

2. The letters **A, B, E, K, M, H, O, P, C, T, Y, X** look almost the same as in English, but they have other sounds in Russian:

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| A | is pronounced | as “a” in “ f ather” |
| B | is pronounced | as “v” in “ v ery” |
| E | is pronounced | as “e” in “y e s” |
| K | is pronounced | as “k” in “ k ing” |
| M | is pronounced | as “m” in “ m an” |
| H | is pronounced | as “n” in “ n ew” |
| O | is pronounced | as “o” in “s o ng” |
| P | is pronounced | as “r” in “ r est” |
| C | is pronounced | as “s” in “ s it” |
| T | is pronounced | as “t” in “ t ooth” |
| Y | is pronounced | as “oo” in “s oo n” |
| X | is pronounced | as “h” in “ H ungary” |

Now try to combine these letters and make (pseudo)words, for example: МОРС, УХА, ТВОИ.....

3. Now you can also recognise the rest of the letters, which differ from English.

These are:

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| Б б | is equivalent to “b” in “ b et” | Ц ц | is equivalent to “ts” in “ b its” |
| Г г | is equivalent to “g” in “ g ood” | Ч ч | is equivalent to “ch” in “ ch air” |
| Д д | is equivalent to “d” in “ d ate” | Ш ш | is equivalent to “sh” in “ Sh effield” |
| Ё ё | is equivalent to “yo” in “ y ourself” | Щ щ | is equivalent to “shch” in “Michigan” |
| Ж ж | is equivalent to “g” in “gar ag e” | Ъ | hard sign - it is not pronounced |
| З з | is equivalent to “z” in “ z ero” | Ы | like “i” in “ ri p” |
| И и | is equivalent to “i” in “ i n” | Ь | soft sign - it is not pronounced |
| Й й | is equivalent to “y” in “ bo y” | Э э | like “a” in “ A nn” |
| Л л | is equivalent to “l” in “ ba ll” | Ю ю | like “u” in “ u nit” |
| П п | is equivalent to “p” in “ p ark” | Я я | like “ya” in “ y ak” |
| Ф ф | is equivalent to “f” in “ f og” | | |

4. Also please write now pseudowords from these letters and let your partner read them out for you.

Note the following while reading:
 a consonant is **h a r d** before **а, о, у, ы, ъ, э**, before other consonants and in the final sound of the word, a consonant is **s o f t** before **е, ё, и, ь, ю, я**.