



Russian Course Outline

Unit 1. Building the basics

Chapter 1. Greetings, Gratitude, and Goodbyes

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Express Gratitude
- Say Goodbye
- Use Common Formal Greetings
- Use Common Informal Greetings
- Use Formal and Familiar Forms of Address
- Use the Pronouns ты and вы
- Use the Question Word как

Chapter 2. Do You Speak English?

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Answer Yes or No
- Apologize for a Minor Transgression
- Ask and Tell What Language Someone Speaks
- Ask and Tell Where Someone is From
- Get Someone's Attention to Ask for Information
- Form Affirmative and Interrogative Sentences
- Omit the Verb "To Be" in Present Tense
- Use Negation in Verbs
- Use Personal Pronouns я and мы
- Use the Verbs говорить (Second Conjugation) and понимать (First Conjugation)

Chapter 3. Names and Introductions

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask Someone's Name

- Become Familiar with Russian Names
- Introduce Yourself and Others
- Respond to Introductions
- Say That You Are Not Someone or Something
- Construct Preposition в + Accusative
- Construct Preposition в + Prepositional
- Use Ordinal Numerals первый, второй
- Use the Possessive Pronouns мой, моя, наш, and наша
- Use the Verb звать (First Conjugation)

Chapter 4. Getting Around

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask for Directions
- Get Help Finding Places Using a Map
- Identify Important Places and Facilities Around Town
- Understand Directions as They Are Given to You
- Form Adverbs Derived from Adjectives
- Form the Imperative: Perfective and Imperfective
- Understand and Use the Genitive for Possession and Relationship

Chapter 5. Shopping and Payment

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About the Availability of an Item
- Ask for the Price of an Item
- Count up to 10
- Deal with Russian Currency
- Negotiate Basic Transactions at Stores
- Construct Compound Numerals
- Form Cardinal Numerals 1-10, 50, 100, 200, 300
- Use Second Declension Plural Nouns



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- Use the Demonstrative Pronouns это , этот , эта , and эти
- Use the Verbs есть , стоять , and взять

Chapter 6. Drinks and Dining

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- Gain Insight into Russian Food Culture
- Order Drinks and Meals
- Understand Common Phrases Used at Restaurants
- Construct Future Tense: быть + Imperfective Infinitive
- Construct the Verb приносить + Accusative
- Use Future Forms of the Verb быть
- Use the Genitive (Relationship)
- Use the Imperative

Chapter 7. Numbers and Currency

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask and Tell What Payment Means Are Accepted
- Deal with Large Numbers
- Exchange Currency
- Handle Russian Currency with Ease
- Construct Verb принимать + Accusative
- Construct Verb хотеть + Infinitive
- Form Cardinal Numerals up to 1000
- Use Какой as an Interrogative Pronoun

Chapter 8. Getting Help

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Accept and Decline Help
- Ask for and Offer Help
- Describe an Emergency Situation
- Gain Knowledge of Emergency

Services in Russia

- Learn the Names of Body Parts
- Construct the Verb вызывать + Accusative
- Learn the Reflexive Pronoun себя and the Verb чувствовать себя
- Use the Pronouns он , она , and они
- Use the Verb болеть
- Use Verbs потерять and потеряться

Chapter 9. What Does That Mean?

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask and Answer What a Word or Phrase Means
- Ask and Answer What a Written Word or Phrase Says
- Communicate One's Ability to Understand Something
- Express Gratitude for a Past Deed
- Request to Repeat, Slow Down, or Speak Up
- Continue Practicing the Imperative
- Form the Past Tense
- Learn the Second Conjugation Verb значить
- Practice First Conjugation Verbs: писать , сказать , and знать
- Practice Using Adjectives and Adverbs

Chapter 10. Languages and Communication

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- Ask and Tell How One's Performance Is
- Ask and Tell What Something Is
- Give and Respond to a Compliment
- Request and Agree to Speak in Russian
- Tell Someone That You Are Learning Something



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- Continue Practicing the Past Tense
- Continue Practicing using Adjectives and Adverbs
- Learn the Two Meanings of the Verb *учить*

Unit 2. Expanding the essentials

Chapter 1. People and Animals

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Address Family Members Using Kinship Words
- Comment on Pets
- Talk About Personality Types
- Practice “Preposition *с* + Instrumental” Structure
- Use Adjectives in the Feminine Form, Ending in *-ая*
- Use the Possessive Pronouns *мой*, *твой*, *его*, and *её*
- Use the Verb *жить*

Chapter 2. At Home

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe the Color of Something
- Refer to General Places
- Refer to Rooms and Locations in a House
- Use Location and Relational Words
- Use Russian Etiquette to Greet Guests
- Construct the Preposition *на* + the Prepositional Case
- Construct the Preposition *над* or *под* + the Instrumental Case
- Form Imperative Sentences

- Understand the Use of the Accusative and Dative Cases
- Use the Possessive Pronouns *Ваш*, *Ваша*, *Ваше*, and *Ваши*

