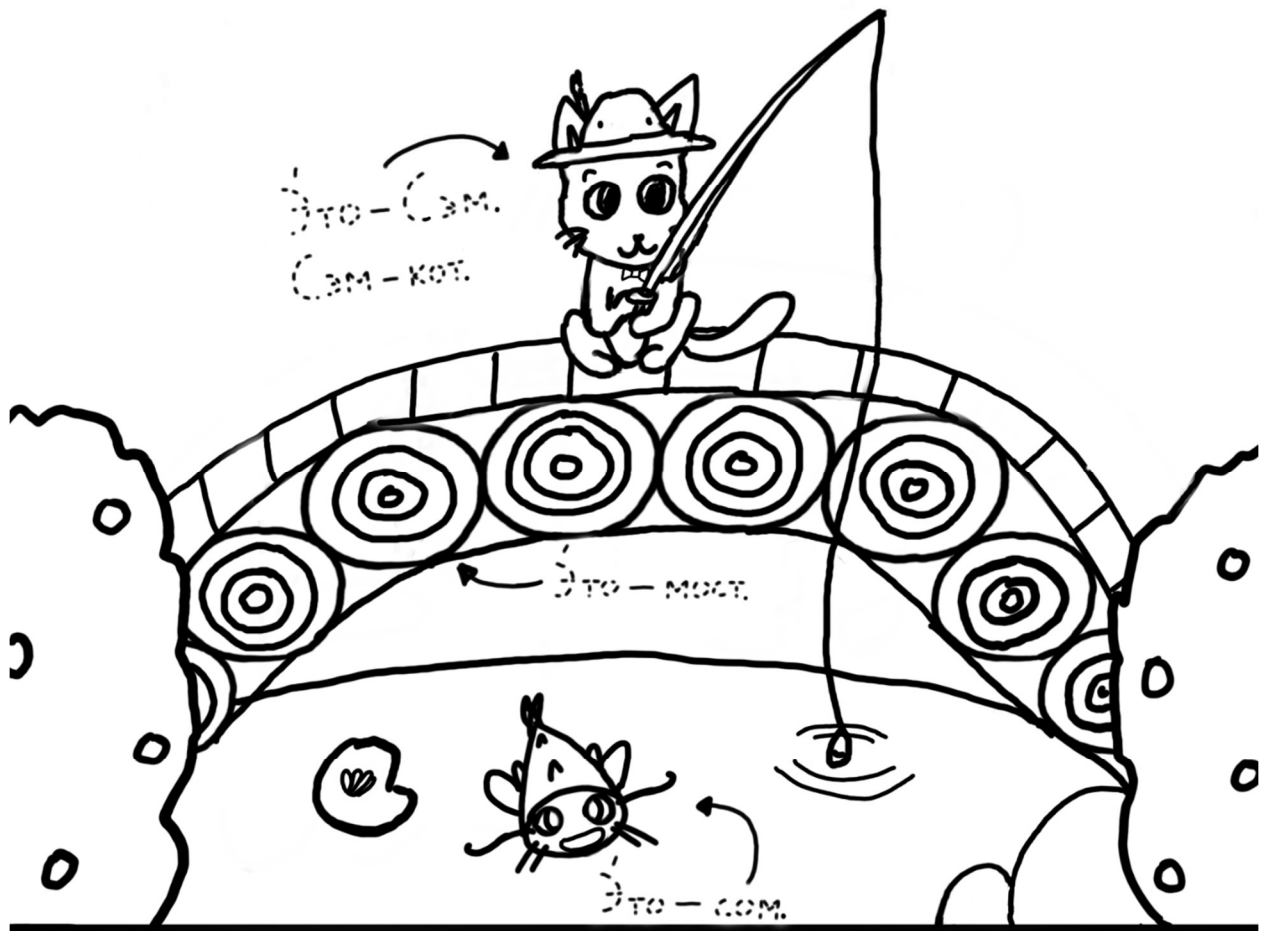


Э Э Э Э

[e] like in egg.

С С С С

[s] like in sand.



Letter Э may look different to you (it doesn't look like any English letter) but the sound it makes is a simple sound [e] like in *egg* or *exit*. The Russian word **это** can be translated as *this* or *it*. So, try to read and translate these phrases:

Кто это? Это – я. Это – мама. Это – Ия. Это – кот.

Letter С looks just like the English C. It makes sound [s] as in *snow*, *see*, or *set*. There is one important difference you want to remember about this Russian letter: unlike the English C, it never makes the sound [k]. (Do you remember which letter in Russian makes the sound [k]? That's right, letter К makes the [k] sound in Russian.) Listen and repeat first, then try to read on your own:

Это – Сам.
This is Sam.

Сам – кот.
Sam is a cat.

Это – мост.
This is a bridge.

Это – сом.
This is a catfish.