

## Re: Russian vowel ?

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"Satish" wrote:

> > Are there languages not related to the Slavic ones  
> > that have this vowel?

Ruud Harmsen replied:

> And Rumanian â/î.

Really? Romanian â/î sounds to me like a low (not mid/neutral)  
unrounded vowel --- very much like /u/, but unrounded.

I suspect many English speakers, upon hearing the country's name  
(România), would think they had heard "Romunia", since the rounded  
and unrounded variants of /u/ are interchangeable in many English  
dialects.

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