

## Russian Beginners Two 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.

**Please note that this is the continuation of a beginners course and is not intended for those with intermediate level. If your level is too advanced for this course, you will be asked to withdraw.**

**If you know more than 65% of the content in the course, your level is too advanced.**

### 1. Vocabulary and Themes

- Names of food and where people shop for food, your eating habits, diet and healthy way of life
- Dining out, ordering food in a café/restaurant
- More about family – your family tree and family history; close and distant relatives, extended family, where your relatives live and work
- Months, dates, years and important events in people's lives
- Some famous Russian people - Pushkin, Chekhov, Tolstoy and others
- Writing your CV
- Describing people: appearance and personality. Your ideal friend/partner
- Health: visiting a doctor, looking after yourself
- Discussing everyday routine: one day of a student's life
- Hobbies and interests, free time, leisure activities
- Getting around town: giving and understanding directions, using transport
- Seasons and weather. Choosing/buying/packing clothes for travel/vacations
- Holidays – buying plane/train tickets, booking a hotel, renting a car

### 2. Grammar

- Verbal aspects
- The Future Tense of Imperfective verbs
- The Future Tense of Perfective verbs
- Verbs of Motion: ИДТИ, ХОДИТЬ, ЕХАТЬ, ЕЗДИТЬ
- Genitive singular (sg) endings for Adjectives, Possessives and Demonstratives
- Accusative sg endings for animate nouns and their modifiers
- Accusative Case forms for personal pronouns
- Using Prepositional Case with the preposition О/ОБ, for personal pronouns and for indicating the year in which something happened
- The Dative Case sg for nouns and their modifiers
- Use of Dative in impersonal constructions (МНЕ ИНТЕРЕСНО/ ЛЕГКО УЧИТЬ РУССКИЙ ЯЗЫК)
- Use of Dative expressing possibility, prohibition and necessity (ЕМУ МОЖНО/НЕЛЬЗЯ /НАДО ПИТЬ МОЛОКО)
- Adverbs derived from Adjectives
- The prefixes ПРИ-/ПО-/ У- with verbs of motion
- The Instrumental Case: uses and forms for nouns and their modifiers
- The Genitive Case plural endings (pl) for nouns and their modifiers
- Accusative pl forms for animate nouns and their modifiers

### 3. Speaking

- Discussing a shopping list; where people can buy food – supermarket or local shop vs farmers market; diets (for and against), healthy eating and lifestyle. Is it good to be a vegetarian?
- Dining out – choosing a restaurant, looking through the menu, making/taking an order, talking about your favourite dishes, giving a recipe for cooking.
- Talking about your family history and family tree
- Talking about the life of some famous people – Pushkin, Chekhov, Tolstoy
- The role of a woman in a modern society – career or family?
- Describing someone's appearance (yourself, a friend, a family member, an actor/actress, etc.)
- Talking about people's personality. What is your ideal boyfriend/girlfriend? What is more important – nice appearance or good character? What sort of people do you like? Why?
- Talking to a doctor, discussing health issues. Giving advice about what to do to recover.
- Discussing everyday routine. Keeping your diary - planning your day for work/study. Making plans to go out/meet up with friends. How to say what time it is and read the clock
- Talking about your hobbies, interests, leisure activities. Who do you like to spend your free time with? Who is your favourite writer/composer/artist?
- Asking for/giving directions in a city, using transport. Talking about the main tourist attractions in a big city.
- Talking about the weather and seasons. Asking and answering questions about packing for travel.
- Going on holiday – where to go, how to buy plane/train tickets, book a hotel, rent a car.

### 4. Introduction to Russian Culture

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

### 5. Textbook

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