

## Chronology of major sound laws

In chapters 10–13, the sound laws were not described in strict chronological order, but this appendix will help you to establish the relative and absolute chronologies of the major changes. For Pre-Slavic and Common Slavic, the overviews in sections 18.1 and 18.2 are based on Shevelov 1964: 633–634. The chronologies for Old Russian in section 18.3 are based on Kiparsky 1963: 153–154, as well as Gorškova and Xaburgaev 1981 and Ivanov 1983. You are advised to take the chronologies with more than a grain of salt, since data are often sparse and sometimes conflicting. Unsurprisingly, therefore, different handbooks provide different dates.

### A3.1 The Pre-Slavic period

Sound law:	Approximate chronology:	Section:
1. Ruki rule	By 6 <sup>th</sup> –5 <sup>th</sup> centuries BC	11.3
2. Satem assibilation	After ruki rule	11.2
3. O/a merger	6 <sup>th</sup> –5 <sup>th</sup> centuries BC	10.3

Table 1: Chronology of Pre-Slavic sound laws

### A3.2 The Common Slavic period

Sound law:	Approximate chronology:	Section:
1. Loss of final consonants	1 <sup>st</sup> –6 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	10.5
2. Emergence of prothetic consonants	1 <sup>st</sup> –6 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	10.9
3. J-palatalization	5 <sup>th</sup> –8 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	11.6
4. First palatalization of velars	5 <sup>th</sup> –6 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	11.5
5. Monophthongization of oral diphthongs	6 <sup>th</sup> –7 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	10.6
6. Second palatalization of velars	6 <sup>th</sup> –7 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	11.7
7. Emergence of nasal vowels	7 <sup>th</sup> century AD	10.7
8. Third palatalization of velars	7 <sup>th</sup> –mid 9 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	11.8
9. Liquid diphthongs: ORC groups	8 <sup>th</sup> –mid 9 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	10.8.2
10. Liquid diphthongs: CORC groups	Mid 9 <sup>th</sup> century AD	10.8.1

Table 2: Chronology of Common Slavic sound laws

### A3.3 The Old Russian period

Sound law:	Approximate chronology:	Section:
1. Softening of semi-soft consonants	11 <sup>th</sup> century AD	12.3.5
2. Fall of weak jers	11 <sup>th</sup> century AD	12.2
3. Vocalization of strong jers	11 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	12.2
4. [ky, gy, xy] → [k'i, g'i, x'i]	13 <sup>th</sup> century AD	12.4
5. Depalatalization of /š'/ and /ž'/	13 <sup>th</sup> century AD	12.5
6. Transition from /e/ to /o/	13 <sup>th</sup> –14 <sup>th</sup> centuries AD	12.7
7. Transition from /ě/ to /e/	14 <sup>th</sup> century AD	12.8
8. Emergence of <i>akan'e</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> century AD	13.2
9. Depalatalization of /c'/	15 <sup>th</sup> century AD	12.5

Table 3: Chronology of Old Russian sound laws