

Ориз	O'riz	Rice
Кафе	Ka'fe	Coffee
Чай	`Chai	Tea
Мляко	Mli'yako	Milk
Хляб	H'liab	Bread
Бира	`Bira	Bier
Бяло/червено вино	`Byalo/cher'veno `vino	Wine
Вода	Vo'da	Water
Чудесно	`Chudesno	That's fine
Сметката, моля	`Smetkata mo'lya	The bill, please

**Shopping**

Колко струва това?	'Kolkо `struva to'va?	How much does this cost?
Къде мога да купя ...?	Ka'de moga da `kupa ...?	Where can I buy ...?
Дрехи	`Drehi	Clothes
Обувки	O'buvki	Shoes
Храна	Hra'na	Food
Цигари	Tsi'gari	Cigarettes
Подаръци	Po'daratsi	Presents
Евтино	`Evtino	Cheap
Скъпо	`Skapo	Expensive
Има ли намаление?	`Ima li nama'lenie?	Is there a discount?

**Getting Around**

Къде се намира ...?	Ka'de se na'mira ...?	Where is ...?
Как да стигна до ...?	'Kak da `stigma do ...?	How can I get to ...?
Улица	`Ulitsa	Street
Булевард	Bule'vard	Boulevard
Площад	Plosh'tad	Square
Паметник	`Pametnik	Monument
Поща	`Poshta	Post
Ресторант	Resto'rant	Restaurant
Магазин	Maga'zin	Shop
Пазар	Pa'zar	Market
Аптека	Ap'teka	Pharmacy
Хотел	Ho'tel	Hotel
Гара	`Gara	Station
Спирка	`Spirka	Bus / tram stop
Автогара	`Avto'gara	Bus station
Летище	Le'tishte	Airport
Автобус	`Avto'bus	Bus
Влак	`Vlak	Train
Самолет	`Samo'let	Airplane
Такси	`Taksi	Taxi
Вървете	Var'vete	Walk
Първата/втората пресечка	'Parvata/'vtorata pre'sechka	The first/second intersection
Наляво	Na'lyavo	On the left
Надясно	Na'dyasno	On the right
Направо	Na'pravo	Straight ahead
Коя е тази улица?	Ko'ya e `tazi `ulitsa?	What street is this?
Къде се намирам?	Ka'de se na'miram?	Where am I?

**Learning Bulgarian**

To be living and working in a foreign country is always an adventure but it becomes even a greater one when you do not speak and understand the local language. That is why many foreign nationals try to learn the Bulgarian language and thus usually fall into the pit holes of the process.

Of course it depends on the way you intend to learn the language. It appears that most people start studying by themselves or with the help of their local friends. This seems to be the worst but yet most common way. Of course, it is relatively easy to do so but it will be much more efficient if you turn to the services of qualified local teachers or attend the specialized language courses for foreigners, organized in most big cities. This is the best possible way, as teachers are professionals and they know the right ways of presenting the material to you, so that you understand and remember it all much easier.

The only disadvantage, of having a qualified teacher or attending a language course, is that you will probably find it very difficult learning to write in Bulgarian and to study all the grammatical peculiarities of the language. Studying grammatical issues is considered an important part of the whole learning process most teachers use it as a start point for the whole study. Of course, if you do your best to explain to your teacher that all you require are the basic speaking skills from the start it will be easier for the both of you.

To be able to cope with the everyday life in Bulgaria, for simple things like shopping, going out, ordering food and drinks in restaurants and most basic communications with the locals you actually need about 1000-1500 words and a lot less grammatical and theoretical knowledge. That is why practice is an essential ingredient

in the whole learning process. Do not be afraid to use all Bulgarian words and sentences you have learned in public. No doubt it will provoke smiles and comments but on the whole the Bulgarian's you are conversing with will do their best to correct your pronunciation and help you cope as best as possible they will find it charming and even flattering that a foreigner is trying to learn and speak their language.

For foreign nationals trying to learn Bulgarian grammar, sequence of tenses and genders of the words, the lack of resemblance between the Bulgarian and English alphabet and the accumulation of consonants in most words are actually not the main issue. Most people find it very hard to pronounce Bulgarian words not because it is so difficult but as a simple anatomy consequence. Scientists claim that English people have a specific jaw structure because their language requires more frequent jaw use when pronouncing words and phrases. Bulgarian language on the other hand, involves less jaw and more lip use, which makes it fairly difficult to master when you are so used to the other pattern.

Learning Bulgarian sounds like quite a challenge but will surely make your life and your relations in the country easier. So, you may as well give it a try!



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