

UKRAINIAN ALPHABET

Українська абетка

**Аа Бб Вв Гг Гг Дд Ее
Єє Жж Зз Ии Іі Йй
Кк Лл Мм Нн Оо Пп Рр
Сс Тт Үү Фф Хх Цц Чч
Шш Щщ ь (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:/ – арка (arch) – like in bar.



The stressed A is slightly longer than unstressed.

Ee /e/ – нéбо (sky) – like in ten.



I /i:/ – cik (juice) – like in meet.



Оо /o:/ – сон (dream) – like in port.



Кк /k/ – кіт (cat) – like in key.





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



It is pronounced with less air than the English one.

Мм /m/ – мáти/мáма (mother) – like in mother.



M and T 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/ – вóля [VOLIA] (freedom) – like in voice.



Үү /u:/ – урóк (lesson) – like in moon.



Pp /r/ – рука́ (hand) – like in roof.

It is a rolled r.



P is soft before **и, ъо, я, ю.**

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



C is soft before **ъ, я, ю, є, і.**

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



Нн /n/ – нулъ (zero) like in nose.

Н is soft before **ь, я, ю, е, і.**

Л- Л Л'- Лъ

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

Used in words: тінь (tin' – shadow), кінь (kin' – horse) шість (shist' – six).



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

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



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

Гг /g/ – гáнок (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 **ъ, я, ю, є, і.**



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



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

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



Лл /l/ – лампа (lamp) – like in lamp.

Л is soft before **ь, я, ю, є, і.**



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

Пп /p/ – парк (park) – like in park.



Фф /f/ – фóто (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 ы, я, ю, е, и.



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

