

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 **F** is **Ф**

Imagine **Ф** looks like a **F**ishing **F**loat

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 **Н** sounds like the English letter **N**

Imagine a **HEN** perched on the bar of an **H**.

4. The Russian letter **у** sounds like **OO** (as the OO sound in YOU)

Imagine **у** 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 **E**.

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. III

2. III

3. Я

4. P

5. 3

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 **Й** sounds like **AY** (as in **HAY**)

Imagine you make **HAY** with a tool shaped liked **Й**. 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 **В** sounds like **V**

Imagine the **BEES** 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 **Ю** sounds like **YOU**

Imagine **Ю** 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. X
2. Ц
3. Ю
4. Ë
5. B

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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