

# Learn a Little Russian

**Recommended for grades 9-12**

**Duration:** 90 minutes class

**Background:** Students should have studied Russian culture previously

**Scope of Lesson:** To teach students a very limited amount of the Russian language by introducing the alphabet, practicing the sounds of the letters, and putting the letters together to make words.

**Materials:** Copies of the three attachments for each student (1) Russian Alphabet (2) Russian words practice sheet (3) Russian words practice sheet for homework

**Instructional Objectives:** To have each student recognize the Russian alphabet with help of a copy of the alphabet with the sounds of each letters next to the letter and by having the students repeat the sounds out loud, and by writing English words using a worksheet designed to use words that have the same sounds as the English words.

**Teaching Procedures:** Hand out a copy of the attached Russian Alphabet to each student. Go over each letter and compare and contrast it to English words. It is not best to have them write the letters yet. They need to hear the sound and practice them.

Divide the class into groups of three. Hand out a copy of the attached practice sheets. Have each group sound out and practice reading the Russian words in English.

**Assessment:** Go over the practice sheet with the class as a whole by have each group translate several words.

**Extensions:** Hand out the second practice sheet to be completed at home.

Russian Letter	Name	Pronunciation	Vowel	Pronunciation	Symbol
А	а	ah	•	a in car	ah
Б	б	beh		b in bit	b
В	в	veh		v in vine	v
Г	г	geh		g in go	g
Д	д	dsh		d in do	d
Е	е	Yeh	•	ye in yet	Yeh
Ё	ё	Yo	•	yo in yonder	Yo
Ж	ж	zhch		zh as in pleasure	zh
З	з	zeh		z in zoo	z
И	и	ee	•	ee in see	ee
Й	й	ee krahtkoYeh	•	y in boy	y
К	к	kah		k in kitten	k
Л	л	ehl		l in lamp	l
М	м	ehm		m in my	m
Н	н	ahn		n in not	n
О	о	o	•	o in hot	o
П	п	peh		p in pot	p
Р	р	ehr		trilled (like scottish r)	r
С	с	ehs		like s in see	s/ss
Т	т	tsh		t in tip	t
У	у	oo	•	oo in boot	oo
Ф	ф	ehf		f in face	f
Х	х	kheh		ch in Scottish loch	kh
Ц	ц	tseh		ts in sits	ts
Ч	ч	chYeh		ch in chip	chY
Ш	ш	shah		sh in shut	sh
Щ	щ	shchYeh		sh followed by ch	shchY
Ъ	ъ	tv'ordiy znahk		symbol - makes preceding consonant soft	
Ы	ы	i	•	i in ill	i
Ь	ь	mYakhkeey znahk		symbol - used to separate two words	
Э	э	eh ehbehrotnahYeh	•	e in met	eh
Ю	ю	Yoo	•	u in duke	Yoo
Я	я	Yeh	•	ye in yard	Yeh

ЖЕНЩИНА	Woman	СОК	juice
МУЖЧИНА	Man	СЫР	cheese
ЖЕНА	Wife	АПЕЛЬСИН	orange
МУЖ	Husband	ЯБЛОКО	apple
ДОЧЬ	daughter	ЧАЙ	tea
СЫН	son	САХАР	sugar
СЕСТРА	Sister	КОФЕ	coffee
БРАТ	brother	КНИГА	Book
БАБУШКА	Grandmother	ГАЗЕТА	Newspaper
ДОМ	house	СЛОВАРЬ	dictionary
КВАРТИРА	Flat	ПИСЬМО	Letter
ТУАЛЕТ	toilet	МАРКА	Stamp
ВАННАЯ	bathroom	ОТКРЫТКА	Postcard
СТОЛОВАЯ	dining room	ПЛОЩАДЬ	square
ОКНО	Window	РЕСТОРАН	restaurant
ТЕЛЕВИЗОР	television	МУЗЕЙ	museum
РАДИО	Radio	ТЕАТР	theater
ТЕЛЕФОН	telephone	ЦИРК	circus
СТАКАН	glass	УНИВЕРСИТЕТ	university
ШАПКА	Cap	ПОЧТА	Post office
МЯСО	Meat	ПАРК	park
МОЛОКО	milk	МАШИНА	Car

КОШКА	Cat	ВОСЕМЬ	eight
СОБАКА	dog	ДЕВЯТЬ	nine
УТРО	Morning	ДЕСЯТЬ	ten
ДЕНЬ	day	ОДИННАЦТЬ	eleven
ВЕЧЕР	evening	ДВЕНАДЦАТЬ	twelve
НОЧЬ	night	ТРИНАДЦАТЬ	thirteen
ПОНЕДЕЛНИК	Monday	ЧЕТЫРНАДЦАТЬ	fourteen
ВТОРНИК	Tuesday	ПЯТНАДЦАТЬ	fifteen
СРЕДА	Wednesday	ШЕСТНАДЦТЬ	sixteen
ЧЕТВЕРГ	Thursday	СЕМНАДЦАТЬ	seventeen
ПЯТНИЦА	Friday	ВОСЕМНАДЦАТЬ	eighteen
СУББОТА	Saturday	ДЕВЯТНАДЦАТЬ	nineteen
ВОСКРЕСЕНЬЕ	Sunday	ДВАДЦАТЬ	twenty
МАИ	May	ТРИДЦАТЬ	thirty
ИЮНЬ	June	СОРОК	forty
ОДИН	one	ПЯТЬДЕСЯТ	fifty
ДВА	Two	ШЕСТЬДЕСЯТ	sixty
ТРИ	three	СЕМЬДЕСЯТ	seventy
ЧЕТЫРЕ	four	ВОСЕМЬДЕСЯТ	eighty
ПЯТЬ	five	ДЕВЯНОСТО	Ninety
ШЕСТЬ	six	СТО	One hundred
СЕМЬ	seven	ТЫСЯЧА	One thousand

ЗДРАВСТВУЙТЕ	hello	НЕТ	no
ДОБРЫЙ ДЕНЬ	good day	Я ЧИТАЮ	I read
ДОБРОЕ УТРО	Good morning	Я ГОВОРЮ	I speak
ДОБРЫЙ ВЕЧЕР	good evening	Я ПОНИМАЮ	I understand
ОЧЕНЬ ПРИЯТНО	glad to meet you	Я ЗНАЮ	I know
ЧТО ЭТО	What is that?	Я ЖИВУ	I live
КТО ЭТО	Who is that?	МОСКВА	Moscow
Я	I	Я ЛЮБЛЮ	I like (love)
МОН МОЯ	Mine	СЕГОДНЯ	today
ТЫ	you	ТВОИ ТВОЯ	Your
ОН	he	ЕГО	His
ОНА	she	ЕЁ	hers
ОНО	it	ПОГОДА	weather
МЫ	we	НАШ	our
ВЫ	you	ВАШ	your
ОНИ	they	ИХ	theirs
СПАСИБО	Thank you	ГДЕ НАХОДИТЬСЯ	where is xx located?
КАК ВАС ЗОВУТ	what is your name?	ХОРОШО	good
ГДЕ	where?	Я РАБОТАЮ	I work
У МЕНЯ ЕСТЬ	I have	РУБЛЬ	ruble
ОБЩЕЖИТИЕ	hostel, dorm	БОРЩ	borshch
ПОЖАЛУИСТА	Your welcome, please	ЗАВТРАК	breakfast
ДА	Yes	ОБЕД	lunch
		УЖИН	dinner
		Я ХОЧУ	I want
		БИБЛИОТЕКА	Library
		Я ПИШУ	I write