

Russian Beginners One COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

The following is an approximate list of content covered during term 1 & 2 of the course.

Please read carefully and ensure you choose the correct level for you.

This course is intended for complete beginners and designed for those with no previous knowledge of the language.

If you know more than 65% of the content in the course, your level is too advanced and you should check Russian Beginners Two.

1. Vocabulary and Themes

- Introducing myself, family and friends - family members, their names and professions, where they live and work
- My university and academic life – university facilities, names of academic subjects and majors, timetable/schedule, the days of the week
- My typical weekend – how you usually spend your free time, what you like to do, where you like to go, your interests, likes and dislikes
- At home/My accommodation - names of the rooms in a house/flat, names of pieces of furniture, describing your room
- The area I live in – describing your neighbourhood, what you can find there. Renting accommodation
- Food and drink – names of food and where people can shop for food
- Numerals – counting from 1 to 10,000

2. Grammar

- The Russian Alphabet
- Gender of nouns
- Nominative Case
- Personal and possessive pronouns
- Use of Prepositional Case singular in answering the question “Where?”/”ГДЕ?”
- The Present Tense of verbs
- 1st and 2nd Conjugation verb endings
- Adjective endings for the Nominative Case singular (sg)
- Noun and Adjective endings for the Accusative Case sg
- Use of the Accusative Case in answering the question “Where to?”/”КУДА?”
- Nominative plural forms for nouns and modifiers
- Accusative plural forms for inanimate nouns and modifiers
- “To Have” Constructions: the Genitive Case forms for personal pronouns
- The Past Tense of verbs
- The Genitive Case eg: expressing negation
- Use of the Genitive Case when indicating proximity (“ОКОЛО, НЕДАЛЕКО ОТ”)
- Prepositional eg endings for Adjective

3. Speaking

- Introducing yourself, asking for someone’s name, asking how people are
- Talking about your family, friends and pets
- Describing your university campus, talking about your timetable, favourite/hard/easy subjects, your major

- Talking about your weekends: what your typical Saturdays/Sundays are like, things you usually enjoy doing, places you like to go to when you have free time
- Describing your accommodation (house, apartment, dorm), looking for a place to rent, talking to/calling a landlord/agency, asking for information about an apartment to rent
- Discussing what food to buy and where, talking about your eating habits and diet

4. Introduction to Russian Culture

- Customs and Traditions
- History
- Literature
- Cinema
- Music
- Ballet
- Art

5. Textbook

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