

# Practical Grammar

## Part I.

Noun. Number

# Classes of nouns

- Proper nouns (Peter, Moscow, the Volga)
- Common Nouns (boy, dog, school)
- Abstract Nouns ( idea, cold, kindness)
- Material Nouns (bread, coal)
- Animate Nouns (Peter, dog, boy)
- Inanimate Nouns (river, table, iron)

# Number (Singular/ Plural)

- a) Book- books
- b) Bus- busses, speech-speeches (after *s, ss, sh, ch, tch, x*)
- c) Hero – heroes, potato-potatoes (*but* photo-photos, piano-pianos, radio-radios)
- d) Leaf-leaves, shelf-shelves (*but* roof-roofs, chief-chiefs)
- e) Curriculum- curricula, criterion – criteria, medium-media

# Uncountable nouns

- Milk, bread (singular)
- Kindness, honesty (singular)
- Scissors, trousers, spectacles (plural)

# Collective Nouns

- Family, crew, crowd, committee, team, party
- The family **is** large
- My family **are** early risers

# Nouns in English and Russian

## Singular

- News, information, advice, progress, knowledge, money

## Plural

- Clothes, goods, greens, odds, contents, sweepings

# Compound Nouns

- Policeman- policemen
- Man-servant/ men-servants,  
woman-doctor/women-doctors
- Mother- in-law/ mothers-in –law,  
editor-in-chief/editors-in-chief
- Passers-by, lookers-on
- Forget-me-nots, grown-ups, go-betweenes,  
drop-outs