

Day 2

pronunciation in detail

1. Reading Russian

Write the names of these Russian cities and geographical features in English. If you know the accepted English spelling, you can use it; otherwise, **transliterate** the Russian using Roman letters. You can use an **apostrophe** for a Russian soft sign.

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| 1. Москва _____ | 8. Волгоград _____ |
| 2. Санкт-Петербург _____ | 9. Казань _____ |
| 3. Владивосток _____ | 10. Псков _____ |
| 4. Мурманск _____ | 11. Иркутск _____ |
| 5. Ярославль _____ | 12. Нева _____ |
| 6. Новгород _____ | 13. Сибирь _____ |
| 7. Екатеринбург _____ | 14. Сочи _____ |

2. Vowel reduction

Transcribe these words using Roman letters, and use the **approximations** for the vowel sounds (**ah, oh, uh**, etc.) given in the textbook in 2.4 to suggest how these words are **actually pronounced**. Remember, the position of the **stress** is key!

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| 1. работа _____ | 4. Европа _____ |
| 2. философия _____ | 5. Япония _____ |
| 3. золото _____ | 6. хорошо _____ |

3. Distinguishing between hard and soft consonants.

Are the consonants in bold in the words below hard or soft? Answer **H** (hard) or **S** (soft), and practice pronouncing them accordingly. Remember: a consonant is soft when **followed** by: **и, е, ё, ю, я** or **ь**. Otherwise, we can assume that it is hard.

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| 1. неде л я _____ | 4. де н ь _____ | 7. Пу т ин _____ |
| 2. <u>н</u> еде л я _____ | 5. Пу т ин _____ | 8. П ё тр _____ |
| 3. неде л я _____ | 6. Пу т ин _____ | 9. Е л ьцин _____ |

4. Consonant devoicing

Write the **Russian consonant** (just use print for now) that best captures the **actual pronunciation** of the consonant underlined in each word below. Refer to sections 2.5-2.7 in the book if needed.

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| 1. л <u>д</u> _____ | 4. вод <u>к</u> а _____ | 7. но <u>ж</u> _____ |
| 2. сою <u>з</u> _____ | 5. ав <u>т</u> ор _____ | 8. ду <u>б</u> _____ |
| 3. сказ <u>к</u> а _____ | 6. Че <u>х</u> ов _____ | 9. лебе <u>д</u> ь _____ |