

## Language Generator 2—Кому нужно что (Who Needs What)

In Russian we do not say “He needs a pencil.” we say “To him a pencil is needed.” This generator shows you how. Pick a word from the first column to indicate who feels the need. Then pick a needed thing from the fourth column. Now pick the proper word from the second column following the instructions in the third column.

Who feels the need*	“Is necessary”	Instructions	What is needed
Кому To whom	на́до	Use надо with verbs and verb phrases. Verb must be in infinitive. Add “было” for past tense, “будет” for future.	говори́ть to speak
Мне To me			ку́шать to eat
Нам To us			уйти leave
Тебе́ To thee	ну́жен	Use нужен with masculine nouns. Add “был” for past tense, “будет” for future.	каранда́ш a pencil
Вам To you			блокно́т a notepad
Ему́ To him			фотоаппара́т a camera
Ей To her			отве́т an answer
Им To them	ну́жна	Use нужна with feminine nouns. Add “была” for past tense, “будет” for future.	Би́блия a Bible
Ива́ну To John			по́мощь help
А́нне To Anna			ру́чка a pen
			наде́жда hope
	ну́жно	Use нужно with neuter nouns. Add “было” for past tense, “будет” for future.	пальто́ an overcoat
			я́блоко an apple
			мно́го a lot
	ну́жны	Use нужны with plural nouns. Add “были” for past tense, “будет” for future.	очки́ eyeglasses
			носки́ socks
			де́ньги money

\*You can add words to column one as long as you put them in the dative case. Add -y to masculine words. Change the -a or -я at the end of feminine words to -e. Details in [Grammar 5—Russian Case Charts](#).

### Examples

Мне на́до говори́ть.

Ему́ ну́жна по́мочь.

Ива́ну бу́дет каранда́ш.

I need to speak.

He needs help.

John needs a pencil.