian Alphabet



Learning Incentive:

To learn about:

- The Russian Alphabet
- Vowels and Consonants
- How to pronounce Russian letters
- The handwritten Russian alphabet

1. RUSSIAN ALPHABET



- Cyrillic script is used in over **50** different languages in the world
- Consists of **33** letters
- **21** consonants, **10** vowels, **2** silent sounds

5 letters that look and sound similar to English:

Russian Letter Name of the letter English equivalent Example

A, a	ah	a	as in <u>r</u> ather
K, к	kah	k	as in <u>k</u> ept
M, м	ehm	m	as in <u>m</u> et
O, o	o	o	as in <u>m</u> ore
T, т	teh	t	as in <u>t</u> ent

7 letters that look similar to English but sound differently:

Russian Letter	Name of the letter	English equivalent	Example
В, в	veh	v	as in <u>v</u> ine
Е, е	yeh	ye	as in <u>y</u> ell
Н, н	ehn	n	as in <u>n</u> ame
Р, р	ehr	r	like a rolled <u>r</u>
С, с	ehs	s	as in <u>s</u> mile
У, у	oo	oo	as in p <u>u</u> ll
Х, х	hah	h	as in lo <u>ch</u>

13 letters that do not look similar but sound familiar:

Russian Letter	Name of the letter	English equivalent	Example
Б, б	beh	b	as in <u>b</u> utton
Г, г	geh	g	as in <u>g</u> o
Д, д	deh	d	as in <u>d</u> o
Ё, ё	yo	yo	as in <u>y</u> olk
З, з	zeh	z	as in <u>z</u> oo
И, и	ee	ee	as in <u>f</u> ee <u>t</u>
Й, й	y	y	as in bo <u>y</u>
Л, л	ehl	l	as in <u>l</u> oft
П, п	peh	p	as in <u>p</u> en
Ф, ф	ef	f	as in <u>f</u> an
Э, э	e	e	as in <u>n</u> et
Ю, ю	yu	yu	as in <u>u</u> se
Я, я	ya	ya	as in <u>y</u> ard

8 Letters that do not sound or look similar to English:

Russian Letter Name of the letter English equivalent Example

Ж, ж	zhe	zh	as in mea <u>sure</u>
Ц, ц	tseh	ts	as in si <u>ts</u>
Ч, ч	ch eh	ch	as in <u>ch</u> imp
Ш, ш	sha	sh	as in ma <u>sh</u>
Щ, щ	shcha	shch	as in <u>s</u> ure
Ъ, ъ	hard sign	adds a slight pause	
Ы, ы	i	unrounded “oo”	as in wi <u>ll</u>
Ь, ь	soft sign	softens the consonant	as in <u>lil</u> ly

Russian Alphabet in chronological order

Russian Letter	Name of the letter	English equivalent	Example
А, а	ah	a	as in rather
Б, б	beh	b	as in button
В, в	veh	v	as in vine
Г, г	geh	g	as in go
Д, д	deh	d	as in do
Е, е	yeh	ye	as in yell
Ё, ё	yo	yo	as in yolk
Ж, ж	zhe	zh	as in measure
З, з	zeh	z	as in zoo
И, и	ee	ee	as in feet
Й, й	y	y	as in boy
К, к	kah	k	as in kept
Л, л	ehl	l	as in loft
М, м	ehm	m	as in met
Н, н	ehn	n	as in name
О, о	o	o	as in more

Russian Letter	Name of the letter	English equivalent	Example
П, п	peh	p	as in pen
Р, р	ehr	r	like a rolled r
С, с	ehs	s	as in smile
Т, т	teh	t	as in tent
У, у	oo	oo	as in pull
Ф, ф	ef	f	as in fan
Х, х	hah	h	as in loch
Ц, ц	tseh	ts	as in sits
Ч, ч	ch eh	ch	as in chimp
Ш, ш	sha	sh	as in mash
Щ, щ	shcha	shch	as in sure
Ъ, ъ	hard sign	adds a slight pause before the next letter	
Ы, ы	i	like saying "oo" but with lips unrounded	as in will
Ь, ь	soft sign	softens the preceding consonant	as in lilly
Э, э	e	e	as in net
Ю, ю	yu	yu	as in use
Я, я	ya	ya	as in yard

2. HANDWRITTEN ALPHABET

А а Аа Б б Бб В в Вв Г г Гг
Д д Дд Е е Ее Ё ё Ёё Ж ж Жж
З з Зз И и Ии Й й Йй К к Кк
Л л Лл М м Мм Н н Нн О о Оо
П п Пп Р р Рр С с Сс Т т Тт
У у Уу Ф ф Фф Х х Хх Ц ц Цц
Ч ч Чч Ш ш Шш Щ щ Щщ Ъ ъ Ъ
Ы ы ы Ь ь ь Э э Ээ Ю ю Юю Я я Яя



WELL DONE!

In this lecture you have learned:

- The Russian Alphabet
- Vowels and Consonants and how to pronounce them
- The handwritten Russian alphabet