

## Lesson 2

### Alphabet - Абетка

Listen carefully to the Ukrainian speaker the first time, then try to repeat the sounds with the speaker the second time.

Ukrainian letter	Approximate English sound equivalent	
	Like	
А а	a	in <u>bar</u>
Б б	b	in <u>book</u>
В в	v	in <u>voice</u>
Г г	h	in <u>how</u>
Ґ ґ	g	in <u>get</u>
Д д	d	in <u>dot</u>
Е е	e	in <u>ten</u>
Є є	ye	in <u>yes</u>
Ж ж	zh	in <u>pleasure</u>
З з	z	in <u>zone</u>
И и	y	in <u>byte</u>
І і	ee	in <u>meet</u>
Ї ї	yee	in <u>yeast</u>
Й й	y	in <u>boy</u>
К к	k	in <u>key</u>
Л л	l	in <u>lamp</u>
М м	m	in <u>man</u>
Н н	n	in <u>nose</u>
О о	o	in <u>port</u>
П п	p	in <u>spoon</u>
Р р	r	in <u>roof</u>
С с	s	in <u>small</u>
Т т	t	in <u>tart</u>
У у	oo	in <u>moon</u>
Ф ф	f	in <u>fine</u>
Х х	kh	in <u>Loch Ness</u>
Ц ц	ts	in <u>cats</u>
Ч ч	ch	in <u>chair</u>
Ш ш	sh	in <u>shine</u>
Щ щ	shch	in <u>rash choice</u>

ь	no sound apostrophe ' in transliteration	it softens the previous consonant
Ю ю	yoo	in <u>y</u> outh
Я я	ya	in <u>y</u> ard

As you can see and hear, some Ukrainian letters have equivalent sound in English but look quite different:

Ukrainian letter	Corresponding sound in both languages	English letter
Б	[b]	B
Г	[h]	H
П	[p]	P
Ф	[f]	F
Д	[d]	D
З	[z]	Z
Л	[l]	L

Perhaps the most confusing are the letters that look like Latin but in Cyrillic represent different sounds.

Ukrainian letter- "false friend"	Corresponding sound in Ukrainian	English letter/sound
В	[v]	V
Р	[r]	R
С	[s]	S
Н	[n]	N
Х	[kh]	- [kh] as in <u>L</u> och Ness
У	[oo]	- [oo] as in <u>m</u> oon