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# ВВЕДЕ́НИЕ INTRODUCTION





- to read in Russian
- to ask two questions What is this? Что э́то? and Who is this? – Κτο э́το? and answer them using the construction This is/These are – Э́το...

# You will learn the following vocabulary and grammar points:

- the Russian alphabet
- word stress
- some international words
- the absence of articles a/the
- the genders of Russian nouns (Masculine, Feminine, Neuter)
- the Nominative Case of Russian nouns





### When in Rome do as the Romans do. В чужо́й стране́ жить— чужо́й обы́чай люби́ть:



### I. Do you know much about the Russian language? Are these statements true or false?

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1.	Russian is the most widely spoken language of	
	Eurasia. About 250 million people speak Russian.	
2.	Russian belongs to the Germanic group of languages,	
	as do English and German.	
3.	There are numerous dialects of the Russian language.	
	Thus people living in one part of Russia can have	
	problems in understanding their compatriots.	
4.	The Russian language, like English, has a Latin	
	alphabet.	
5.	The English alphabet has fewer letters than the	

## II. Read the text and compare your answers with the information given in it.

Russian alphabet.

Russian is the most geographically widespread language of Eurasia. About 250 million people around the world speak Russian, including 180 million people in the territory of the former USSR. Russian belongs to the family of Indo-European languages, the Slavic group, East Slavic branch. Its closest relatives are two East Slavic languages: Ukrainian and Belorussian. Other relatives include Serbo-Croatian, Macedonian and Bulgarian from the South Slavic branch, and Polish, Czech and Slovak from the West Slavic branch. In the vast territory of Russia you will see almost no dialectal divisions, almost all people speak the literary language. Only the older generation may still use local dialects, which vary little from place to place.

The Russian alphabet, which is called Cyrillic, is based on the Greek alphabet. 24 out of 33 letters in Russian came from the Greek alphabet. The rest of the letters were especially created to show specific Slavonic sounds. The Russian alphabet may appear strange at first, but you will quickly get used to it. A number of the letters are similar in Russian and English (A, O and T). Other letters, although they may look the same, are pronounced quite differently (the Russian B is pronounced as the English V). Some letters are specific to Russian but represent sounds which are familiar to English speakers (the Russian  $\Pi$  is equivalent to the English P sound). Then there are some letters which are peculiar to the Cyrillic script and have no English equivalents (bl,b,b).



### III. Meet the Russian Alphabet! (Track 1).

### 1. Letters which are similar in Russian and English.

A -	1 -	a in car
A a	Aa	a in car
0 0	Qo	o in folk
3 3	32	z in zoo
Кк	Kĸ	k in kitten
Мм	Mu	m in map
Сс	Co	c in city
Тт	III m	t in tip

там, сам, так, ма́ма за, зам, мак, такт кот, кто, мост, сок том, тот, тост

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recording.
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### 2. Letters which look the same, but sound different.

Еe	Еe	ye in yet
Уу	y 4	oo in boot
Вв	$\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}$	v in vine
Нн	Hn	n in not
Pр	Ip	r in roll (roll your tongue while pronouncing this letter)
Хх	$\mathcal{X}x$	ch in loch

ва́за, вот, век, вес, верх на, ну, нос, нас, наст рот, рост, ров, рак

ха, хан, хор, хна ус, ум, ура́, уха́

## 3. Letters which look different but have sounds similar to English sounds.

Ëë	Ëë	yo in yonder
Ии	Uи	ee in see

Ээ	F3	e in met
Юю	1010	u in use
Яя	A a	ya in yard
Б б	Dd .	b in bit
Γr	Ir	g in go
Дд	$\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{Q}}$	d in do
Лл	Ni	I in lamp
Пп	Tln	p in pet
Фф	$\mathscr{P}_{\mathcal{P}}$	f in face

бар, бал, бак, бок, бокс, борт, болт гол, гном, гимн да, два, дом, док, дно лак, лоск, лом, лес, лён, лис, лифт, люк, люфт порт, спорт, пост, спирт форт, флот, флирт сэр, мэр, э́ра

# 4. Letters which are peculiar to the Cyrillic script and have no English equivalents.

ы	ы	i in ill
жж	$\mathcal{M}$ sic	g in genre, s in pleasure
Йй	Ŭй	y in boy
Цц	U u	ts in cats
Чч	Ÿr	ch in chip
Шш	Ш ш	sh in shut
Щщ	lly uy sh in sheer	
ъ	a sign which makes the preceding consonant hard	
Ь	ь	a sign which makes the preceding consonant soft

жар, жанр, жир	брат – брать	дал – даль
час, чай, чек, чин	мат – мать	жар-жарь
шанс, шах, шар, шок, шов	мел – мель	ест – есть
щи, щу́ка, щека́	кон – конь	Пит – пить



As you see, the Russian alphabet is not as difficult as it may seem at first. When you have learnt the alphabet, you will be able to read Russian!

