

UKRAINIAN ALPHABET

Українська абетка

Аа Бб Вв Гг Ґґ Дд Ее
Єє Жж Зз Ии Іі Її Йй
Кк Лл Мм Нн Оо Пп Рр
Сс Тт Уу Фф Хх Цц Чч
Шш Щщ Ъ (м'який знак) Юю Яя

There are 22 consonants, 6 hard vowels, 4 soft vowels, and 1 soft sign.

HOW TO READ THE UKRAINIAN ALPHABET

True friends (written the same as in Latin alphabet and have close pronunciation):

Aa /a:/ – а́рка (arch) – like in bar.



The stressed A is slightly longer than unstressed.

I /i:/ – ciк (juice) – like in meet.



Ee /e/ – не́бо (sky) – like in ten.



Oo /o:/ – сон (dream) – like in port.



Kk /k/ – кіт (cat) – like in key.



кіт
кішка
кошеня



Тт /t/ – так (yes), тато (dad) – like in tart.



It is pronounced with less air than the English one.

Мм /m/ – ма́ти/ма́ма (mother) – like in mother.



М and Т is soft when it is before
ь, я, ю, є, і.

Tricky friends (look like ones in the Latin alphabet, but they are different):

Вв /v/ – во́ля [VOLIA] (freedom) – like in voice.



Уу /u:/ – уро́к (lesson) – like in moon.



Рр /r/ – рука́ (hand) – like in roof.

It is a rolled r.



Р is soft before **і, ъ, я, ю.**

Сс /s/ – сад (garden) – like in small.

С is soft before **ь, я, ю, є, і.**



Хх /kh/ – Хáрків (Kharkiv) – like in Loch Ness.



Нн /n/ – нул^ь (zero) like in nose.

Н is soft before ь, я, ю, є, і.

Л- л Л'- л^ь

0

ь – soft sign, doesn't have any sound, makes the previous consonant soft.

Used in words: тін^ь (tin' – shadow), кін^ь (kin' – horse) шіс^{ть} (shist' – six).



New friends (there are no such letters in the Latin alphabet):

Бб /b/ – баба (granny) – like in book.



Гг /h/ – гуси [husy] (geese) – like in inhat

Гг /g/ – га́нок (porch) – like in get.



New friends (there are no such letters in the Latin alphabet):

Дд /d/ – дідо (grandpa) – like in dot.

Д is soft before **ь, я, ю, є, і**.



Жж /zh/ – жук (bug) – like in pleasure.



New friends (there are no such letters in the Latin alphabet):

Зз /z/ – зуб (tooth) – like in zoo.

З is soft before **ь, я, ю, ё, і.**



Ии /i, y/ – син [syn] (son) – like in bit, little.



New friends (there are no such letters in the Latin alphabet):

Йй /j/ – гай [haj] (groove) – like in yes. hovoryty



Лл /l/ – ла́мпа (lamp) – like in lamp.



Л is soft before **ь, я, ю, є, і**.

New friends (there are no such letters in the Latin alphabet):

Ππ /p/ – парк (park) – like in park.



Φφ /f/ – φότο (photo) – like in fine.



New friends (there are no such letters in the Latin alphabet):

Цц /ts/ – цап (tsap) – like in tsunami.

Ц is soft before ь, я, ю, є, і.



Чч /ch/ – час (time) – like in chair.



New friends (there are no such letters in the Latin alphabet):

Шш /sh/ – **шум** (noise) – like in shine.

Ц is soft before ь, я, ю, є, і.

шишка
[shyshka]



Щщ /ш+ч/ /shch/ – **дощ** [doshch] (rain) – like in rash choice.

