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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