

## Learning Cyrillic, the Alphabet of Russia

In Russia, people use an alphabet called Cyrillic (sear-il-ik). The table below shows the Cyrillic letters (in upper and lower case) and the letter each compares to in English. Practice the Cyrillic letters in the space on the right. Once you have learned the Cyrillic alphabet, try to write your name. See if you can sound out the names at the bottom of the page.

Cyrillic	Latin (our alphabet)	Pronounced
А а	A a	A as in <b>f</b> ather
Б б	B b	B as in <b>b</b> oy
В в	V v	V as in <b>v</b> ery
Г г	G g	G as in <b>g</b> ood
Д д	D d	D as in <b>d</b> og
Е е	E e	E as in <b>e</b> lephant
Ё ё	O o	O as in <b>for</b> or <b>yore</b>
Ж ж	Zh	S as in <b>pleasure</b>
З з	Z z	Z as in <b>z</b> ebra
И и	I i	I as in <b>mach</b> ine
Й й	Y y	Y as in <b>y</b> olk
К к	K k	K as in <b>k</b> angaroo
Л л	L l	L as in <b>l</b> ime
М м	M m	M as in <b>m</b> onkey
Н н	N n	N as in <b>n</b> oise
О о	O o	O as in <b>offer</b>
П п	P p	P as in <b>p</b> enguin
Р р	R r	R as in <b>r</b> abbit
С с	S s	S as in <b>s</b> illy
Т т	T t	T as in <b>t</b> oy
У у	U u	U or oo as in <b>boot</b>
Ф ф	F f	F as in <b>f</b> ox
Х х	H h	H as in <b>hot</b> or <b>ch</b> as in Bach
Ц ц	ts	Ts as in <b>hats</b>
Ч ч	ch	Ch as in <b>ch</b> air
Ш ш	sh	Sh as in <b>sh</b> ip
Щ щ	sht	as in <b>washed</b>
Ы ы	i	I as in <b>m</b> ist
Ь ь		No sound
Ю ю	u	U as in <b>u</b> nicorn
Я я	Ya	Ya as in <b>y</b> arn (like the German ja)
Ъ ъ		No sound
Э э	E	E as in <b>E</b> ducation

Practice writing your Cyrillic letters:

Write your name in Cyrillic \_\_\_\_\_

What are these names? Ана \_\_\_\_\_ Анди \_\_\_\_\_

Карен \_\_\_\_\_ Тым \_\_\_\_\_