Printed	Hand- written	English Example	Printed	Hand- written	English Example
A a	Aa	a in car	Пп	Tln	p in pet
Бб	To	b in bit	Pр	Ip	r in roll (roll your tongue while pro- nouncing this letter)
Вв	BB	v in vine	Сс	Co	c in city
Гг	Ir	g in go	Тт	III m	t in tip
Дд	$\mathcal{D}g$	d in do	Уу	yy	oo in boot
Еe	Ee	ye in yet	Фф	$\mathcal{P}_{\varphi}$	f in face
Ëë	Ëë	yo in yonder	Хх	$\mathcal{X}x$	ch in loch
Жж	Mon	g in genre s in pleasure	Цц	lyry	ts in cats
3 3	33	z in zoo	44	yr	ch in chip
Ии	Uu	ee in see	Шш	Шш	sh in shut
Йй	Йй	y in boy	Щщ	Ulyuy	sh in sheer
Кк	Kn	k in kitten	ъ	~~	a sign which makes preceding consonant hard
Лл	Nu	l in lamp	Ы	ы	i in ill
Мм	Mu	m in map	Ь	8	a sign which makes the preceding onsonant soft
Нн	Hn	n in not	Ээ	Fa	e in met
0 0	00	o in folk	Юю	H 10	u in use
00		O III IOIK	ЯЯ	Яa	ya in yard

### People are born unskilled. С мастерством люди не родятся.

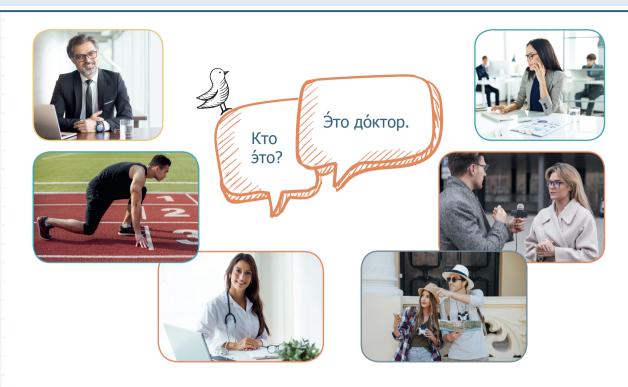


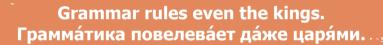
### IV. Match the Russian and English words.

- 1. бана́н
- 2. доктор
- 3. спортсмен
- 4. бизнесмéн
- ва́за
- ро́за
- 7. зе́бра
- 8. му́зыка
- кафе́
- 10. компьютер
- 11. президент
- 12. парк
- 13.банк
- 14. во́дка
- 15. гид
- 16. футбо́л
- 17. журналист
- 18. ла́мпа
- 19. секретарь
- 20. турист

- a) zebra
- 6) president
- в) quide
- г) doctor
- д) banana
- e) vodka
- ë) businessman
- ж) vase
- 3) journalist
- и) cafe
- й) music
- к) football
- л) lamp
- м) secretary
- н) tourist
- o) park
- п) rose
- p) computer
- c) sportsman
- т) bank

# V. Pair work. Ask and answer questions. Уто бана́н. Уто бато?





Russian nouns belong to one of three genders — masculine (he, it — он), feminine (she, it — она́) or neuter (it — оно́). Look at the table below and work out why these nouns are masculine, feminine or neuter.

ОН	OHÁ	оно́
Ива́н президе́нт компью́тер хот-дог	Мари́я ва́за ро́за	вино́ кафе́

# VI. Read these international words and divide them into genders — он, она́, оно́



фото, флаг, камера, бизнес, метро, ракета, робот, тигр, ресторан, кофе, бар, шампанское, Интернет, спорт, бомба, опера, принтер, салат, виза, паспорт, поэма, телефон, журнал, казино, волейбол, хоккей, телевизор, радио, аэропорт, теннис

ОН	OHÁ	OHÓ
••••		



### VII. a. Listen to the alphabet song! Try to recognise and write down as many international words as possible (Track 2).





