

JP LANGUAGE INSTITUTE
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE STUDY
Introductory Russian 101A & 101B

Prerequisite: None

Length: Meet once a week for 2 hours, for 16 weeks.

In this course, you'll dive into the essentials of the Russian language, starting with:

Alphabets and Pronunciation: Master the Cyrillic alphabet, learn the sounds of each letter, and understand the Russian sound system.

Reading Syllables:

Conjunctions и and а: Explore the usage and nuances of the conjunctions 'и' (and) and 'а' (but).

Hard and Soft Consonants: Understand the distinction between hard and soft consonants and how they affect pronunciation.

Vowel Reduction: Learn about vowel reduction in Russian, focusing on the pronunciation of 'я' and 'е'.

Basic Greetings: Practice essential greetings and conversational phrases to start communicating in Russian from day one.

By the end of this course, you'll have a solid foundation in Russian phonetics, grammar, and basic conversational skills to confidently navigate everyday interactions.

Course Description

In this course, students will be introduced to basic vocabulary and grammar and we learn to read, speak, write, and listen to be able to communicate in Russian in a limited context.

Topics

- 1) **Alphabet.** Vowels and Consonants.
- 2) **Phonetics.** Principles of accentuation. Palatalization of consonants. Voiced and Voiceless consonants.
- 3) **Morphology.** Gender of nouns. Past, Present, and Future Tense of Russian Verbs. Genitive and Locative cases of Nouns
- 4) **Syntax.** Simple sentence. Affirmative, Interrogative, and Negative sentences

Goals

Students will be able to listen, speak, write, and read in Russian using all 4 skills on a limited level: read with correct accentuation and pronunciation, write words and sentences included in the lexical component of the course, have a basic conversation (ask and answer questions, make simple statements).

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WEEK	Plans and Objectives
Week 1	<p>Meet and Greet. Introduction. Name. Alphabet. Vowels and Consonants. Letter and Sound. Reading basics. Reading and writing your name. Simple questions and answers (What is your name? My name is ...). Hello and Goodbye. Homework: Reading syllables and words. Writing capital and lowercase letters and words. Simple dialogues "Introducing yourself"</p>
Week 2	<p>Review of Week 1. Practicing the Russian alphabet and reading syllables, words, and simple sentences. Use correct intonation to ask simple questions and give affirmative and simple answers. Use the word "да". Speaking: Greeting (continuation). About myself: profession, nationality, age, country of origin. Use of conjunctions "и", "а" for additional or contrast information.</p>
Week 3	<p>Review of Weeks 1-2. Reading: soft and hard consonants. Accentuation. Words and phrases Speaking: learning of "нет" and negative sentences. Family. Relationship. First Names. Family names. Patronymics. Nick names Grammar: Personal pronouns. Genitive case with pronouns (only): у меня есть, у него нет... Verbs "говорить", "понимать", "читать", "учить", "изучать" in conjunctions with "по-русски" "русский язык"</p>
Week 4	<p>Review of Weeks 1-3. Reading: words introduced in weeks 1-3, sentences, small text "About myself" and "My family". Speaking: asking and answering questions following the texts. Formally greeting and introducing people. Profession and workplace. Countries and cities Questions starting with "кто", "что", "где" Grammar: Prepositional Case with prepositions "в", "на" in constructions with verbs "работать", "учиться", "жить". Introduction to the Past Tense of Russian Verbs</p>
Week 5	<p>Quiz (weeks 1-4) - 15 min Reading: text-description of a person and family. Grammar: the concept of gender in Russian Nouns and Introduction of Possessive pronouns (мой, моя, моё). Questions starting with "чей", "чья", "чьё". The concept of Singular and Plural in Russian Nouns. Speaking: My Family. My Room. Greetings and etiquette: "добрый день", "спокойной ночи", "спасибо", "пожалуйста", "удачи"</p>

