



≈ long soft [sh] like in fresh sherbet.



[yu] like in Yule.



Listen and repeat:

Север, юг, запад и восток – это стороны света. North, South, West, and East are parts of the world.

Вот – щенок, а там - щука. Here is a pup and there is a pike fish.

Юпитер – планета. Jupiter is a planet. Я люблю щербет! I love sherbet!

The letter **Ю ю** makes the sound [yu] as in Yule. Yule is an old Scandinavian tradition celebrating the winter solstice.

The letter **Щ** is unique because there is no exact equivalent to its sound in English. Think of it as a long palatalized [sh] sound, the one similar to when you say a fresh sherbet but with your tongue a bit farther forward: **щ** [sh']. Have you noticed that this letter looks similar to the letter **ш**? The only difference between them is that **ш** always sounds hard - [sh], while **щ** is always soft – [sh']. To pronounce palatalized [sh'], prepare to say [sh] but move your tongue forward to touch your lower teeth. Listen and repeat these syllables:

ша – ща
аш – ащ
ош – ощ

шу – щу
уш – ущ
иш – ищ

юш – ющ
еш – ещ
ши – щи

ше – ще
юл – лю
юз – зю

юр – рю
юн – ню
юд – дю