### b. Read the song lyrics and find more words you know but haven't recognised.



Алфавит я изучаю, слушаю и понимаю.

**А, Б, В** – автобус, бизнес, водка.

**Г**, **Д**, **E** – гольф, диало́г, Евро́па.

**Ё, Ж, 3** – ёж, журнали́ст и зе́бра.

**И, Й, К** – Изра́иль, йо́га, кре́до.

Алфавит я изучаю, слушаю и повторяю.

**Л, М, Н** – ла́мпа, ми́тинг, нос.

**О, П, Р** – о́фис, при́нтер, ро́за.

**С, Т, У** - суп, тост, университе́т.

**Ф, X, Ц** – факс, хокке́й, цеме́нт.

Алфавит я изучаю, слушаю, запоминаю.

**Ч, Ш, Щ** – чек, шокола́д и щи.

**Ъ, Ы,Ь** – слов не ищи́.

**Э, Ю, Я** – экза́мен, ю́мор, як. Ру́сский алфави́т от А до Я.

# VIII. Tick what you have learned and know how to do. to read in Russian to ask the questions What is it? – Чтο э́το? and Who is it? – Κτο э́το? and answer them using the construction This is/These are -9To... the Russian alphabet word stress some international words the absence of articles a/the the genders of Russian nouns (Masculine, Feminine, Neuter) the Nominative Case of Russian nouns

#### СЛОВАРИК **VOCABULARY** о́фис office he ОН она́ she парк park оно́ it па́спорт passport алфави́т alphabet поэ́ма poem аэропо́рт airport президент president автобус bus принтер printer бана́н banana ра́дио radio банк hank rocket раке́та restaurant бар har ресторан бизнес ро́за business rose бизнесмен businessman робот robot бомба bomb сала́т salad ва́за vase секретарь secretary ви́за visa спорт sport vodka спортсме́н во́дка sportsman волейбо́л vollevball СУП soup quide телефо́н telephone ГИД телеви́зор TV-set гольф golf диало́г dialoque те́ннис tennis doctor доктор tiger тигр Европа Europe toast TOCT журналист journalist турист tourist журна́л journal университет university зе́бра zebra факс fax Интернет Internet флаг flag Изра́иль фо́то Israel photo футбо́л йо́га football voga хоккей ка́мера video camera ice hockey казино́ casino цемент cement кафе́ café чек check шампа́нское компьютер computer champagne кофе coffee шокола́д chocolate ла́мпа lamp экза́мен exam метро metro юмор humour митинг meeting Что э́то? What is it? му́зыка music Кто э́то? Who is it?

**Это...** 

нос

о́пера

nose

opera



This is/these are ...



# 3HAKÓMCTBO GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

### In this lesson you will find out how to do the following:

- to greet people and introduce yourself
- to ask basic questions to get to know someone

### You will learn the following vocabulary and grammar points:

- the names of jobs
- the names of countries
- the absence of the verb «to be» in the Present Tense
- the Genitive Case of Russian nouns

When in Rome do as the Romans do. В чужо́й стране́ жить — чужо́й обы́чай люби́ть.

I. What do you know about Russian social etiquette rules? Are these statements true or false?



1.	Every full Russian name consists of three parts: a surname, first name and a name derived from the	
	name of the person's father.	
2.	Only relatives and friends can address a person	
	his or her first name and patronymic (father's name).	
3.	In Russian there are two versions of the personal	

pronoun «you» – the polite or plural «you» and the informal «you».

4. Pussian people have a tradition of kissing new

4. Russian people have a tradition of kissing new acquaintances after they have introduced themselves.

5. According to the unwritten rules of social behaviour, the Russians always smile when they first meet a person.

# II. Read the text and compare your answers with the information given in it.

### FIRST MEETING

«Hello! My name is ...» – You have just introduced yourself to a Russian person for the first time. What is going to follow this simple introduction? There is no doubt your acquaintance will tell you his or her name.

Full Russian names consist of three components: a surname, a first name and a patronymic name which is derived from the person's father's name (e.g. Petrov Ivan Vladimirovich – this person's father's name is Vladimir). Russian surnames, unlike English surnames, change according to gender and number. Thus if the man you have just got to know has a surname Petrov, his wife's surname will be Petrova and the whole family can be called the Petrovi family. The majority of Russian first names have both full and short forms (e.g. Ivan – Vanya) and lots of diminutive variants (e.g. Vanechka, Vanyusha). These diminutive forms are informal ways of addressing someone and are normally used by relatives and friends. If you speak to someone you don't know well or somebody who is older than you are, you should use the person's full name and patronymic (e.g. Ivan Vladimirovich). You also should address a person by his or her full name and patronymic in any official situations and in order to demonstrate your respect towards him or her.

