

Russian-English Cognates

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This page will help you to quickly bolster your Russian language vocabulary by learning a few Russian cognates. Cognates are words that have the same origin and meaning in two or more languages. They are also known as "international words". You will find that the words listed below look and sound very similar in both English and Russian languages. Make sure to pay attention to the stress in Russian words because it is often very different from the stress in English. The stressed vowels are shown in bold.

- аэро**п**орт --- airport
- ба**р** --- bar
- бр**ю**не**т** --- brunette
- бю**д**же**т** --- budget
- бю**с**т --- bust (sculpture)
- **в**идео --- video
- во**д**ка --- vodka
- гит**а**ра --- guitar
- д**ж**и**н**сы --- jeans
- Д**ж**иха**д** --- jihad
- ди**р**ек**т**ор --- director
- Ев**р**о**п**а --- Europe
- жур**н**али**с**т --- journalist
- зе**б**ра --- zebra
- и**д**е**я** --- idea
- Ин**т**ер**н**е**т** --- Internet
- ка**ф**е --- cafe
- кл**а**сс --- class
- комп**ь**ю**т**ер --- computer
- ли**ф**т --- lift (elevator)
- ме**н**ю --- menu
- му**з**ы**к**а --- music
- му**з**ык**а**нт --- musician
- н**о**мер --- number
- оке**а**н --- ocean
- о**п**е**р**а --- opera
- параш**ю**т --- parachute
- па**с**порт --- passport
- пре**з**ид**е**нт --- president
- ра**д**иа**ц**ия --- radiation
- ро**б**от --- robot
- ро**к**ер --- rocker
- сан**д**али --- sandals
- сек**с** --- sex
- студ**е**нт --- student
- суб**ь**ек**т** --- subject

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- телеви**з**ор --- television
- телефо**н** --- telephone
- ура --- hurrah
- филь**м** --- film (movie)
- футбо**л** --- football (soccer)
- хокк**е**й --- hockey
- цент**р** --- centre
- цирк --- circus
- чемпио**н** --- champion
- шокола**д** --- chocolate
- шор**т**ы --- shorts
- шофё**р** --- chauffeur
- экза**м**ен --- exam
- ю**м**ор --- humour
- юри**с**т --- lawyer
- ях**т**а --- yacht