

LESSON 1

VOWELS А О Э У. CONSONANTS П, Б, М, В, Ф.



As you probably noticed, we don't start with alphabetical order. We start from the easiest to the most difficult. I don't want to put you in any stress right from the beginning.

Russian sounds can be divided into **vowels** and **consonants**. Unlike English vowels, Russian ones can't be short or long but they can form syllables and be stressed. Russian consonants can be voiced and unvoiced, and they can fall into hard and soft positions. We will talk about it in the future lessons.

Now let's learn some of the vowels and consonants.

А [ah]. Russian А somewhat resembles the English a in the word 'father' but it's a little shorter.

О [aw]. Russian О resembles the English vowel represented by letters aw in 'warm', 'law', but it's not so long.

Э [eh]. Russian Э sounds like English E in 'men' or 'let' but with your mouth more closed.

У [oo]. Russian У somewhat resembles the English double o – 'wool', 'pool', 'room' but your lips should be much more protruded and rounded.

П [p]. Russian П resembles English sound P in the word 'please'. But no aspiration!

Б [b]. Russian Б is similar to English B in the words 'bolt' and 'back'.

М [m]. Russian М resembles M in 'moon' and 'man'.

В [v]. Russian В sounds like V in 'van'.

Ф [f]. Russian Ф resembles English F in 'fact'.

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EXERCISES

Listen and repeat

ПА-ПА-ПА, ПО-ПО-ПО, ПУ-ПУ-ПУ, ПЭ-ПЭ-ПЭ;

АП-АП-АП, ОП-ОП-ОП, УП-УП-УП, ЭП-ЭП-ЭП;
АПА-АПА-АПА, ОПО-ОПО-ОПО, УПУ-УПУ-УПУ, ЭПЭ-ЭПЭ-ЭПЭ;

ПАПА-ПАПА-ПАПА, ПОПО-ПОПО-ПОПО, ПУПУ-ПУПУ-ПУПУ,
ПЭПЭ-ПЭПЭ-ПЭПЭ.

БА-БА-БА, БО-БО-БО, БУ-БУ-БУ, БЭ-БЭ-БЭ;

АБ-АБ-АБ, ОБ-ОБ-ОБ, УБ-УБ-УБ, ЭБ-ЭБ-ЭБ;

АБА-АБА-АБА, ОБО-ОБО-ОБО, УБУ-УБУ-УБУ, ЭБЭ-ЭБЭ-ЭБЭ;

БАБА-БАБА-БАБА, БОБО-БОБО-БОБО, БУБУ-БУБУ-БУБУ, БЭБЭ-БЭБЭ-
БЭБЭ.

МА-МА-МА, МО-МО-МО, МУ-МУ-МУ, МЭ-МЭ-МЭ;

АМ-АМ-АМ, ОМ-ОМ-ОМ, УМ-УМ-УМ, ЭМ-ЭМ-ЭМ;

АМА-АМА-АМА, ОМО-ОМО-ОМО, УМУ-УМУ-УМУ, ЭМЭ-ЭМЭ-ЭМЭ;

МАМА-МАМА-МАМА, МОМО-МОМО-МОМО, МУМУ-МУМУ-МУМУ,
МЭМЭ-МЭМЭ-МЭМЭ.

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BA-BA-BA, BO-BO-BO, BY-BY-BY, BЭ-BЭ-BЭ;

AB-AB-AB, OB-OB-OB, YB-YB-YB, ЭB-ЭB-ЭB;

ABA-ABA-ABA, OBO-OBO-OBO, ЭBЭ-ЭBЭ-ЭBЭ;

BABA-BABA-BABA, BOBO-BOBO-BOBO, BYBY-BYBY-BYBY, BЭBЭ-BЭBЭ-BЭBЭ.

ΦA-ΦA-ΦA, ΦO-ΦO-ΦO, ΦY-ΦY-ΦY, ΦЭ-ΦЭ-ΦЭ;

AΦ-AΦ-AΦ, OΦ-OΦ-OΦ, YΦ-YΦ-YΦ, ЭΦ-ЭΦ-ЭΦ;

AΦA-AΦA-AΦA, OΦO-OΦO-OΦO, YΦY-YΦY-YΦY, ЭΦЭ-ЭΦЭ-ЭΦЭ;

ΦAΦA-ΦAΦA-ΦAΦA, ΦOΦO-ΦOΦO-ΦOΦO, ΦYΦY-ΦYΦY-ΦYΦY, ΦЭΦЭ-ΦЭΦЭ-ΦЭΦЭ.