Another linguistic manifestation of demonstrating respect in the Russian language is the existence of two ways of addressing a person i.e two different versions of the personal pronoun «you». In Russian there is a polite or plural «you» — «vi» and an informal «you» — «ti». You should address doctors, teachers, sales-assistants and people you don't know or know a little bit as «vi» while you can call your relatives and friends «ti».

When you and your new acquaintance have introduced yourselves you are very likely to shake hands especially in formal situations. However, in the business environment men who already know each other tend to shake hands



as a way to say hello. When relatives and friends meet they can hug, pat on the back or kiss each other.

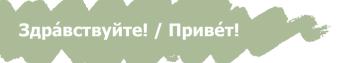
At the first meeting with a Russian person you may notice there is no polite smile on his or her face. Rather there is likely to be a serious facial expression, but don't let this fact surprise or offend you. Russian people only smile to show emotion. They smile when they are really happy or when they want to express gratitude or show their trust. In the Russian culture smiling has nothing to do with social etiquette!

### III. Read the Russian words paying special attention to their pronunciation (Track 3).



Every letter «E» which is not stressed should be pronounced as «И» метро – [мИтро] о́пера — [о́пИра]

Певец, инженер, секретарь, учитель, балерина, президент, Германия, Берлин, Великобритания, Петербург.



### IV. Look at the pictures and write down the appropriate greetings.



– Приве́т! – Приве́т!

















V. Do you know any Russian names? Write down the names you know in Russian.				
VI. Read the Russian names and names.	divide them into male and female			
Илья́, Ната́лья, Ива́н, Серге́й, Ири́на Наде́жда, Светла́на, Еле́на.	а, Мари́на, Влади́мир, Пётр, Макси́м,			
ОН	OHÁ			
Илья́				
VII. Listen to the song and tick the Илья́ Ива́н Серге́й Светла́на Ири́на	ne names that you hear (Track 4).  Пётр Али́на Влади́мир Мари́на Ната́лья			
VIII. Listen to the song again and	d fill in the gaps.			
Здра́вствуйте, зд (1)				



Меня́ зову́т Светла́на. Меня́ зову́т (3)\_\_\_\_\_ Меня́ зову́т Влади́мир.

Меня́ зову́т Мари́на.

Здра́вствуйте, здра́вствуйте, Тепе́рь мы все друзья́: Светла́на и Влади́мир, Мари́на, И́ра, (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_



### IX. Match the words to the pictures.

певе́ц/певи́ца, инжене́р, спортсме́н, студе́нт, секрета́рь, до́ктор, музыка́нт, учи́тель, учёный, солда́т, по́вар, журнали́ст



# X. a. Listen to the poem. What is Irina's job? (Track 5) b. Read the poem and underline all the professions.

Кто по профессии Ирина? Учитель? Доктор? Балерина? Певица? Повар? Акробат? А, может быть, она солдат?

Ири́на – до́ктор и студе́нтка, Она́ и по́вар, и спортсме́нка, И журнали́ст, и директри́са. Ири́на – ру́сская актри́са!







Ири́на Горбачёва

– Отку́да Вы/ты? – Я из Ирла́ндии.

### XI. What country is it? Match the words to the pictures.



### XII. Find the capitals of these countries.

- 1. Испания
- 2. По́льша
- 3. Великобритания
- 4. Америка (США)
- 5. Ту́рция
- 6. Ита́лия
- Ирландия
- 8. Франция
- 9. Германия
- 10. Япо́ния
- 11. Россия

- а. Москва
- б. Мадри́д
- в. Берли́н
- г. Анкара́
- д. Лондон
- е. Рим
- ë. Варша́ва
- ж. Вашингтон
- з. Пари́ж
- и. Токио
- й. Дублин



# XIII. Where are they from? <del>Маша</del>, Хосе́, Мате́уш, Ви́льям, Мухаме́д, Кла́ус, Виржи́ния, Гийо́м, Карме́н, Риккардо, Хикиру. Приме́р: Маша из Росси́и. (Росси́я → Росси́и) ..... XIV. Who is it? Where is he/she from? Пример: - Кто это? – Это Антонио Бандерас. – Отку́да он? - Он из Испании. (Испания → Испании) XV. Match a country and its currency. Великобритания, Испания, Япония, Германия, Россия, Америка, Италия, Ту́рция.

