

Language of the Month

BULGARIAN



Language of the Month: Bulgarian

Where it is spoken

- Bulgarian is spoken in **Bulgaria**, **Ukraine**, **Turkey**, **Greece**, **Romania**, **North America**, **Australia** and other countries.
- Bulgarian language is similar to Macedonian and related to Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian and Slovenian.
- Total number of Bulgarian speakers: **12 million people!**



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Useful words and phrases

Hello	<u>Здравей (Zdravei)</u>
Good morning	<u>добро утро (Dobro ootro)</u>
Good afternoon	<u>добър ден (Dob ar den)</u>
Thank you	<u>Благодаря (Blagodarja)</u>
Please	<u>Моля (Molia)</u>
Yes	да (Da)
No	<u>не (Ne)</u>
Goodbye	<u>Чао (Ciao)</u>
What is your name?	<u>Как се казваш? (Kak se kazvaš?)</u>
My name is...	<u>Казвам се ... (Kazvam se ...)</u>
How are you?	<u>Как си? (Kak si?)</u>
Fine, thanks. And you?	<u>Добре съм, благодаря. А ти? (Dobre sum, blagodarja. A ti?)</u>

Click on the word/phrase to learn how to say it.

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Numbers 0 to 10

0	nula
1	edno
2	dve
3	tri
4	chetiri
5	pet

6	shest
7	sedem
8	osem
9	devet
10	deset

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Facts about Bulgaria

When Bulgaria joined the EU on 1st Jan 2007, Cyrillic became the **third official alphabet** of the EU.

Did you know?

Bulgaria is a Balkan nation. The capital city is Sofia and it dates back to the 5th century BC.

A cultural melting pot with Greek, Slavic, Ottoman, and Persian influences, it has a rich heritage of traditional dances.

One third of the country is covered in forests.

The Bulgarian Orthodox Church is the oldest Slavic Orthodox Church.

The population of Bulgaria is 7 million people.

THE BULGARIAN ALPHABET

Аа	a (as in cat)	Кк	k (as in kick)	Фф	f (as in foot)
Бб	b (as in bus)	Лл	l (as in love)	Хх	h (like 'ch' in Bach)
Вв	v (as in very)	Мм	m (as in marry)	Цц	ch (as in check)
Гг	g (as in good)	Нн	n (as in no)	Чч	ts (as in puts)
Дд	d (as in dog)	Оо	o (as in hot)	Шш	sh (as in shut)
Ее	e (as in egg)	Пп	p (as in pot)	Щщ	sht (like 'shed' in pushed)
Жж	zh (like 's' in leisure)	Рр	r (as in red)	Ъъ	a (like 'u' in but)
Зз	z (as in zoo)	Сс	s (as in sit)	Ьь	(consonant softening sound)
Ии	i (as in instant)	Тт	t (as in tree)	Юю	yu (like you)
Йй	y (as in young)	Уу	u (as in yule)	Яя	ya (as in yank)

Language of the Month: Bulgarian Culture

Bulgaria is famous for its wonderful **folk music** that is so noteworthy that it was **sent into space by NASA**. The song *Izlel je Delyo hajdutin*, was **sent to space** on board the Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 probes in 1977.

The national dance *Horo*

If you see Bulgarians dancing in the street **holding hands and forming big circles or rows**, you have most probably come across a *horo*.

This centuries-old tradition has been preserved in Bulgaria, and it still brings people together for moments of unity and spontaneous joy.

At a time when no radio and television existed, **horo dancing was the main form of entertainment.**

Click on this photo to watch the **horo** dance



Dancing *horo* involves learning a sequence of steps and movements of the hands while folk music is playing.



Zdravei
Hello



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Dobro Ootro
Good morning



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Dob ar den
Good afternoon



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Blagodaria
Thank you



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Molia
Please



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Ne

No



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Ciao
Goodbye



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Kak se kazvash?
What is your name?



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Kazvam se...

My name is...



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Kak si?

How are you?



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Dobre sum, blagodaria. A ti?
Fine, thanks. And you?



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