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Bulgarian alphabet	Official transliteration	Name of Letter	English equivalent
0	A a	a	a as in " <u>a</u> dorable"
1	B b	1J	b as in " <u>b</u> ug"
2	V v	2J	v as in " <u>v</u> et"
3	G g	3J	g as in " <u>g</u> od"
4	D d	4J	d as in " <u>d</u> og"
5	E e	5	e as in " <u>e</u> st"
6	Zh zh	6J	s as in " <u>treasure</u> "
7	Z z	7J	z as in " <u>z</u> oo"
8	I i	8	i as in " <u>i</u> gloo"
9	Y y	8 :@0B:>	y as in " <u>y</u> es" or combined with <>> as 9>, for a pronunciation like yo in " <u>yo</u> yo"
:	K k	:J	c as in " <u>c</u> at"
;	L l	;J	l as in " <u>ca</u> ll"
<	M m	<J	m as in " <u>m</u> an"
=	N n	=J	n as in " <u>n</u> ormal"
>	O o	>J	o as in " <u>o</u> rd <u>e</u> r"
?	P p	?J	p as in " <u>p</u> et"
@	R r	@J	r as in " <u>r</u> estaurant"
! A	S s	AJ	s as in " <u>s</u> ound"
" B	T t	BJ	t as in " <u>t</u> op"
# C	U u	y	>> as in " <u>to</u> ol"
\$ D	F f	DJ	f as in " <u>f</u> ood"
% E	H h	EJ	ch as in Scottish " <u>loch</u> "
& F	Ts ts	FJ	ts as in " <u>fi</u> ts"
' G	Ch ch	GJ	ch as in " <u>ch</u> ip"
(H	Sh sh	HJ	sh as in " <u>sh</u> ot"
) I	Sht sht	IJ	sht as in " <u>sht</u> ick"
* J	A a	5@ 3>;O<	u as in " <u>tu</u> rn"
, L	Y y	5@ <0;J:	combined with <>> as L>, for a pronunciation like yo in " <u>yo</u> yo" less often with e as Le, pronounced like ye in " <u>ye</u> t"
. N	Yu yu	N	u as in " <u>me</u> nu"
/ O	Ya ya	O	ya as in " <u>ya</u> rn"

Most letters in the Bulgarian alphabet stand for just one specific sound. Three letters stand for the single expression of combinations of sounds, namely I (sht), N (yu), and O (ya). Two sounds do not correspond to separate letters, but are expressed as the combination of two letters, namely 46 (/d'/) and 47 (/dz/). The letter L marks the softening (palatalization) of any consonant before /T.

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