# Vocabulary 23—Feminine Nouns

Feminine nouns present two problems for the language learner. The first is loanwords which end in an consonant in English but have an -a at the end in Russian making them feminine. The second is feminine nouns which end in a soft sign and belong to the third declension. The list of such nouns must be memorized.

**See Also**

- Grammar 5—Russian Case Charts

**Nouns Ending in -a in Russian but not in English**

группа—group
программа—program
проблема—problem
лампа—a lamp, particularly an electric light bulb or an oil lamp
пресса—the press (as in “a member of the press”)

**Third Declension Nouns**

жизнь—life
кровь—blood
смерть—death
заповедь—commandment


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