Chapter 3. Small Talk

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Accept and Politely Decline an Invitation
- Share Needs, Likes, and Dislikes
- Talk About Careers and Professions
- Talk About Days of the Week
- Talk About Hobbies
- Practice Preposition *в* + Accusative
- Practice *мне нужно* + Infinitive
- Practice *работать* + Instrumental
- Use Modal Verb “Can”

Chapter 4. Dating

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About Somebody’s Habits
- Offer to Buy Someone a Drink
- Say “I Love You”
- Start a Conversation
- Begin to Use Second-Conjugation Verbs in *-ить*
- Form the Past Tense Structure *видеть* + Accusative
- Understand Short Adjectives
- Use Primary Spatial Adverbs *здесь* and *сюда*

Chapter 5. Eating and Cooking

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About the Ingredients in a Dish
- Express That You Do Not



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- Like Something
- Learn Common Local and Cultural Foods
- Refer to Food Preparation Processes
- Say You Like Certain Foods
- Become Familiar with Perfect and Imperfect Aspect
- Begin to Use First Conjugation Verbs in -уть and -ать
- Form the Verb нравиться + Dative Structure
- Use Units of Measurement + Genitive

Chapter 6. Weather and Landscape

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe the Land
- Describe the Weather
- Learn the Months of the Year
- Talk About Temperature
- Form Adverbs
- Form the Nominative Plural of Feminine Nouns
- Form the Nominative Plural of Masculine Nouns
- Learn the Difference Between ходить and идти
- Use the Irregular Verb хотеть

Chapter 7. Shopping

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask about Store Hours
- Talk About Different Types of Stores
- Talk About Grocery Items
- Understand Sizing in Russian
- Learn More Genitive Words
- Learn to Conjugate Reflexive Verbs
- Use Prepositions через, с and до in

- Relation to Time Expressions
- Use the Verb купить + Accusative

Chapter 8. Banking and Post Office

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Invite Someone to Join You for an Activity
- Use Basic Banking and Financial Terms
- Use the Post Office
- Form the Dative Singular of Masculine, Neuter, and Feminine Nouns
- Practice Using the Perfective Future
- Practice Using Verbs of Motion: ходить and идти versus ездить and ехать

Chapter 9. Leisure Activities

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Make Plans for an Activity
- Remind Someone to Bring Something
- Suggest Going Somewhere
- Learn the Dative Pronouns ему, ей, им, and нам
- Practice More Future Forms of the Verb "To Be"
- Practice More Masculine and Feminine Short Adjectives
- Use Perfective Imperative and Negative Perfective Imperative
- Use the Modal Verb "Could"

Chapter 10. Sightseeing

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About and Discuss a Famous Person and Local History
- Ask to See Less Common Places
- Ask to See Well-Known Places



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- State an Idea
- Construct the Preposition по + the Dative Case
- Form the Nominative Plural of Neuter Nouns
- Practice the Use of нет + the Genitive Case
- Practice Using the Phrase хотел бы to Express Desire

Unit 3. Broadening boundaries

Chapter 1. Culture, Literature, and Art

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About Famous Local Artists
- Say If You Are Familiar with Someone or Something
- Talk About Famous Local Authors or Books
- Talk About Local Music
- Continue Practicing the Compound Future Tense
- Learn About the Declension of First and Last Names
- Learn the Instrumental Pronouns ним , ней , and ними
- Practice Using the Preposition о + Prepositional Case
- Use the Phrase знаком с + Instrumental

Chapter 2. History

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About Revolutions and Other Important Events
- Describe Past Events

- Talk About Local Historical People
- Learn How to Conjugate Reflexive Verbs in the Past Tense
- Learn the Difference Between Transitive and Intransitive Verbs
- Practice the Declension of Adjectives in the Instrumental Case
- Practice the Formation of Adjectives from Nouns: Suffix -ск-

Chapter 3. At the Hospital

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe Feelings of Pain or Illness
- Name a Kind of Medicine
- Respond to Medical Questions
- Understand a Doctor's Orders
- Practice Genitive Case in Numbers
- Practice Transitive and Intransitive Verbs
- Use More Reflexive Verbs in the Past Tense

Chapter 4. Express Thoughts and Feelings

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe or Explain Your Emotions
- Express Feelings
- Offer Sympathy
- Learn More Russian Idioms
- Practice Adverbs
- Practice Short Adjectives
- Use and Form More Reflexive Verbs

Chapter 5. Higher Learning

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask What School Somebody Attended
- Inquire About Fields of Study



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- Talk About Careers and Employment
- Become Familiar with the Declension of the Pronoun кто
- Conjugate the Reflexive Verb учиться
- Practice the Instrumental Case in New Words

Chapter 6. Name Origins

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About the Origin of a Name
- Comment on Someone's Name
- Describe the Nature of a Guest's Visit
- Identify Your Relationship with Someone
- Use Various Expressions to Introduce Someone
- Learn More Words in the Instrumental Case
- Learn to Use the Verbs of Motion: *приходить* versus *приезжать*
- Practice Phrases with Prepositions *по* and *на*
- Practice the Genitive and Accusative Cases

