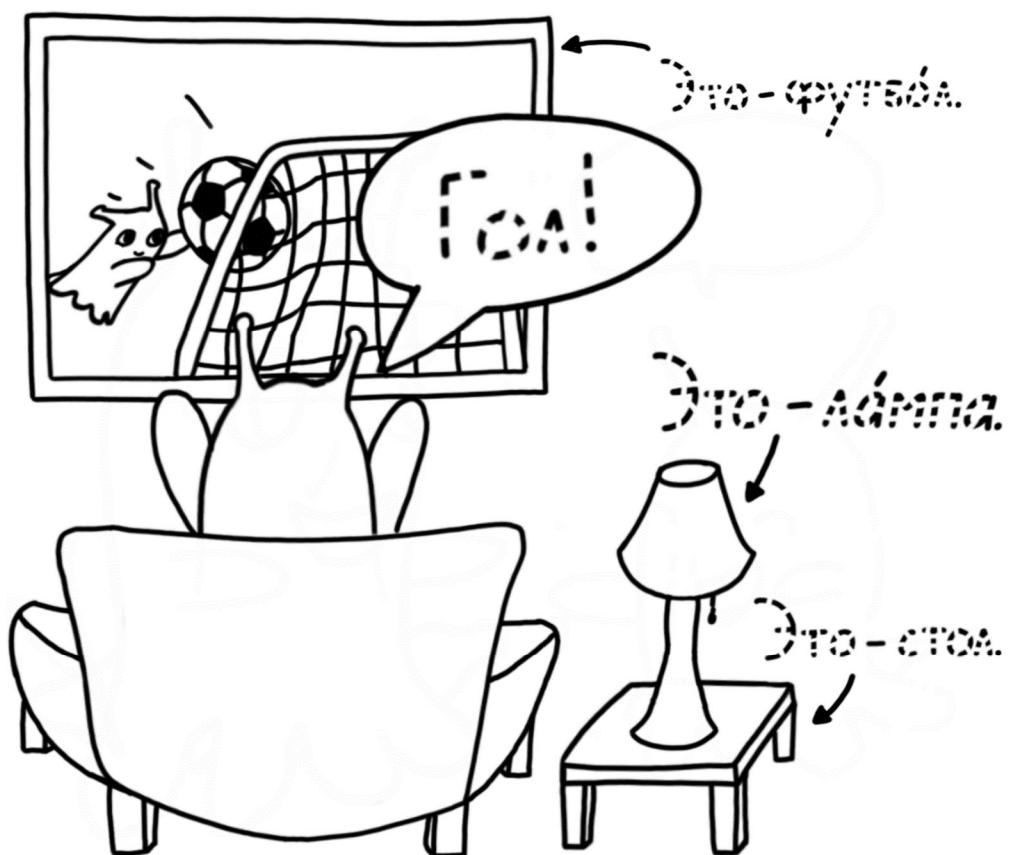




[g] like in goal.



[l] like in lamp.



On page 7, you learned about the letter **П п** that looks and sounds like the Greek letter *pi* and the letter **Д д** that looks similar to the Greek letter *delta*. Both Latin *D* and Cyrillic **Д** came from the letter *delta*. In English, we use the Latin alphabet. In Russian, we use the Cyrillic alphabet. Did you know that the word “*delta*”, as originally used for the *Nile River Delta*, was named so because it had the shape of the triangular uppercase letter *delta*?

On this page, we will learn two more letters in the Russian alphabet that look and sound like Greek letters. The letter **Г г** looks and sounds like the Greek letter *gamma*. It makes the sound [g] as in *gamma*, *game*, or *goal*. The letter **Л л** looks and sounds like the Greek letter *lambda*. It is similar to the sound [l] as in *lamp* or *leg*, but the position of your tongue should be the same as when you say the Russian **Т** or **Д** – the tongue goes against your upper teeth.

One more thing: have you noticed that we put stress marks only in the words that are new to you and have more than one syllable? Russians use stress marks only in dictionaries or textbooks to teach the word’s pronunciation. In regular books and media, stress marks are omitted for most words because you are expected to know how to say them.

Это – стол. *This is a table.* **Это – лампа.** *This is a lamp.* **Это – футбол.** *This is soccer.* **Гол!** *Goal!*