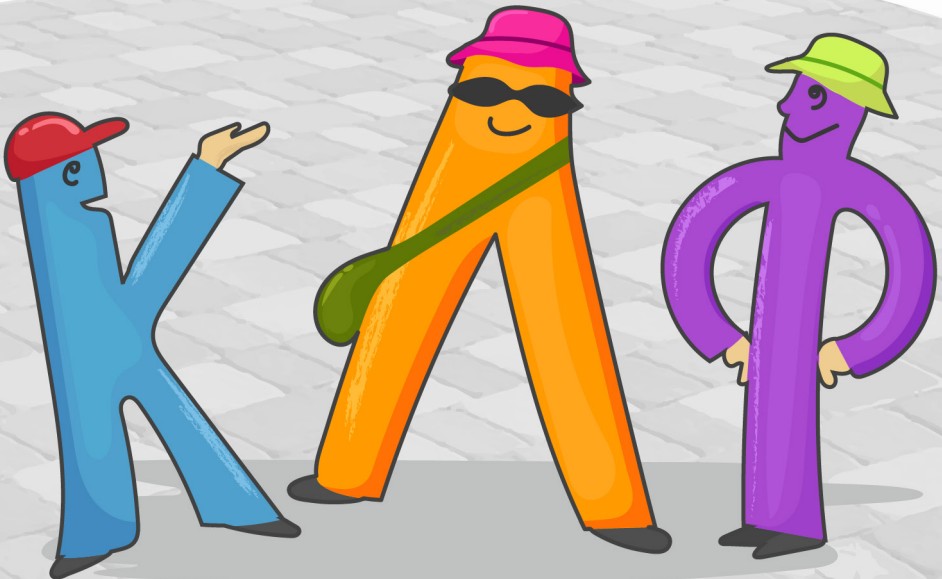


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Ukrainian alphabet

Printed	Cursive	Name in ABC	Name in ABC	Phonetic symbol
А, а	<i>Аа</i>	/a/	/a:/ in palm	/a/
Б, б	<i>Бб</i>	/be/	/b/ in best	/b/
В, в	<i>Вв</i>	/ve/	/v/ in van or /w/ in win	/v/ or /w/
Г, г	<i>Гг</i>	/he/	/h/ in inhale	/h/
Ґ, ґ	<i>Ґґ</i>	/ge/	/g/ in get	/g/
Д, д	<i>Дд</i>	/de/	/d/ in dad	/d/ or /d'/
Е, е	<i>Ее</i>	/e/	/e/ in bed	/e/
Є, є	<i>Єе</i>	/je/	/je/ in yet	/je/ or /e/
Ж, ж	<i>Жж</i>	/zhe/	/zh/ in measure	/zh/ or /zh'/
З, з	<i>Зз</i>	/ze/	/z/ in zoo	/z/ or /z'/
И, и	<i>Ии</i>	/y/	/y/ in livid	/y/
І, і	<i>Іі</i>	/i/	/i:/ in feet	/i/
Ї, ї	<i>Її</i>	/ji/	/ji/ in yield	/ji/
Й, й	<i>Йй</i>	/jot/	/j/ in yes	/j/
К, к	<i>Кк</i>	/ka/	/k/ in sky	/k/
Л, л	<i>Лл</i>	/el/	/l/ in ball	/l/ or /l'/
М, м	<i>Мм</i>	/em/	/m/ in most	/m/
Н, н	<i>Нн</i>	/en/	/n/ in not	/n/ or /n'/
О, о	<i>Оо</i>	/o/	/o:/ law	/o/
П, п	<i>Пп</i>	/pe/	/p/ in spade	/p/
Р, р	<i>Рр</i>	/er/	/r/ in red	/r/ or /r'/
С, с	<i>Сс</i>	/es/	/s/ in grass	/s/ or /s'/
Т, т	<i>Тт</i>	/te/	/t/ in stop	/t/ or /t'/
У, у	<i>Уу</i>	/u:/	/u:/ in ruse	/u/
Ф, ф	<i>Фф</i>	/ef/	/f/ in fix	/f/
Х, х	<i>Хх</i>	/kha:/	/kh/ in Scottish loch	/kh/
Ц, ц	<i>Цц</i>	/tse/	/ts/ in lots	/ts/ or /ts'/
Ч, ч	<i>Чч</i>	/che/	/ch/ in chess	/ch/
Ш, ш	<i>Шш</i>	/sha/	/sh/ in shed	/sh/
Щ, щ	<i>Щщ</i>	/shcha/	/shch/ in fresh cheese	/shch/
..., ь	<i>ь</i>	/.../	softens previous consonat	/.../
Ю, ю	<i>Юю</i>	/ju/	/ju/ in pure	/ju/ or /u/
Я, я	<i>Яя</i>	/ja/	/ja/ yard	/ja/ or /a/

