LEARNING THE RUSSIAN ALPHABET

INSTRUCTIONS

You are going to be asked to learn the letters of the Russian alphabet. There will be about 5 letters to a page. Once you have finished learning the letters on one page, continue on and answer the questions on the following page.

You should work through the letters at your natural pace and you should not worry about the letters you cannot remember.

You will be taught using the same method you used for remembering words.

For example

The Russian for Ф is Ф

Imagine Ф looks like a Fishing Float

Picture this in your mind’s eye for about 10 seconds.
THE FIRST SET OF RUSSIAN LETTERS

1. The Russian letter И sounds like EE (as in eel)
Imagine that И looks like an EEL wriggling.

2. The Russian letter Э sounds like E (as in EGG)
Imagine Э looks like the letter E the wrong way around.

3. The Russian letter Ы sounds like the English letter N
Imagine a HEN perched on the bar of an H.

4. The Russian letter Й sounds like OO (as the OO sound in YOU)
Imagine Й stands for YOU

5. The Russian letter С sounds like the English letter S
Imagine CS gas.
What is the English for:

1. С
2. у
3. Н
4. Э
5. И

Look back for the answers
THE NEXT SET OF LETTERS

1. The Russian letter П sounds like the letter P
   Imagine П looks like a PRISON window.

2. The Russian letter Д sounds like the letter D
   Imagine Д looks like the DELTA of a river.

3. The Russian letter Е sounds like YE (as in YELL)
   Imagine you YELL every time you see the letter Е.

4. The Russian letter Ч sounds like CH (as in CHALK)
   Imagine Ч looks like an upside down CHAIR.

5. The Russian letter Л sounds like an L
   Imagine Л looks like an upside down letter L, with a j in front.
What is the English for:

1. Л
2. Ч
3. Е
4. Д
5. П

LOOK BACK FOR THE ANSWERS
THE NEXT SET OF LETTERS

1. The Russian letter З sounds like Z
   Imagine З looks like a ZEBRA on its side, viewed from the back end.

2. The Russian letter Р sounds like an R
   Imagine Р you feel like a PRAT

3. The Russian letter Я sounds like YA (as in YAK)
   Imagine Я looks like a YAK on its hind legs.

4. The Russian letter Ш sounds like SH
   Imagine Ш looks like the front of a SHOP.

5. The Russian letter Щ sounds like SH-CH (as in WELSH-CHURCH)
   Imagine Щ looks like a WELSH CHURCH.
What is the English for:

1. Щ
2. Щ
3. Я
4. Р
5. З

LOOK BACK FOR THE ANSWERS
THE NEXT SET OF LETTERS

1. The Russian letter Б sounds like B
   Imagine Б looks like a small b

2. The Russian letter Ф sounds like F
   Imagine Ф looks like a FISHING FLOAT.

3. The Russian letter Ж sounds like the S (as in treasure)
   Imagine Ж looks like the symbol on a TREASURE chest.

4. The Russian letter Г sounds like a G
   Imagine Г that looks like the GALLOWS.

5. The Russian letter Ы sounds like AY (as in HAY)
   Imagine you make HAY with a tool shaped liked Ы. It looks a bit like a pitch fork!
What is the English for:

1. Ы
2. Г
3. Ж
4. Ф
5. Б

LOOK BACK FOR THE ANSWERS
THE NEXT SET OF LETTERS

1. The Russian letter Б sounds like В
Imagine the БEES are Very clever

2. The Russian letter Ё sounds like YAW (as in YAWN)
Imagine Ё looks like an E YAWNING.

3. The Russian letter Й sounds like YOU
Imagine Й looks as if YOU are pushing a rock up a hill.

4. The Russian letter Ц sounds like TS
Imagine Ц looks like the TZAR’s throne.

5. The Russian letter Х sounds like CH (as in the word LOCH)
Imagine Х marks the spot where LOCH Lomand is.
What is the English for:

1. Х
2. Ц
3. Ю
4. Ё
5. Б

LOOK BACK FOR THE ANSWERS
The following are the same in both languages:

A
O
K
M
T

They spell out:

TOM KAT

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