

1. What are some automatic phonetic adjustments that foreign words typically fail to make in Russian?
2. What are some phonetic adjustments that all foreign words do make?
3. It is sometimes said that each language possesses a sort of "gray zone", a marginal subsystem of the native phonology of the given language, that accounts for the pronunciation of non-native words. Describe this zone/system and the way in which a word travels through it.
4. Sometimes the subsystem used for foreign words can, over time, have an affect on the native phonology. Can you think of any sounds in Russian that have been affected by this subsystem?