

Morphophonemics and phonetics

Addendum to Russian Conjugation

Morphophonemic	Phonemic	Operations undergone	Form
n'os—Vš	n'is'óš	V of pres tense is stressed; hard stem, hence flat V▯ chosen (weak position, so diffuse V) automatic softening before o reduction of o to i after soft C <sup>1</sup>	2nd sg pres несёшь
govor'í—Vt	gavar'ít	V of pres is stressed; soft open full stem chooses acute V V▯deleted before V	говорит
p'#j—i	p'éj	í deleted if preceded by jot and stem boundary zero replaced by full vowel if there is a zero ending <sup>2</sup>	imperative пей
govor'í—ú	gavar'ú	VV > V (first V▯deletes, second remains) Vowel reduction <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> sg pres говорю
kupi—u	kupl'ú	Subst. softening of 1st sg in open full stems in i, e stress 1st sg ending in mobile stress stems	1 <sup>st</sup> sg pres куплю
p'ok—Vm	p'ičóm	V chosen is ó	1 <sup>st</sup> pl pres

<sup>1</sup> General rule of Russian

<sup>2</sup> General rule of Russian

<sup>3</sup> General rule of Russian. Note this is *phonemic*, not a phonetic transcription, where we would note the reduction of the first V▯ shwa.

		automatic softening before o; velars undergo substitutive only reduction of o to i after soft C	печѣм
živ—t'	žit'	CC across stem boundary > second C	infinitive ЖИТЬ
žg—t'	žeč	velar stems take infinitive ending č, e is inserted in a nonsyllabic velar stem	infinitive ЖЕЧЬ
v'od—l	v'ól	t, d drop before the past morpheme l <sup>4</sup>	past masc <b>ВѢЛ</b>

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<sup>4</sup> This was actually a rule of proto-East Slavic.