

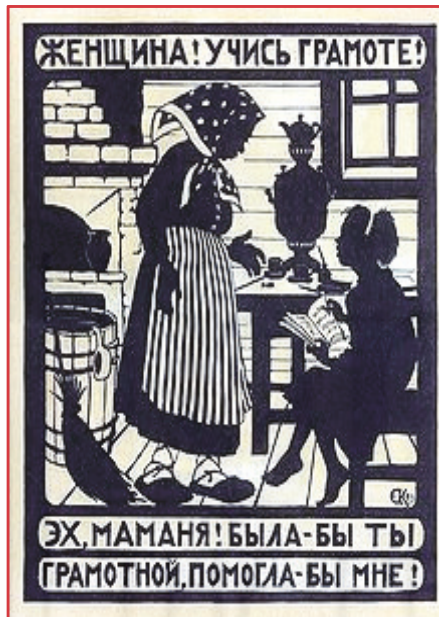
## Common Russian Words used in English



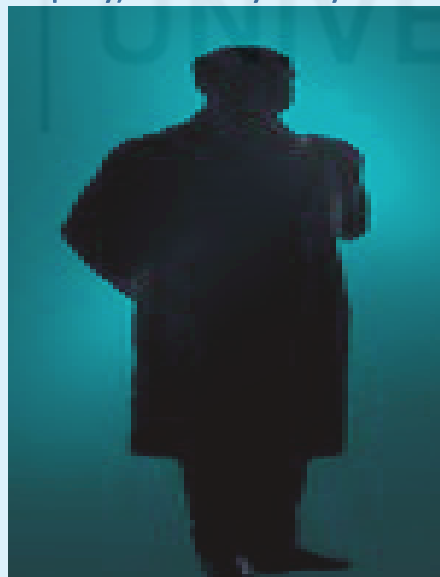
Let's listen to some of the common Russian words used in English now. The list of these words are interesting because many of us even don't know that these words have Russian origin.

Let's listen to the lesson now and pay attention these words one by one:

1. **Agitprop** *Агитпроп* Political propaganda promulgated chiefly in literature, drama, music, or art.



2. **Apparatchik** *Аппаратчик* A very loyal member of an organization (such as a company or political party) who always obeys orders.



3. Babushka  
*бабушка*

Grandmother



4. Beluga  
*белуха*

White whale (belukha), which derives from the word белый, means "white".



5. Bolshevik  
*большевик*

A member of the extremist wing of the Russian Social Democratic party that seized power in Russia by the Revolution in 1917.



6. Commissar  
*комиссáр*

An official; one that attempts to control public opinion or its expression.



7. Cossacks  
*казакí*

An ethnic group with military prowess; the word Kazak, derives from the Turkish word for “nomad” or a “free man”.



8. Dacha  
*да́ча*

A country house.



9. Дума  
дума

A legislative body; The term comes from the Russian verb думать (dumat') meaning "to think" or "to consider".



10. Glasnost  
гласность

A policy of political openness and transparency, from the Russian word for "publicity."



11. GULAG  
ГУЛАГ

Originally an acronym for a Soviet-era system of forced-labor camps; it now can refer to any repressive or coercive environment or situation.



12. **Intelligentsia**  
*интеллигенция*

The intellectual elite of a society.



13. **Копеек**  
*копéйка*

A Russian coin; A Russian unit of currency equal to 1/100 of the ruble.



14. **Mammoth**  
*Ма́монты*

A prehistoric elephant found in Siberia, a synonym  
for massive.



15. Menshevik  
*Меньшевик*

The name of the minority Communist faction in Tsarist Russia, originally in power briefly after the Russian Revolution but defeated by the Bolsheviks.



16. Perestroika  
*Перестройка*

From the Russian word for “restructuring”; the policy of economic and governmental reform instituted by Mikhail Gorbachev in the Soviet Union during the mid-1980s.



17. Pogrom  
*Погром*

Originally, violent persecution of Jews in Russia; now, any officially sanctioned attack on a particular group.



18. Politburo  
*Политбюро*

The Soviet-era primary source of government policy decisions, a truncation of the Russian forms of the words political and bureau.



19. Ruble  
*Рубль*

The basic unit of Russian currency.



