

Russian

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Script

- Uses the Cyrillic alphabet with many letters deceptively similar to letters used in the Latin alphabet.
- Commas set off a dependent clause: 'He knows, that we are right'.

Sentence structure and word order

- Word order not necessarily Subject-Verb-Object, but can be Object-Verb-Subject: 'Good grades received every student in the class'.
- Long descriptive elements precede a noun: 'A nine-meter high impressive monument to Lenin'.
- Russian has no equivalent of the English *there is / there are* structure: 'I'm happy that a lot of people on the streets'.

Nouns and pronouns

- Some countable nouns are uncountable in English: 'His hairs long'.
- No distinction between *this/these* and *that/those*.

Verbs

- Be as a linking verb can be omitted, especially in present tense: 'India more religious than America'.
- No forms equivalent to the English perfect or progressive tense aspects: 'He admitted that he lost'.
- No auxiliary verbs, such as *do, will, have*: 'When she left?'
- No inflections for third person singular: 'My father live there'.
- Sequence of tenses not observed: 'He told me that he wants to emigrate'.
- Passive voice not equivalent to English.

Adjectives and adverbs

- Comparisons are not a direct translation: 'She is more tall than he'.

Articles

- Russian has no articles: 'Boris student'.