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.

- аэропорт --- airport
- бар --- bar
- брюнет --- brunette
- бюджет --- budget
- бюст --- bust (sculpture)
- видео --- video
- вodka --- vodka
- гитара --- guitar
- джинсы --- jeans
- Джихад --- jihad
- директор --- director
- Европа --- Europe
- журналист --- journalist
- зебра --- zebra
- идея --- idea
- Интернет --- Internet
- кафе --- cafe
- класс --- class
- компьютер --- computer
- лифт --- lift (elevator)
- меню --- menu
- музыка --- music
- музыкант --- musician
- номер --- number
- океан --- ocean
- опера --- opera
- парашют --- parachute
- паспорт --- passport
- президент --- president
- радиация --- radiation
- робот --- robot
- рокер --- rocker
- сандали --- sandals
- секс --- sex
- студент --- student
- субъект --- subject
Russian-English Cognates

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- телевизор --- television
- телефон --- telephone
- ура --- hurrah
- фильм --- film (movie)
- футбол --- football (soccer)
- хоккей --- hockey
- центр --- centre
- цирк --- circus
- чемпион --- champion
- шоколад --- chocolate
- шорты --- shorts
- шофёр --- chauffeur
- экзамен --- exam
- юмор --- humour
- юрист --- lawyer
- яхта --- yacht