

# The Russian Alphabet (with English, Polish, and German Equivalents)

Printed Russian	Handwritten Russian	English	Polish	German
А а	<i>А а</i>	a	a	a
Б б	<i>Б б</i>	b	b	b
В в	<i>В в</i>	v	w	w,v
Г г	<i>Г г</i>	g(h)	g(h)	g(h)
• Used for h in non-Russian words, pronounced as v in the genitive ending -го.				
Д д	<i>Д д</i>	d	d	d
Е е	<i>Е е</i>	ye,e	ie,je,e	je,e
• Pronounced as ye (Pol./Ger. as je) initially, after vowels, and after б.				
Ж ж	<i>Ж ж</i>	zh	z,rz	zh,sh
• Polish rz is often written in old Russian as рж.				
З з	<i>З з</i>	z	z	z,s
И и	<i>И и</i>	i	i	i
• German eu is usually written in Russian as ей.				
І і	<i>І і</i>	i	i	i
• This letter was eliminated in the 1918 spelling reforms.				
Й й	<i>Й й</i>	y	j	j
К к	<i>К к</i>	k	k	k
Л л	<i>Л л</i>	l	l	l
М м	<i>М м</i>	m	m	m
Н н	<i>Н н</i>	n	n	n
О о	<i>О о</i>	o	o	o
П п	<i>П п</i>	p	p	p
Р р	<i>Р р</i>	r	r	r
С с	<i>С с</i>	s	s	s
Т т	<i>Т т</i>	t	t	t

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У у	<i>У у</i>	u	u,ó	u
Ф ф	<i>Ф ф</i>	f	f	f
Х х	<i>Х х</i>	kh	ch	ch
Ц ц	<i>Ц ц</i>	ts	c	z,tz
Ч ч	<i>Ч ч</i>	ch	cz	tach
Ш ш	<i>Ш ш</i>	sh	sz	sch
Щ щ	<i>Щ щ</i>	shch	szcz	schtsch
Ъ ъ	<i>Ъ ъ</i>	"	no equivalent	"
• Has no sound, indicates that the previous consonant is "hard"; represented in English as ". Prior to the 1918 spelling reforms Ъ was used at the end of all words ending in a consonant unless the consonant was "soft".				
Ы ы	<i>Ы ы</i>	y	y	y
Ь ь	<i>Ь ь</i>	"	no equivalent	"
• Has no sound, indicates that the previous consonant is "soft"; represented in English as '.				
Ѣ ѣ	<i>Ѣ ѣ</i>	ye	ie,je	je
• This letter was eliminated in the 1918 spelling reforms.				
Э э	<i>Э э</i>	e	e	e
Ю ю	<i>Ю ю</i>	yu	ju,ó	ju
Я я	<i>Я я</i>	ya	ja	ja
Ѡ ѡ	<i>Ѡ ѡ</i>	f,th	f,th	f,th
• Used in words of Greek origin, equivalent to the Greek theta (th) but pronounced and represented in English as f.				
• This letter was eliminated in the 1918 spelling reforms.				
Ѳ ѳ	<i>Ѳ ѳ</i>	y	y	y
• Used in words of Greek origin, equivalent to the Greek upsilon (u,y) replaced by и after 1918 spelling reforms; represented in English as y.				
• This letter was eliminated in the 1918 spelling reforms.				