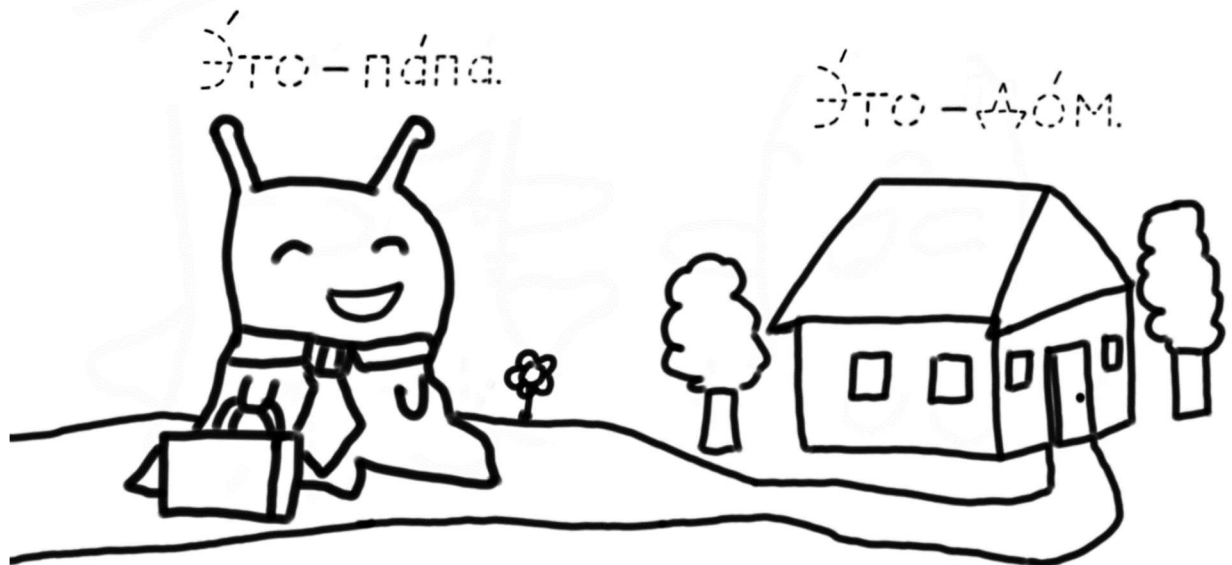
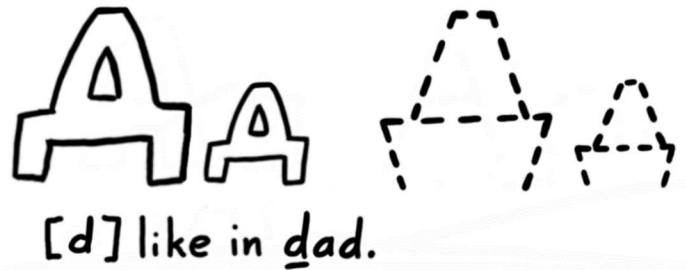
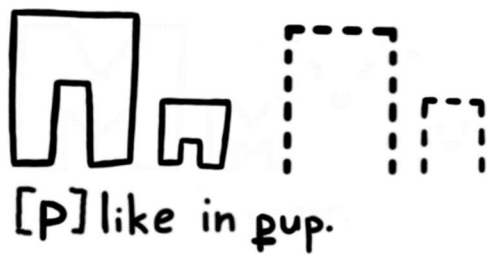




The letter **П** looks similar to the Greek letter Π which we use in math for the famous number 3.14. No wonder it makes the sound [p] as in *pup* or *purple*.

The Russian word for *dad* is **напа**. Do you see a small tilted dash above the first letter **а** in **напа**? It's a stress mark. It shows which syllable in the word is emphasized. In Russian, the vowel sound in the stressed syllable is pronounced clearly, while the unstressed vowels, on opposite, are pronounced briefly, as if their sounds were reduced. Listen to these words: **напа**, **мама**. Notice that the first syllable in both words is stressed, that's why the first letter **а** can be heard clearly while the vowel in the second syllable doesn't even sound as [a] anymore, it sounds more like a very short unstressed *a* in *about*.

The letter **Д** makes the sound similar to [d] in *dad* or *domestic*. It's pronounced a bit dryer than the English [d]: the tip of your tongue should touch the back of your upper front teeth. **Дом** is *home* or *house* in Russian. Listen and translate: **Это - дом? Да, это - дом.**