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How to use the textbook

1 **Aa** is the 1st letter of the Ukrainian alphabet; unrounded vowel, one sound [a].

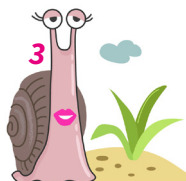


2
A looks like a ladder.
It is realized as [e] and sounds as in **father** [ˈfɑːðər], **pass** [pɑːs], **cut** [kʌt] but not A as in **rat** [ræt], **ladder** [ˈlæd.ər] or **cramp** [kræmp].
A is pronounced with the wide-open mouth.
A – A – A

4


	ТАК	ґАВА	АНАНАС
	МАМА	КАРТА	МАКАКА
	КАВА	ЛАМПА	СОБАКА
	МОВА	КУЛА	ЛОПАТА

1 **їі** is the 13th letter of the Ukrainian alphabet; unrounded soft vowel, two sounds [ji].



2
ї looks like a snail.
It is realized as [j] or [i] and sounds as in **yield** [jiːld], **yeast** [jiːst], **year** [jiə].
When pronouncing ї you should start with the [j] sound followed by the [i] sound without a noticeable break between them.
ї – я – ю – є – і

4

	їЖА	ПІРїНА	їХАТИ
	їЖАК	ЄЗУїТ	УКРАїНА
	КїїВ	РУїНА	їДАїЛЬНЯ
	ПїїЗД	ГАїВКА	СИРОїЖКА

This alphabet is designed for everyone who wants to learn Ukrainian. Try it and you will see that it is possible to achieve mastery at the Ukrainian alphabet fast and effectively. Please bear in mind, this ABC will teach you to listen and identify the letters rather than speak.

Every card of the alphabet is divided into 4 sections, which include:

- 1)** print capital and small letters. It displaces the full cursive alphabet and demonstrates how to form cursive uppercase and lowercase letters;
- 2)** short description of every sound pronunciation. It compares the Ukrainian sound production with the English one and teaches the pronunciation of sounds (articulation). It will be very helpful to understand how to pronounce letter and words correctly.
- 3)** “picture association”. It facilitates better remembering of the Ukrainian letters and makes the learning process fun.
- 4)** audio recording. This section develops the learners’ listening skills because it focuses on the letter/sound pronunciation in a word of a particular letter learned.

Additionally, the alphabet is accompanied by a set of exercises for each letter, where you improve to identify the individual sounds. Moreover, it will enhance your listening, reading and writing skills and help you practice pronunciation.

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but not **A** as in **r**at [ræt],
ladder [ˈlæd.ər] or **c**ramp
[kræmp].

A is pronounced
with the wide-open mouth.

A – A – A



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МА́МА	КА́РТА	МАКА́КА
КА́ВА	ЛА́МПА	СОБА́КА
МО́ВА	АКУ́ЛА	ЛОПА́ТА



Oo

is the 19th letter of the Ukrainian alphabet; rounded vowel, one sound [o].




O looks like a donut.

It is realized as [ɔ:] and sounds as in **more** [mɔ:r], **talk** [tɔ:k], **straw** [strɔ:]

but not O as in **cod** [kɒd], **mode** [məʊd] or **load** [ləʊd].

O is pronounced with rounded and protruded lips; the lips should form a circle.

O-A-O

	óко	коáла	зóлото
	код	кокóс	корóва
	лотó	компóт	болóто
	мóре	óлово	авокáдо

