

## A Guide to Russian Pronunciation

А	а	a
Б	б	b
В	в	v
Г	г	g
Д	д	d
Е	е	ye as in <b>y</b> esterday
Ё	ё	yo as in <b>y</b> onder
Ж	ж	zh pronounced as the s in plea <b>s</b> ure
З	з	z
И	и	ee as in <b>m</b> ee <b>t</b> (sometimes also <b>y</b> ee)
Й	й	y as in <b>b</b> oy
К	к	k
Л	л	l as in <b>p</b> eople
М	м	m
Н	н	n
О	о	o as in <b>b</b> ottle
П	п	p
Р	р	r as in <b>e</b> rror (rolled as in Scots)
С	с	s
Т	т	t
У	у	oo as in <b>b</b> oot
Ф	ф	f
Х	х	h pronounced as the ch in Scots lo <b>ch</b> or German <b>a</b> ch
Ц	ц	ts as in <b>i</b> ts
Ч	ч	ch as in <b>c</b> heck
Ш	ш	sh as in <b>s</b> hall
Щ	щ	shsh as in <b>f</b> resh <b>c</b> heese
Ъ	ъ	'hard sign' (a very brief pause)
Ы	ы	approximately i as in <b>b</b> it
Ь	ь	'soft sign' - a 'y' sound which is always pronounced simultaneously with the preceding consonant, like the ny in <b>c</b> anyon.
Э	э	e as in <b>f</b> ed
Ю	ю	yoo as in <b>y</b> our
Я	я	ya as in <b>y</b> ak