Chapter 7. Dietary Restrictions

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask if Someone Wants to Taste a Food
- Discuss the Ingredients in a Dish
- Give Compliments on Food
- Talk About Hunger and Food Cravings
- Talk About One's Dietary Habits
- Learn the Imperative Form of Verbs
- Learn the Impersonal Structure: Dative Pronoun + *нельзя*
- Practice Conjugating Reflexive Verbs in the Past Tense

Chapter 8. Physical Descriptions

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Add Humor to a Situation
- Describe Someone's Appearance
- Express Uncertainty
- Learn the "Noun + *как* + Noun" Structure
- Learn the Declension of Adjectives in the Prepositional Case
- Use the Demonstrative Pronouns *тот* , *та* , *то* , and *те*

Chapter 9. Getting Ready for the Party

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Compliment Someone on Their Clothing or Appearance
- Express That One Event is Dependent on Another
- Say You Have to Verify Something
- Talk About Personal Care and Grooming
- Be Introduced to First Conjugation Verbs with a Mobile Vowel
- Learn the Dative of the Demonstrative Pronouns *этот* , *эта* , *это* , and *эти*
- Practice the Dative Case

Chapter 10. Sports and Fitness

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Comment on an Activity and Its Effects
- Discuss Sports and Exercise Habits
- Invite Someone to Join a Group
- Practice More First Conjugation Verbs
- Practice the Instrumental Case
- Use Reflexive Verbs
- Use Time Adverbials



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Unit 4. Continuing with confidence

Chapter 1. Going Through Customs

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Interact with Airport Employees
- Present and Request Identification
- Understand and Respond to Security Questions and Commands
- Learn About the Present Active Participle
- Learn the Declension of Adjectives in the Genitive Case
- Practice More Second Conjugation Verbs in -еть and -ить
- Practice the Dative Case of Nouns

Chapter 2. At the Hotel

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Check into and out of a Hotel
- Discuss Hotel Features and Services
- Express Future Desires
- Offer Help
- Say That Something Is Missing or Doesn't Work
- Form the Indefinite Pronouns Ending in -то , -нибудь , and -либо
- Form the Perfective Passive Participle
- Learn About Collective Numerals
- Practice More Reflexive Verbs

Chapter 3. Renting a Home

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Accentuate the Positive Aspects of a Living Space
- Discuss Features of Homes

- or Apartments
- Inquire About Possible Homes
- Outline Steps to Take Before Moving In
- Be Introduced to the Passive Voice Expressed by Reflexive Verbs
- Become Familiar with the Real Condition
- Become Familiar with the Relative Pronoun который
- Practice Using the Instrumental Case

Chapter 4. Utilities and Appliances

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask for a Technician or Repairman
- Describe a Problem with a Utility or Appliance
- Establish a Time Frame for Services
- Give Contact and Billing Information
- Learn Constructions with the Third Person Plural
- Practice Using Cardinal Numbers
- Practice Using the Perfective Future
- Review the Use of the Accusative and Genitive Cases
- Use Prepositions в течение and в промежутке in Relation to Time Expressions

Chapter 5. Choosing a School

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Schooling Options
- Discuss the Consequences of a Decision
- Mention Hearsay
- Talk About Features of Schools



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- Get Introduced to Emphatic Pronoun *сам*
- Get Introduced to Reflexive Possessive Pronoun *свой*
- Practice Giving the Date Using Ordinal Numbers
- Understand and Use Complex Sentences

Chapter 6. Emergency Situations

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe an Emergency Situation
- Express Fear and Urgency
- Request and Offer Emergency Aid
- Request and Provide an Address or Location
- Learn How to Form Comparative Adjectives
- Learn the Past Tense Formation of the Verb *произойти*
- Review the Use of the Impersonal Construction with the Dative Case

Chapter 7. Household Chores

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Apologize and Ask for Forgiveness
- Ask Someone to Do a Chore
- Describe Feelings of Anger
- Express Annoyance
- Give an Excuse
- Form the Third-Person Imperative with the Particle *пусть*
- Get Introduced to the Prefix *до-*
- Learn More Ways to Form the Perfective Passive Participle
- Learn the Imperative Ending in *-ь*

Chapter 8. At the Beauty Salon

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Beauty Salon Services
- Make and Ask About Appointments
- Request and Discuss Hair Styles
- Form Opposite Adjectives with the Prefix *не-*
- Get Introduced to the Category of Uncertainty
- Practice Forming Comparative Adjectives
- Practice Using the Past Tense in Reference to the Future

Chapter 9. Making Plans

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Certain Obligations
- Discuss When Events Occur
- Remind Someone of an Event
- Talk About a Person's Availability
- Get Introduced to the Adverb *поэтому*
- Review the Use of Spatial and Temporal Prepositions
- Use the Category of Uncertainty in the Third-Person Plural

Chapter 10. At the Movies

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe Aspects of Movie Making
- Discuss a Movie or Acting
- Give a Contrary Opinion
- Learn the Declension of the Demonstrative Pronoun *этот*
- Practice Declension of First and Last Names
- Practice Using the Instrumental Case