List of all letters according to the official order in the Belarusian language (first lowercase, then uppercase):

А а

Б б

В в

Г г

Д д

Е е

Ё ё

Ж ж

З з

І і

Й й

К к

Л л

М м

Н н

О о

П п

Р р

С с

Т т

У у

Ў ў

Ф ф

Х х

Ц ц

Ч ч

Ш ш

Ы ы

Ь ь (soft sign; it does not correspond to a sound but indicates some changes in pronunciation)

Э э

Ю ю

Я я

‘ (apostrophe; it does not correspond to a sound but indicates some changes in pronunciation)

List of vowels (only lowercase):

а е ё і о у ы э ю я

List of sonorants (only lowercase):

й л м н р ў

List of other consonants (i.e., those which are not sonorants; only lowercase):

б в г д ж з к п с т ф х ц ч ш

The soft sign and the apostrophe are special signs – they always follow a consonant and they form one unit with the previous consonant. So, they must be always attached to the previous consonant, they can never stand at the beginning of a syllable.

There are 2 zero-syllable words in Belarusian: з, ў.

Always attach з to the word which follows it and ў to the word which precedes it.

When counting syllable or word length, ignore soft sign ь (be careful, in some fonts it is quite difficult to distinguish it completely from the Cyrillic в, i.e. from the letter which is v in Latin alphabet) and the apostrophe. Don’t delete them, just insert some condition to the program (or word/syllable length can be determined as the number of all letters minus the number of soft signs minus the number of apostrophes in the word/syllable).

Other remarks to syllable length:

One letter (except for the soft sign and the hard sign, see above) corresponds to one phoneme (sound), with the following exceptions:

е ё ю я represent two phonemes if they are at the beginning of a word, or if they follow a vowel (see the list above), a soft sign, or the apostrophe; otherwise they represent one phoneme

sequences дж, дз represent one phoneme