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.

- аэроп**о**рт --- airport
- бар --- bar
- брюн**е**т --- brunette
- бюдж**е**т --- budget
- бюст --- bust (sculpture)
- в**и**део --- video
- в**о**дка --- vodka
- гит**а**ра --- guitar
- дж**и**нсы --- jeans
- Джих**а**д --- jihad
- дир**е**ктор --- director
- Евр**о**па --- Europe
- журнал**и**ст --- journalist
- з**е**бра --- zebra
- ид**е**я --- idea
- Интерн**е**т --- Internet
- каф**е** --- cafe
- класс --- class
- компь**ю**тер --- computer
- лифт --- lift (elevator)
- мен**ю** --- menu
- м**у**зыка --- music
- музык**а**нт --- musician
- н**о**мер --- number
- оке**а**н --- ocean
- **о**пера --- opera
- парош**ю**т --- parachute
- п**а**спорт --- passport
- президе**н**т --- president
- ради**а**ция --- radiation
- р**о**бот --- robot
- р**о**кер--- rocker
- санд**а**ли --- sandals
- секс --- sex
- студ**е**нт --- student
- субъ**е**кт --- subject

- телев**и**зор --- television
- телеф**о**н --- telephone
- ур**а** --- hurrah
- фильм --- film (movie)
- футб**о**л --- football (soccer)
- хокк**е**й --- hockey
- центр --- centre
- цирк --- circus
- чемпи**о**н --- champion
- шокол**а**д --- chocolate
- ш**о**рты --- shorts
- шофёр --- chauffeur
- экз**а**мен --- exam
- **ю**мор --- humour
- юр**и**ст --- lawyer
- **я**хта --- yacht