

# The Russian Alphabet

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Cyrillic Letter (upper/lower case in printing and writing)	English transliteration	Pronunciation
<b>Letters that look the same and sound the same</b>		
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
<b>Letters that look the same but sound different</b>		
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
<b>Letters that look different with no sound</b>		
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

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

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