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 course for beginners 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 can shop for food
- Eating habits and diets
- Healthy eating and way of life
- Vocabulary and expressions for dining out, ordering food in a café/restaurant
- Popular / national dishes and cuisines
- Your favourite dish and what ingredients you need to cook it
- More about family – your family tree and family history; close and distant relatives, extended family, where your relatives live and work
- Months, dates, years; birthdays
- Important events in people’s lives
- Life of some famous Russian people - Pushkin, Chekhov, Tolstoy and others
- Vocabulary and expressions which are used to write/ talk about your CV and future plans
- Describing people: appearance and personality.
- Your ideal friend/partner
- Hobbies and interests, free time, leisure activities

Additional material (Optional)

- Health: visiting a doctor, looking after yourself
- Everyday routine: planning a day in a diary; one day of a student’s life
- 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

- Introduction to Verbal Aspect
- The Future Tense of Imperfective verbs
- The Future Tense of Perfective verbs
- Introduction to Verbs of Motion: ИДТИ, ХОДИТЬ, ЕХАТЬ, ЕЗДИТЬ
- Genitive singular (sg) endings for Nouns and Modifiers (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
• Using Prepositional Case for indicating the year in which something happened
• Using Dative Case to express people's age
• The Dative Case sg for nouns and their modifiers
• Use of Dative in impersonal constructions (МНЕ ИНТЕРЕСНО/ ЛЕГКО/ ТРУДНО учить русский язык, etc.)
• Use of Dative expressing possibility, prohibition and necessity (ЕМУ МОЖНО/ НЕЛЬЗЯ/ НАДО пить молоко, etc.)
• Adverbs derived from Adjectives; some set expressions with adverbs
• The Instrumental Case: uses and forms for nouns and their modifiers

3. Speaking

• Talking about your favourite food and drinks and what you do not like to eat/ drink
• Discussing a shopping list
• Talking about where people can buy food – supermarket or local shop vs farmers market
• Talking about diets (for and against). Is it good to be a vegetarian?
• Discussing healthy eating and lifestyle
• Dining out – choosing a restaurant, looking through the menu, making/taking an order
• Talking about your favourite dishes, giving a list of ingredients/ recipe for cooking.
• How to ask/ say when you were born and when your birthday is
• Talking about your family history and family tree
• Talking about the life of some famous Russian people – Pushkin, Chekhov, Tolstoy
• How to talk about your CV and plans for the future life (in studying/ working world)
• 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 about your (and/ or your friend’s/relative’s) hobbies, interests, leisure activities. Who do you like to spend your free time with? Who is your favourite writer/composer/artist?

Additional material (Optional)

• 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
• 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
• How to call / answer a phone
• How to make an appointment
• How to arrange or cancel a meeting with a friend or a colleague

4. Introduction to Russian Culture

• Customs and Traditions
• History
• Literature
• Cinema
• Music
• Ballet
• Art
5. Textbook

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