

COURSE CONTENT– RUSSIAN LEVEL 1

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TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE FOCUS
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading rules • The first words and sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Russian script and alphabet • Phonetics: the sounds of the letters, stress, soft and hard consonants, reduction of vowels, devoicing of consonants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple sentences - no verb "to be" in the present tense
Meetings	Formal and informal greeting and leave taking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing • Apologising and excusing • Expressing thanks and gratitude • Asking how to say • Identifying and asking about things and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register: familiar and polite/formal form of you • Personal pronouns in Nom. case • Questions and some question words (<i>What?</i> and <i>Who?</i>) • Category of gender: masculine, feminine and neuter nouns
Place and Occupation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting attention • Identifying and asking where • Asking about names and occupation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question word <i>Where?</i> • Acc. case of personal pronouns • Negatives • <i>No</i> and <i>not</i>
Work and Leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about work and leisure • Learning and speaking languages • Expressing and asking about likes and dislikes • Expressing understanding and lack of understanding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbs: Present tense (group 1 and 2) • <i>A lot, little</i> • Present tense of the verb <i>to love</i> + inf. • Numbers 1-10
Personal information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressing possession • Identifying and acknowledging one's own belongings • Filling in forms • Talking about family members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nouns Pl. Nom. • Gen. case of personal pronouns • Equivalents of: <i>I have... Do you have?</i> • <i>Also / too / as well</i> • <i>That is why</i> and <i>because</i> • Possessive pronouns in Nom. case

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Countries and Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking about places and describing them • Expressing opinions on various countries and cities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prepositional case of nouns to denote location • Prepositions <i>in, on, at</i> • Forms of <i>there is / there are</i> • Adverbs • Numbers 11-30
Hobbies and Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about activities in the past and in the present • Sharing information on hobbies and interests • Asking and answering how often • Expressing intention and wishes • Ordering food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Accusative case of nouns to denote direct object • Present tense of the verb <i>to want</i> + inf. • <i>May I</i> + inf. or Acc. case of nouns • <i>To play</i> sports and instruments (Acc. + <i>в</i> and Prep. + <i>на</i>) • Days of the week • Verbs: Past tense • <i>Already</i> and <i>not yet</i>

Climate and Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing climate and discussing weather forecast • Describing seasons and locations • Planning activities to suit different conditions • Counting objects / things 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Months of the year and seasons • The future tense of 'to be' • <i>How much / how many?</i> • Numbers 31-199
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking / Telling time • Identifying and asking when • Describing day routings and asking about daily activities, habits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of Acc. case in expressions of time • Parts of the day • <i>What time is it?</i> • <i>When</i> and <i>at what time?</i> • <i>It's time to</i> and <i>it's enough</i>