

## Church Slavonic (score system)

A phonetic spelling is provided in this score. It is not IPA. For reading this spelling, follow these simple rules (IPA equivalents provided in [brackets])

### Vowels

<i>score</i>	<i>sound</i>	<i>IPA</i>
a	father	[a]
e	set	[ɛ]
i	meet	[i]
o	obey	[o]
u	fool, rude	[u]
ī (with two dots)	sit	[i]
īu and īa (with slur)	fleeting "y" [j] at start, from softened consonant preceding vowel (see below).	

### Consonants

Similar to English with these additional guidelines:

<i>score</i>	<i>sound</i>	<i>IPA</i>
g	get	[g]
gh	no English equivalent. Similar to <u>h</u> (see below) more in back.	
l	forward with tongue more between teeth, rather than behind.	
zh	azure	[ʒ]
y	yes	[j]
r	always rolled	[r]
s	sit	[s]
<u>h</u>	aspirated like German "Bach"	[χ]
ts	lets	[ts]
ch	chop	[tʃ]
sh	shop	[ʃ]
shch	fresh cheese	[ʃtʃ]

Sometimes, consonants are "softened" by blending them with a fleeting sound of "y" [j]. This is signified in this phonetic system by the use of the tilde (~). English examples are:

abuse	million	canyon	merriest (British)
bid you	amuse	pure	bit you

Acheive this by blending this sound quickly and smoothly with [j] sound after consonant.

Accents (˘) indicate stressed syllable in word, not a change in sound.