Russian Cases [Instrumental]

[!] The instrumental is the **fifth** of the six cases.
[!] The instrumental answers the questions **кем**? and **чем**?
More clearly, its **role** is to indicate **how** an action is performed.
Think about what *instrument* you use to perform an action.
[!] Understanding the instrumental is key to understanding the other cases.

The instrumental is a rather simple case to form and use.
Learning to use it properly shouldn't trouble you much.

Masculine

consonant **+ ом**	**магази**н = **магази**ном
-й becomes **-ем**	**музе**й = **музе**ем
-ь becomes **-ем**	**учи**тель = **учи**телем

***Между магази**ном игру**шек и по**чтой есть банк.*
There is a bank between the toy store and the post office.

Feminine

-а becomes **-ой**	**ручк**а = **ручк**ой
-я becomes **-ей**	**неде**ля = **неде**лей
-ь + ю	**жизн**ь = **жизн**ью

Я пишу́ текст ру́чкой.
I'm writing the text with a pen.

Neuter

-е becomes **-ем**	**мор**е = **мор**ем
-о becomes **-ом**	**окн**о = **окн**ом

Над о́кном ви́сит карти́на.
A picture is hanging above the window.

Neuter nouns in -**мя** have a peculiar declension: **вр<u>е</u>мя** = **вр<u>е</u>менем**.

Со вр<u>е</u>менем я узн<u>а</u>л, кем хочу стать в ж<u>и</u>зни.

With time, I found out what I want to be in life.

Pay attention to these peculiarities – exceptions! They are only slightly irregular.

путь *m.*	**путём**
день *m.*	**днём**
слов<u>а</u>рь *m.*	**словарём**
календ<u>а</u>рь *m.*	**календарём**
дождь *m.*	**дождём**
рем<u>е</u>нь *m.*	**ремнём**
ог<u>о</u>нь *m.*	**огнём**
руль *m.*	**рулём**
стать<u>я</u>	**статьёй**
земл<u>я</u>	**землёй**
семь<u>я</u>	**семьёй**