



Lecture 2


How to read in Russian

Learning Incentive:

To learn about:

- The rules of stress in Russian
- How to read in Russian

1. RULES OF STRESS

- **Syllable** - a unit, which usually contains a vowel and a consonant, e.g.: ba-na-na – 3 syllables.
- Emphasis on **one syllable** to indicate stress, as in English “ph**O**tograph” vs. “phot**O**graphy”.
-  ' sign marks **the stress** which must be learned with each word. (e.g.: ban**á**na)
- ba-n**A**-na

2. HOW TO READ IN RUSSIAN



Reading in Russian is quite easy and if you pronounce words letter by letter you will get quite an accurate pronunciation.

However, there are some rules that need to be taken into account.

Rule 1: In unstressed position pronounce **O** like **A**

Compare stressed O:

Russian word	Meaning	Pronunciation
т O рт	cake	t O rt
з O на	zone	z O na
сп O рт	sport	sp O rt
метр O	tube/subway	metr O

To unstressed O:

к o мп A ния	company	k a mp A niya
пр o гр A мма	programme	pr a gr A mma
н o рм A льн o	OK/normally	n a rm A l'n a

NB! The vowel **ë** is **always stressed**.

LET'S PRACTICE!

Б+А = БА

Б+О = БО

Б+И = БИ

Б+У = БУ

Б+Е = БЕ

А "ah"

Б "beh"

В "veh"

Г "geh"

Д "deh"

Е "yeh"

Ё "yo"

Ж "zhe"

З "zeh"

И "ee"

Й "y"

К "kah"

Л "ehl"

М "ehm"

Н "ehn"

О "o"

П "peh"

Р "ehr"

С "ehs"

Т "teh"

У "oo"

Ф "ef"

Х "hah"

Ц "tseh"

Ч "cheh"

Ш "sha"

Щ "shcha"

Ъ hard sigh

Ы "i"

Ь soft sign

Э "e"

Ю "yu"

Я "ya"

Я+Р = ЯР

Ц+О = ЦО

Ш+А = ША

Ч+Е = ЧЕ

Ж+А = ЖА

Щ+И = ЩИ

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У "oo"

Ф "ef"

Х "hah"

Ц "tseh"

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Ш "sha"

Щ "shcha"

Ъ hard sigh

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Ю "yu"

Я "ya"

ПА+Л = ПАЛ

ПА+ЛЬ = ПАЛЬ

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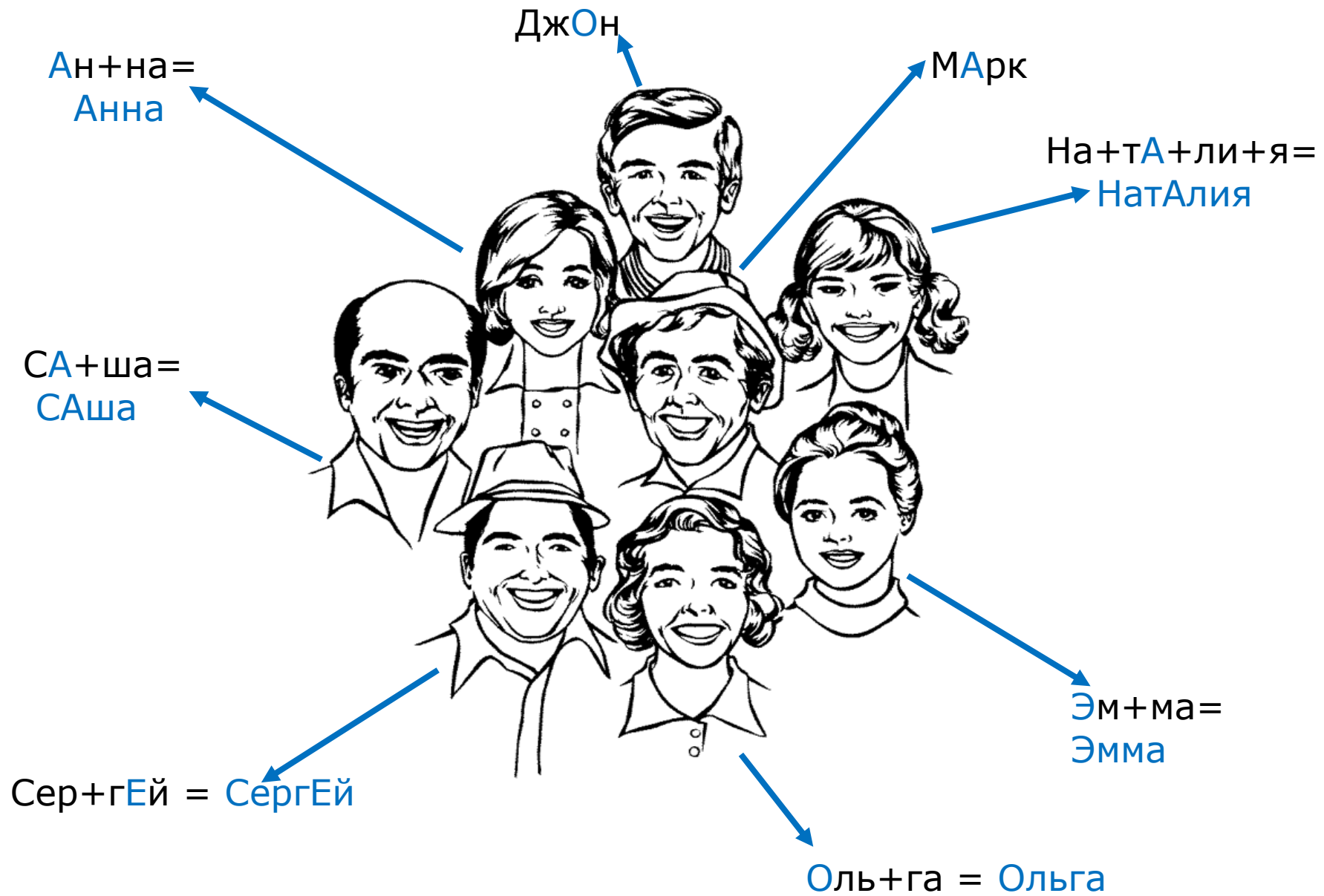
Ы "i"

Ь soft sign

Э "e"

Ю "yu"

Я "ya"





WELL DONE!

In this lecture you have learned:

- How to read in Russian
- How to use stress in Russian
- 41 new Russian words!