

**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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