

Dialogues: A: "That's our cat"

Б: "That's a tree!"

<u>Grammar</u>: Frozen э́то constructions

Word order in Russian (Introduction)

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Диало́ги Dialogues

A. Э́то на́ша ко́шка That's our cat

Стёпа and his wife (who does not speak) are looking at a фотогра́фия. Лю́да walks up to them.

Лю́да:	1	Что э́то?	What is that?
Стёпа:	2	Это фотография.	It's a photograph.
Лю́да:	3	Кто это? Это ты?	Who's that? Is that you?
Стёпа:	4	Нет, это не я. Это наша кошка. Её зовут Мурка.	No, that's not me. That's our cat. Her name is Murka (Purrer).
Лю́да:	5	Ой, извини. А это кто? Это твоя мать?	Oh, I'm really sorry. And who's this? Is this your mother?
Стёпа:	6	Нет, это не моя мать. Это моя жена.	No, that's not my mother. That's my wife.
Лю́да:	7	Ой, извини, ради Бога! А это ваш сын?	Oh, I'm really sorry! And is this your son?
Стёпа:	8	Нет, это не наш сын! Это наша собака! Её зовут Белка.	No, that's not our son. That's our dog! Her name is Belka (Whitey).

Б. Э́то де́рево That's a tree

Óля and her husband (who does not speak) are looking at a фотография. Я́ша walks up to them.

Я́ша:	10	Что э́то?	What is that?
Ó ля:	11	Это фотография.	It's a photograph.
Я́ша:	12	Это твоя сестра?	Is that your sister?
О́ля:	13 14	Нет, это не моя сестра. Это мой муж. Его зовут Коля.	No, that's not my sister. That's my husband. His name is Kolya.
Я́ша:	15	Извини. А это кто? Это твой брат?	Oh, I'm sorry. And who's that? Is that your brother?
О́ля:	16 17	Нет, это не мой брат. Это наша дочь. Её зовут Люба.	No, that's not my brother. That's our daughter. Her name is Lyuba.
Я́ша:	18	Извини, ради Бога! А это твой отец?	Oh, I'm really sorry! And is this your father?
О́ля:	19	Нет, это не мой отец! Это дерево!	No, that's not my father! That's a tree!

Слова́рь

Vocabulary

1	что	what
1	что э́то?	what's this/that?; what are those?
2	э́то [X] (person or thing)	this/that/it is (a)[X]
2	фотогра́фия	photograph
3	ты	you (informal singular)
4	нет	no
4	э́то не [X] (person or thing)	this isn't/that's not/these are not [X]
4	Я	I (or me as in 'It's me')
4	на́ша	our (feminine)
4	ко́шка (кот is a male cat)	cat
5	ой!	oh!
5	твоя́	your (feminine informal – goes with ты)
5	мать	mother (Russians often say máma and it doesn't sound sappy)
6	моя́	my (feminine)
6	жена́	wife
7	ваш	your (masculine formal – goes with вы – since Лю́да is addressing two people)
7	сын	son
8	наш	our (masculine)
8	соба́ка	dog (Chewbacca from "Star Wars" is supposedly related to this word)
12	сестра́	sister
13	мой	my (masculine)
13	муж	husband
15	твой	your (masculine informal – goes with ты)
15	брат	brother (just think of 'brat')
16	дочь	daughter
18	оте́ц	father (Russians often say па́па and it doesn't sound sappy)
19	де́рево	tree



4.A 'Frozen эτο' Constructions

Кто э́то? Э́то (не) Х (person / thing)

By now we've seen that some words change form depending on gender:

	MASCULINE	FEMININE	
Nouns:	наха́л	наха́лка	(Lessons 1-2)
Adjectives:	краси́вый	краси́вая	(Lesson 3)
Possessives:	мой, твой, наш, ваш	моя́, твоя́, на́ша, ва́ша	(Lesson 4)

In Lessons 3 and 4, we've seen several constructions containing the word $5\mathbf{T0}$, which is roughly equivalent to *that/this/it/these* (depending on the context), and which *never* changes in form. These ' $5\mathbf{T0}$ constructions,' while very common, can be quite tricky. It's best to memorize a few patterns – and there really aren't that many. Here are the ones we've seen so far. (We have varied the English translation *this/that/it*, though, given the correct context, all three are possible.)

QUESTION	Possible Responses		
Кто э́то? Who is this?	Э́то я. It's me.	Э́то Саша. This is Sasha.	Э́то мой оте́ц. That's (my) father.
Что э́то? What is that?	Это ко́шка. That's a cat.	Это фотогра́фия. It's a photo.	Э́то бар. <i>It's a bar</i> .
Э́то твой брат? Is that your bother?	Да, э́то мой брат. Yes, that's my brother.		е мой брат, э́то моя́ мать. ay brother, it's my mother.
Э́то де́рево? Is this a tree?	Да, э́то де́рево. Yes, this is a tree.		е де́рево, э́то Же́ня. t a tree, that's Zhenya.

We'll refer to this form as 'frozen imo'. (Makes a nice dessert.)



Answer the question based on the prompt provided. Answer yes/no questions with "no" and then say who/what the person/thing is :

 Example:
 Кто э́то? (моя́ сестра́)
 ⇒
 Э́то моя́ сестра́.

 Э́то твой оте́ц? (моя́ соба́ка)
 ⇒
 Нет, э́то не мой оте́ц, э́то моя́ соба́ка.