ДО́ЛЛАР

РУ́БЛЬ

ЙÉНА

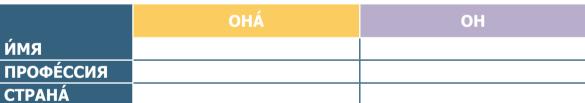
ЛИРА

The greatest luxury in the world is the luxury of human communication. Самая большая роскошь на свете роскошь человеческого общения.



### XVI. a. Listen to the dialogue between two international students and find out what their names and jobs are and where they are from. (Track 6)







### XVII. Pairwork. Twin dialogues.\*

- А: Здравствуйте! Меня зовут Том.
- А как Вас зовут?
- Б: **My name is Carmen.**
- А: Очень приятно.
- Б: Nice to meet you.
- А: Кармен, а кто Вы по профессии?
- **5**: I am a student. What about you?
- А: Я тоже студент.
- **Б**: **Tom, where are you from?**
- А: Я из Америки. А Вы?
- Б: I am from Spain.
- А: До свидания, Кармен.
- Б: Good bye, Tom.

- A: Hello! My name is Tom.
- What is your name?
- Б: Меня зовут Кармен.
- A: Nice to meet you.
- Б: Очень приятно.
- A: Carmen, what is your job?
- Б: Я студе́нтка. А Вы?
- A: I am a student, too.
- Б: Том, отку́да Вы?
- A: I am from America. And you?
- Б: Я из Испании.
- A: Good bye, Carmen.
- Б: До свидания, Том.

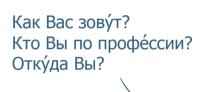


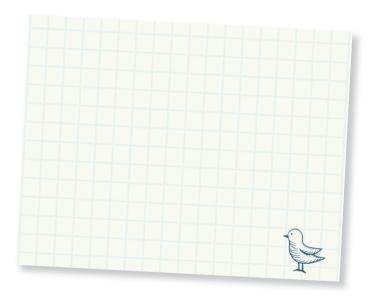
### XVIII. You are going to an international conference in Russia.

a. You must first fill in the registration form.

АНКЕТА УЧАСТНИКА			
<b>ФАМЙЛИЯ</b>			
RMN			
ПРОФЕССИЯ			
CTPAHÁ			

b. You have arrived at the conference. Get to know other people there by asking questions.





### XIX. Tick what you have learned and know how to do.

- to greet people and introduce yourself
- to ask basic questions to get to know a person
- the names of jobs
- the names of countries
- the absence of the verb «to be» in the Present Tense
- the Genitive Case of Russian nouns

<sup>\*</sup> Twin dialogues work. Step 1: One student covers over the right hand dialogue column, the other covers over the left hand column. Students read the dialogue in Russian so that when one student reads his/her lines, another one can see the English translation. When the students are confident enough in reading their lines they can reverse roles. Step 2: One student covers over the right hand dialogue column, the other covers over the left hand column. The first to start speaking is the student whose first dialogue line is in English. He/she reads the English words and says them in Russian. The other student can see if his/her partner is right and can correct him/her. When the students are confident enough of their lines they can reverse roles.



### СЛОВА́РИК VOCABULARY

Здра́вствуйте! Приве́т! Как Вас/тебя́ зову́т?

Меня́ зовут.... Очень прия́тно!

и́мя

фамилия

Я ТЫ ВЫ

Кто Вы/ты по профессии?

профе́ссия певе́ц/певи́ца инжене́р спортсме́н

студент/студентка

секрета́рь до́ктор музыка́нт учи́тель учёный солда́т по́вар журнали́ст балери́на

актёр/актри́са Отку́да Вы/ты?

страна́ Испа́ния По́льша

акроба́т

Великобритания

Аме́рика США Ту́рция Ита́лия Фра́нция Герма́ния Япо́ния Росси́я Ирла́ндия До свида́ния! Hello! Hi!

What is your name?

My name is... Nice to meet you!

name surname

Ι

you (informal) you (formal/plural) What's your job? profession

singer (m./f.)
engineer
sportsman
student (m./f.)
secretary
doctor
musician

teacher scientist soldier cook/chef journalist ballerina acrobat actor/actress

Where are you from?

country
Spain
Poland
Great Britain
America
The USA
Turkey
Italy
France
Germany
Japan

Ireland Good bye!

Russia

