

The Russian Alphabet

Page One

Cyrillic Letter (upper/lower case in printing and writing)	English transliteration	Pronunciation
Letters that look the same and sound the same		
А а <i>A a</i>	A	father
К к <i>K k</i>	K	kill
М м <i>M m</i>	M	Mistake
О о <i>O o</i>	O	Between blow and ostrich
Т т <i>T t</i>	T	take
Letters that look the same but sound different		
В в <i>V v</i>	V	Victory
Е е <i>E e</i>	E or Ye	Yes
Н н <i>N n</i>	N	No
Р р <i>R r</i>	R	Run
С с <i>S s</i>	S	Stop
У у <i>U u</i>	U	Shoot
Х х <i>X x</i>	Kh	loch
Letters that look different with no sound		
Ъ ъ <i>Ъ ъ</i>	“hard sign”	Ignore, but separate the syllable before the hard sign from the syllable after
Ь ь <i>Ь ь</i>	“soft sign”	Ignore, but put a slight “y” on the end of the syllable and draw it out a bit

Cyrillic Letter (upper/lower case in printing and writing)		English transliteration	Pronunciation
Letters that look different			
Б б	<i>Б б</i>	B	B ig
Г г	<i>Г г</i>	G	G ood
Д д	<i>Д д</i>	D	D og
Ё ё	<i>Ё ё</i>	Yo	Y ore
Ж ж	<i>Ж ж</i>	Zh	Mea z ure
З з	<i>З з</i>	Z	Z oo
И и	<i>И и</i>	I	S ee
Й й	<i>Й й</i>	Y	Bu o y
Л л	<i>Л л</i>	L	L ight
П п	<i>П п</i>	P	P oor
Ф ф	<i>Ф ф</i>	F	F un
Ц ц	<i>Ц ц</i>	Ts	Yach t s
Ч ч	<i>Ч ч</i>	Ch	C hair
Ш ш	<i>Ш ш</i>	Sh	S he
Щ щ	<i>Щ щ</i>	Shch	Fresh C hips
Ы ы	<i>Ы ы</i>	Y	ph y sics
Э э	<i>Э э</i>	E	Me s s
Ю ю	<i>Ю ю</i>	Yu	U niversity
Я я	<i>Я я</i>	Ya	Y acht

Note : the Russian written letters in red are quite substantially changed from their printed versions.