 1. Кто э́то? (мой брат)
 2. Что э́то? (фотогра́фия)

 3. Э́то ва́ша мать? (на́ша ко́шка)
 4. Кто э́то? (я)

 5. Что э́то? (бар)
 6. Это твоя́ соба́ка? (моя́ жена́)

7. Кто э́то? (мой сын)

8. Э́то Са́ша? (Ма́ша)

9. Это ты? (де́рево)10. Кто э́то? (мой муж)11. Э́то соба́ка? (ко́шка)12. Кто э́то? (Зо́я)



Note: π I/me is **not** capitalized in Russian (unless, of course, it's at the beginning of a sentence):

Э́то я. It's me.

Это не **я**, это мой брат. That's not **me**, that's my brother.

Я краси́вый па́рень! I'm a good-looking guy!

Remember, Russians are very humble (except for the person who uttered the last example), so there's no need to capitalize 'I'.

4.5 Word Order in Russian (Introduction)

Кто это? vs. A это кто?

Note that for variety, Cτëπa and Óπs, having gotten fed up with asking κτο эτο? change the word order to a эτο κτο? with no real change in meaning. Word order in Russian is much more flexible than in English. We won't see why this is so until Chapter 3, so for now just take our word on this.



More oral practice

(Today's lesson has less oral practice because of a rather large writing assignment.)



Try to say the word before it is pronounced. You may notice that several of the vowels get 'reduced'. We'll cover this is greater detail in a few lessons. For now do your best to imitate the pronunciation of your instructor and the speakers on the recording. (Words will be read from left to right.)

Канза́с	гимна́стика	балери́на	Му́соргский
студе́нт	студе́нтка	компози́тор	Вашингто́н
Áнна Каре́нина	Фра́нция	сала́т	суп
литерату́ра	университе́т	Пра́вда	витами́н
профессор	де́вушка	Непту́н	до свидания
исто́рия	Пика́ссо	губернатор	жира́ф

4.В Ру́сский алфави́т - The Russian Alphabet (in the official order)

Repeat the names of the letters. Note that the italicized letters e, d, m are quite different from their non-italicized forms.

Letter	Italic	Name of letter	English equivalent
A a	A a	a	a as in f <u>a</u> ther
Бб	Б б	бэ	b
В в	B ϵ	ВЭ	V
Гг	Γ $\epsilon \leftarrow$	ГЭ	g (v)
Дд	$\mathcal{A} \partial \leftarrow$	дэ	d
Ее	E e	e	e / ye
Ë ë	\ddot{E} \ddot{e}	ë	o / yo
ж Ж	Ж ж	ЄЖ	zh as in <u>Zh</u> ivago
3 3	3 з	33	Z
И и	И и	И	i as in mach <u>i</u> ne
Йй	Й й	и краткое	y as in <u>y</u> es
К к	K κ	ка	k
Лл	$\mathcal{J}\!I$ л	эль	1
М м	M м	ЭМ	m
Н н	Н н	ЭН	n
Оо	O o	0	o as in b <u>o</u> rn
Пп	Π n	ЕП	p
Рр	P - p	эр	r (trilled)
Сс	C c	эс	S
Тт	$T m \leftarrow$	ЕT	t
У у	y y	у	u as in l <u>u</u> natic
Фф	Φ ϕ	фе	f
X x	X = x	xa	(ch as in Ba <u>ch)</u>
Ц ц	Ц ц	єц	ts as in i <u>ts</u>
ЧЧ	q_{-q}	Э	ch as in <u>ch</u> eap
Шш	Ш ш	ша	sh as in <u>sh</u> oot (back in mouth)
Щщ	Щ щ	ща	sh as in fre <u>sh</u> sheets (long & forward in mouth)
Ъ	ъ	твёрдый знак	hard sign (see Lesson 5)
Ы	bl	Ы	i in b <u>i</u> t
Ь	b	мя́гкий знак	soft sign (see Lesson 5)
Ээ	Ээ	Э (оборо́тное)	e as in b <u>e</u> t
Ю ю	Юю	Ю	u / yu
я Я	Я я	R	a / ya

4-й уро́к – Дома́шнее зада́ние

Writing Russian – For Class

Exercise 1 Copy each letter 4-5 times.	And be sure to pay attention to the notes!
<u>a</u>	A
б	Б
В	В
Г	Γ
П	Д
e	Е
ä	Ë
	nic .
Ж	<u>Ж</u>
3	3
И	И
й	Й
K	К
π Note: both π and Π must start with a hook	Л

Четвёртый уро́к

Домашнее задание

M Note: both m and M must start with a hook	M Note: touch the bottom line in all 3 places
Н	_H
0	0
<u>Π</u>	Π
n	P
_p	
С	С
Т	T
_у	У
_ф	Φ
X	X
ц	Ц
ч	Ч
ш Note: ш and Ш start at the top, finish at the bottom!	_Ш
	ш
_Щ	Щ

4-й урок – Домашнее задание

ъ No capital - never at the beginning of a word	
ы No capital - never at the beginning of a word.	Note: Do not close up the middle of the first part, like a 6
ь No capital - never at the beginning of a word	
Э	Э
Ю	Ю
я Note: both я and Я must start with a hook	Я
Exercise 2 Copy the following words a	nd phrases:
лимо́н (lemon)	Го́голь (the writer)
Аме́рика	Чайко́вский (the composer)
Э́то я.	Э́то на́ша ко́шка.
Меня́ зову́т (write in your name).	check this out: лиши́шь (you deprive)