

## *Index to Foundation Russian*

In this booklet, the words and phrases taught in the course are listed in English and Russian (transliterated and Cyrillic). The Cyrillic alphabet is given along with an explanation of the transliteration system.

# The Russian alphabet

	<b>Russian letter</b>	<b>Closest English equivalent</b>	<b>Transliterated</b>
1	<b>А а</b> мама	A as in <b>f</b> ather, <b>s</b> aga, <b>a</b> bout	a
2	<b>Б б</b> банк, гриб	B as in <b>b</b> et, <b>b</b> eat (sounds P at the end of a word).	b
3	<b>В в</b> вокзал, вот	V as in <b>v</b> an (can sound F at the end of a word).	v
4	<b>Г г</b> гараж, готов, ничего	G as in <b>g</b> o, <b>g</b> et (can sound K at the end of a word; sounds V in -ero, -oro and certain other word endings).	g
5	<b>Д д</b> дом, код	D as in <b>d</b> ad, <b>d</b> en (can sound T at the end of a word).	d
6	<b>Е е</b> есть, где	YE as in <b>y</b> es, E as in <b>m</b> et. Softens the preceding consonant (shown with apostrophe').	ye,'e
7	<b>Ё ё</b> ёлка, всё	YO as in <b>y</b> our, <b>b</b> eyond. Softens the preceding consonant (shown with apostrophe'). Always stressed.	yo,'o
8	<b>Ж ж</b> можно, муж	ZH as in <b>p</b> leasure, <b>v</b> ision (can sound SH at the end of a word).	zh
9	<b>З з</b> здесь, занят	Z as in <b>z</b> ero, <b>r</b> ose (can sound S at the end of a word).	z
10	<b>И и</b> и, или	EE as in <b>f</b> ee <b>t</b> , <b>e</b> el. Softens the preceding consonant.	i
11	<b>Й й</b> мой	Y as in <b>y</b> et, <b>t</b> oy, <b>b</b> oy	y
12	<b>К к</b> как	K as in <b>r</b> ack, <b>k</b> ey	k
13	<b>Л л</b> лампа, далеко	L as in <b>l</b> amp, <b>l</b> ead	l
14	<b>М м</b> Москва	M as in <b>m</b> ilk, <b>m</b> eat	m

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15	<b>Н н</b> нет, но	N as in <b>n</b> ice, <b>n</b> et	<i>n</i>
16	<b>О о</b> он, она	O as in <b>o</b> rt when stressed. When unstressed – as in <b>a</b> gain, <b>do</b> ctor.	<i>o</i>
17	<b>П п</b> президент	P as in <b>p</b> our, <b>p</b> lease	<i>p</i>
18	<b>Р р</b> Россия, работа	Scottish rolled <b>r</b>	<i>r</i>
19	<b>С с</b> спасибо	S as in <b>s</b> it, <b>m</b> ost	<i>s</i>
20	<b>Т т</b> это, так	T as in <b>t</b> uck, <b>t</b> eam	<i>t</i>
21	<b>У у</b> по-русски, у	OO as in <b>oo</b> t, <b>fo</b> ol. The lips should be protruded.	<i>oo</i>
22	<b>Ф ф</b> кофе	F as in <b>f</b> un, <b>f</b> arm	<i>f</i>
23	<b>Х х</b> хлеб, хорошо	Scottish <b>loch</b>	<i>kh</i>
24	<b>Ц ц</b> цирк	T+S as in <b>s</b> its, <b>b</b> its	<i>ts</i>
25	<b>Ч ч</b> хочу, что	CH as in <b>ch</b> air, <b>ch</b> ip	<i>ch</i>
26	<b>Ш ш</b> ваш, наш	SH as in <b>sh</b> ip, <b>rush</b>	<i>sh</i>
27	<b>Щ щ</b> борщ, ещё	SHCH as in <b>pu</b> sh <b>ch</b> air, <b>fr</b> esh <b>ch</b> ease	<i>shch</i>
28	<b>Ъ ъ</b> съел	hard sign: serves to keep the consonant it follows hard.	<i>''</i>
29	<b>Ы ы</b> вы, ты	Resembles I as in <b>till</b> , <b>bit</b>	<i>y</i>
30	<b>Ь ь</b> думать, большой	soft sign: used mainly to soften the preceding consonant.	<i>'</i>

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31	<b>Э э</b> это	E as in <b>get</b> , <b>bea</b> r, <b>wher</b> e	e
32	<b>Ю ю</b> знаю, говорю	U as in <b>u</b> niversity, <b>tun</b> e. Softens the preceding consonant (shown with apostrophe').	yoo,'oo
33	<b>Я я</b> моя, время	YA as in <b>yum</b> my, <b>ya</b> rd. Softens the preceding consonant (shown with apostrophe').	ya,'a

## **Vowels**

Harden preceding consonant

<b>А</b>	<b>О</b>	<b>Э</b>	<b>У</b>	<b>Ы</b>
ма <b>Ма</b>	до <b>м</b>	Ме <b>р</b>	по-ру <b>с</b> ски	бу <b>д</b> ь

Soften preceding consonant

<b>Я</b>	<b>Ё</b>	<b>Е</b>	<b>Ю</b>	<b>И</b>
вре <b>М</b> я	иде <b>м</b>	Ме <b>н</b> я	гово <b>р</b> ю	биле <b>т</b>

## Common Russian signs

<b>МЕТРО</b> metro	<b>БАР</b> bar	<b>ВХОД</b> entry
<b>ТАКСИ</b> taxi	<b>РЕСТОРАН</b> restaurant	<b>ВЫХОД</b> exit
<b>ВОКЗАЛ</b> train station	<b>КАФЕ</b> café	<b>ПЕРЕХОД</b> pedestrian crossing
<b>ХЛЕБ</b> bread	<b>БАНК</b> bank	<b>БОЛЬШОЙ ТЕАТР</b> Bolshoy Theatre
<b>МОЛОКО</b> milk	<b>БАНКОМАТ</b> cash machine	<b>ЭРМИТАЖ</b> Hermitage
<b>ОТЕЛЬ</b> hotel	<b>МИЛИЦИЯ</b> police (militia)	<b>МУЗЕЙ</b> museum
<b>ГОСТИНИЦА</b> hotel	<b>КАССА</b> box office, ticket office	<b>СУВЕНИРЫ</b> souvenirs
<b>НЕ КУРИТЬ</b> no smoking	<b>ГАЗЕТЫ</b> newspapers	<b>ПОЛИКЛИНИКА</b> surgery
<b>РЕГИСТРАЦИЯ</b> registration	<b>МАГАЗИН</b> shop	<b>РЫНОК</b> market
<b>ЗАНЯТО</b> engaged, occupied	<b>КНИГИ</b> books	<b>ДОБРО ПОЖАЛОВАТЬ</b> welcome