COURSE CONTENT– RUSSIAN LEVEL 1

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TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE FOCUS
Introduction	• Reading rules • The first words and sentences	• The Russian script and alphabet • Phonetics: the sounds of the letters, stress, soft and hard consonants, reduction of vowels, devoicing of consonants • Simple sentences - no verb *to be* in the present tense
Meeting	• Formal and informal greeting and leave taking • Introducing • Apologising and excusing • Expressing thanks and gratitude • Asking how to say • Identifying and asking about things and people	• Register: familiar and polite / formal form of you • Personal pronouns in Nom. case • Questions and some question words (*What?* and *Who?)* • Category of gender: masculine, feminine and neuter nouns
Place and Occupation	• Attracting attention • Identifying and asking where • Asking about names and occupation	• Question word *Where?* • Acc. case of personal pronouns • Negatives • *No* and *not*
Work and Leisure	• Talking about work and leisure • Learning and speaking languages • Expressing and asking about likes and dislikes • Expressing understanding.	• Verbs: Present tense (group 1 and 2) • Present tense of the verb *to love* + inf. • *A lot, little* • Numbers 1-30

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TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE FOCUS
Personal information	• Expressing possession • Identifying and acknowledging one's own belongings • Filling in forms • Talking about family members	• Nouns Pl. Nom. • Gen. case of personal pronouns • Equivalents of: *I have… Do you have?* • *Also / too / as well*
Countries and Cities	• Asking about places and describing them • Expressing opinions on various countries and cities	• Prep. case of nouns to denote location • Prepositions *in, on, at* • Forms of *there is / there are* • Adverbs • Numbers 31-199
Hobbies and Interests	• 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	• Acc. case of nouns to denote direct object • Present tense of the verb *to want* + inf. • *May I* + inf. or Acc. case of nouns • *To play* sports and instruments (Acc. case + в and Prep. case + на) • Days of the week • Verbs: Past tense • *Already* and *not yet*