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Week 6	<p>Review of Week 5.</p> <p>Reading: Text-description "My Room". Utilization of constructions of "у меня есть+Nominative case" and "у меня нет+Genitive case"</p> <p>Grammar: Introduction to Russian Adjectives in conjunction with Grammar Categories of Gender and Number. Questions: "какой", "какая", "какое", "какие"</p> <p>Speaking: The Portrait of a Person, Color, Length, Height, Personality</p>
Week 7	<p>Review of weeks 5-6</p> <p>Reading: Text-description of a Person (face, body type, personality). Construction "у него", "у неё" and adjectives used to describe eyes, hair, height, body type, personality</p> <p>Grammar: Numerals (1-20). Genitive Singular and Plural in conjunction with Numerals: 1 год, 3 года, 5 лет</p> <p>Speaking: Days of the week</p>
Week 8	<p>Test-Review of Weeks 1-7 (30 min)</p> <p>Reading: My week. Constructions with Accusative Case and Days of the week (в понедельник, в субботу) and verbs "идти", "ходить", "ехать" with question "куда" and prepositions "в", "на"</p> <p>Grammar: Numerals. Review of 1-20 and Introduction to 21-100, 200 etc. with Genitive Singular and Plural of Nouns (money, time, years etc.)</p> <p>Speaking: My Day. Schedule. Telling Time and Activities. Verbs: "завтракать", "заниматься", "играть", "идти спать" etc.</p>
Week 9	<p>Review of Week 8</p> <p>Text: The schedule of an Athlete/ Student/ My mother. Verbs with direct Object in Accusative Case : "читать", "писать", "готовить", "убирать" Что?</p> <p>Grammar: Review of Numerals with Genitive. Construction "I am 45 years old" with Dative of Personal Pronouns (only): Мне 45 лет. Ему 12 лет. Questions with the word "сколько"(price, age, time): Сколько стоит ...? Сколько тебе лет? Сколько времени?</p>
Week 10	<p>Review of Weeks 8-9</p> <p>Presentation of stories by students: My Family. It should include: grammatically correct usage of nouns, adjectives (related in Gender and Number), personal and possessive Pronouns, verbs in constructions with Accusative and Prepositional Case, Numerals with Genitive case of limited number of nouns (age).</p> <p>Students will also be expected to ask Questions related to their stories: Как её зовут? Сколько ему лет? Где они работают?</p>

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Week 11	<p>Review of Weeks 8-10</p> <p>Text: In the store. Price and new vocabulary (groceries, clothes, stationary)</p> <p>Grammar: Genitive of Nouns Singular and Plural. Continuation</p> <p>Speaking: Questions about price/ time/ quantity: “Сколько стоит?”, “Сколько времени?” Dialogues reenacting real life situations</p>
Week 12	<p>Quiz (weeks 8-11) - 20 min</p> <p>Text: How I Spent My Weekend. Adverbs referring to Time: “утром”, “вчера”, “потом”, “вечером” etc</p> <p>Grammar: Past Tense of Verbs. Gender and Number of Verbs in Past Tense.</p> <p>Speaking: Questions: “Что делала?”, “Что делали?” utilizing adverbs of time and constructions describing time using Genitive case</p>
Week 13	<p>Review of Week 12</p> <p>Text: Plans for the Upcoming Year. Vacation Plans.</p> <p>Grammar: Future Tense of Verbs. Utilization of Prepositional Case with months (“в феврале”, “в июне”)</p> <p>Speaking: Names of the Months, Adverbs telling time “завтра”, “зимой”, “скоро”, “потом”. Plans for the immediate Future</p> <p>Questions starting with “Когда?”, “Куда?”</p>
Week 14	<p>Review of Weeks 12-13</p> <p>Reading: Text “My Travels”</p> <p>Grammar: Practicing familiar and new verbs in Present, Past and Future Tense. Accusative Case of Nouns when stating destination. Prepositional Case when stating Location. Practicing Questions “Куда?”, “Где?”</p> <p>Speaking: Cities and Countries. Traveling. Practicing new vocabulary and Accusative and Prepositional Cases</p>
Week 15	<p>Review of weeks 12-14</p> <p>Reading: Dialogues practicing Location (Where, Where to, Where from)</p> <p>Grammar: Genitive case of Nouns in Constructions with “Откуда?”</p> <p>Prepositions: из, от, в, на. Adverbs meaning location, time, destination</p> <p>Speaking: Dialogues about traveling, plans for the future, etc.</p>
Week 16	<p>Final Exam.</p> <p>Students will be evaluated on everything they learned throughout the semester. They will have to prepare a story “My Year in Travels”, participate in dialogues covering the following topics: In the Store, Telling Time, Traveling, My Day</p> <p>Written Final Exam covering Grammar Topics: Nouns and Cases, Numerals, Correlation of Nouns and Adjectives in Gender and</p>

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	Number, Personal and Possessive Pronouns, Verbs and Tenses, Adverbs