

Lesson 4

Lesson 4 – Russian letters (part 4 : same sound, different writing) / Voiced and voiceless consonants (part 2)

- I. **The Russian alphabet (part 4) : letters that sound like English letters but are written differently.**
- II. **Voiced / voiceless consonants (part 2)**

The Russian alphabet (part 4) : letters that sound like English letters but are written differently

Ш / ш – This letter is pronounced « sh » in Russian.

Example :

Шок (shok) – shock

Ё / ё – This vowel is pronounced « yo ».

Example :

Актёр (aktyor) – actor

The letter ё is always stressed and the stress is never marked.

Х / х – This letter is pronounced like the English H.

Example :

Хобби (hobbi) – hobby

Э / э – This letter is pronounced « e » like in the word « education ».

Example :

Поэт (paet) – poet

Ю / ю – The sound « yoo », as in the word « costume », is written with a single letter in Russian.

Example :

Плюс (plyoos) – plus

To pronounce the Russian sound properly, exaggerate the rounding of the lips.

Ж / ж - This letter is pronounced « j », as in the word « treasure ».

Example :

Жасмин (jasmin) - jasmine

Voiced / unvoiced consonants (part 2)

Д / Т

Шоколад (shakalat) - chocolate

In this word, the letter **д** is pronounced « t » ; that is because it is a voiced consonant, and at the end of a word, it is reduced and pronounced like its voiceless counterpart, the consonant **т**.

Ж / Ш

This is a third pair of voiced /unvoiced consonants : the letter **ж**, which is a voiced consonant, is pronounced like its voiceless counterpart, the consonant **ш**, if it is the last letter of the word.

Examples :

Массаж (masash) - massage

Париж (Parish) - Paris

Гараж (garash) - garage