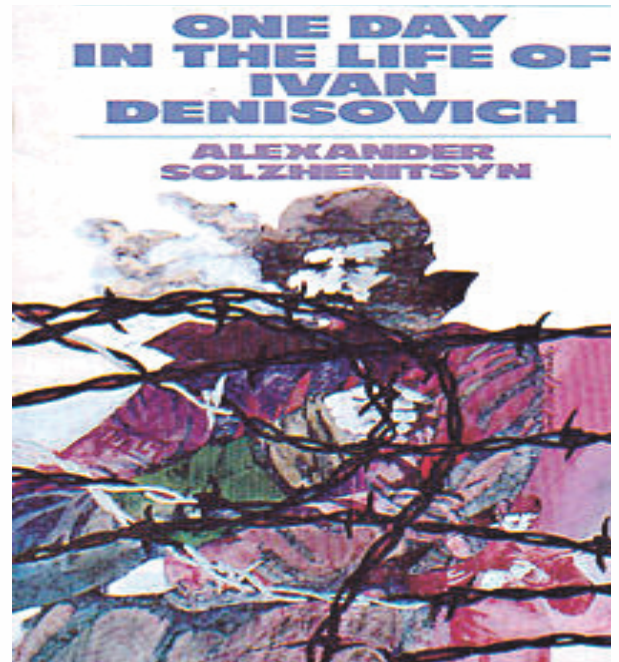
20. Sable  
*Соболь*

A mammal related to the weasel whose sleek black coat was long prized for its fur, and, by extension, a synonym for black.



21. Samizdat  
*Самиздát*

Literally means “self publish”; The secret publication and distribution of government-banned literature in the former Soviet Union.



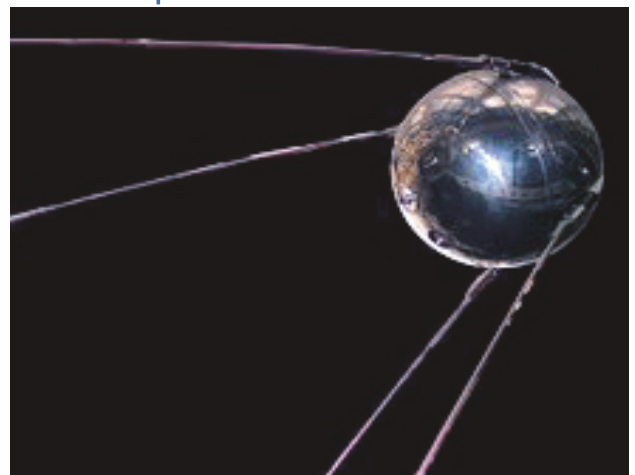
22. Samovar  
*Самовар*

Literally means "self-boiler", It is a heated metal container traditionally used to heat and boil water in and around Russia.



23. Sputnik  
*Спúтник*

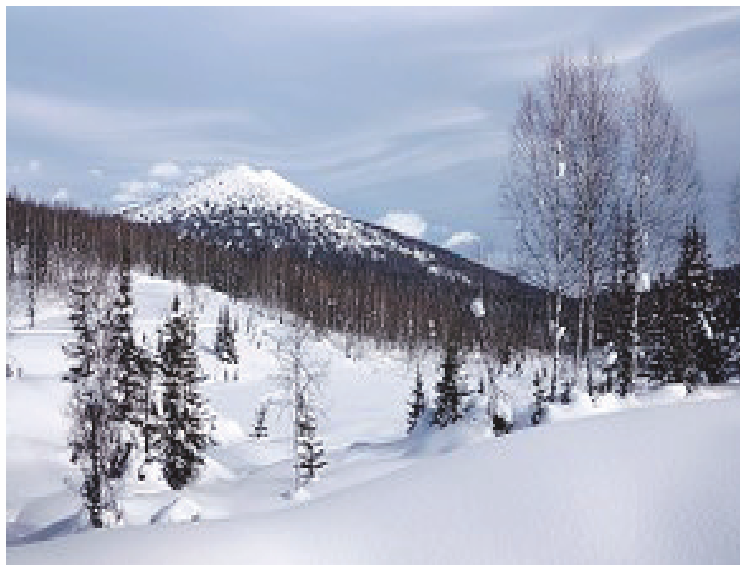
Literally means “fellow traveller”; also, the name given to a series of Soviet-era satellites, the first objects launched into space.





24. Taiga  
*тайга*

The coniferous evergreen forests of subarctic lands, covering vast areas of northern North America and Eurasia.



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25. Troika  
*тройка*

A Russian folk dance; A sled or carriage drawn by three horses harnessed side-by-side, iconic symbol of Russia.

