

# Russian

The list of topics is indicative only (as typically encountered at those levels) to help prospective students select the most appropriate course. When topics and grammar points appear under several levels, they will be either a revision and/or more in-depth study of the topic/grammar area. Most grammar structures and vocabulary items are of course encountered again and often reinforced in subsequent levels.

Progression	Development	Communication Skills/Topics	Grammar
Beginners	Step 1	The alphabet & its rules of reading and writing. Phrases of saying hello and good bye. Greetings & asking names of people. Russian names. Personal details. Identifying people & objects. Position and location of things. Asking for things. Directions. Numbers 1 – 20. Describing places and locations. Towns, places of interest. Countries and nationalities. Occupation. Introducing yourself. Objects	Interrogative sentences. Questions to subject and object. Forms of agreeing and disagreeing. Personal pronouns. Adverbs of degree. Gender of nouns. Noun endings. The verb «говорить» (to speak). Adjectives. The verbs «работать» (to work) «говорить» (to speak). Nominative case. Genitive case. The Accusative case of the pronouns. Prepositions. E-conjugation and i-conjugation of the verbs
	Step 2	Interviewing. Asking phone number, e-mail and home address. Objects. Personal belongings. Numbers 21 – 100. Ordinal numerals. Classroom objects. Family and personal relations.	1st and 2nd conjugation verbs. The present tense. To have. Possessive pronouns. Construction «У меня есть...» (I have got). The Genitive case of nouns. Construction «Чей?» (Whose?). The Genitive case of nouns with preposition «из». The Accusative case of nouns.

# Elementary

	<p>Hobbies and leisure activities. Drinks, meals. Favourite books. Houses, rooms, facilities. Rooms and furniture. Hotel booking, facilities.</p>	<p>Conjugation of verbs with suffixes “-ова-/-ева-” in the first person. The prepositions “в”, “на” (in, on). The verb «играть» (to play) with the prepositions “в/на.” The plural form of nouns. The prepositional case of nouns with endings -е, -у, -ой</p>
<p>Step 1</p>	<p>Work. Typical working day. Describing people and objects. Food and drinks. National cuisines. Ordering food in restaurant. Russian cuisine. Colours.; Idioms with colours. Fashion; Clothes, shoes, accessories. Russian proverbs. In the shop. Seasons of the year</p>	<p>The prepositional case of nouns with endings -ии. The plural form of nouns. Demonstrative pronouns. The verbs “сидеть,” “лежать,” “стоять,” “висеть,” “жить” (to sit, to lie, to stand, to hang, to live). Adverbs. Adjectives opposites. Adjectives vs. adverbs. The Genitive case of nouns with the preposition “без” (without). The instrumental case of nouns with the preposition “с” (with). The adverbs of frequency. The conjugation of the verbs “есть” (to eat), “пить” (to drink). The Accusative case of adjectives, possessive pronouns and numerals. The conjugation of the verb “хотеть” (to want). The past tense. The verbs “носить”, “надевать” (to wear, to get dressed)</p>
<p>Step 2</p>	<p>Daily routine. Shopping Dates, years, months, numbers. Talking about time. Days of week. Weather. Months of the year. Cardinal and Ordinal numbers. Cities.</p>	<p>The modal verbs “должен” (must) “мочь» (can). The instrumental case with the verbs “работать” (to work), “быть” (to be), “стать” (to become). The verb “идти” (to go). Reflexive verbs. The Genitive case of nouns. The future tense. The verbs “идти” (to go), “ходить” (to walk). The verbs “ехать”, “ездить”(to travel by) Question words “Где?” “Куда?” “Откуда?”</p>

Lower Intermediate

	<p>Getting around; Travelling. Means of transport. Celebrations and Holidays</p>	<p>The Prepositional, Accusative and Genitive cases. Revision of the verbs.</p>
<p>Step 1</p>	<p>Telling about oneself (biographies, nationalities) Directions and countries Languages and talking about them Daily routine – activities, times, frequencies Describing spaces and distances At the hotel Itineraries, transport, travelling Food – orders, routines, comments National cuisines Written communication (postcard to a friend) New Year and Christmas Formulas of wishes/congratulations on occasions</p>	<p>Revision of present tense, gender of nouns Absence of definite and indefinite articles Omission of ‘to be’ in the present tense Interrogative sentences Possessive pronouns and adjectives with nouns Verbs in the present tense (1st conjugation and 2nd conjugation) Modal structures можно / надо / нельзя Accusative case (revision + new) Introduction to conjugations (и, а, но) Present tense of key irregular verbs Spelling rules Direction and location – accusative and prepositional Куда, туда, сюда (adverbs of direction) Short adjectives Genitive case (Revision + new) Instrumental with verbs (e.g. поздравлять)</p>
<p>Step 2</p>	<p>Discussing menu / Eating out Describing people – personalities, appearance, professions Family and relations Contact details and asking for them Conventions for names, addresses, modes of addressing people Hobbies and activities Visiting people at their homes Modes of residence Small talk in formal/informal contexts Narrating in the past: telling a story Sports</p>	<p>Present tense of verbs слышать/ слушать (to hear vs to listen), стоять / стоить (to stand/to cost) Revision of case endings Accusative in animate/inanimate nouns Masculine nouns ending in –а with adjectives Gender forms of numeral ‘one’ Ordinal numerals 1 – 30 Neuter nouns in -мя Pronouns весь/ всё/все (whole/all) in context Reflexive verbs with instrumental case Introduction to verbs of motion Present tense of носить (to carry), возить (to transport) Prepositions with cases, vowel harmony in prepositions</p>

		<p>Talking about careers          Holiday time          Weather, seasons, climate</p>	<p>Кто, что, чей, какой (who/what/whose/which)          Irregular past tense (revision + new)          Possessive structures in Russian          Declension of этот / тот (this/that)          Prepositional case ending in –y          Свой ('one's own')</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Intermediate</p>	<p>Step 1</p>	<p>The home; renting, furniture and objects          Mass media          Giving instructions, polite form questions          Shopping; prices, buying things          Travel: buying a ticket, describing a journey          Theatre: buying tickets, describing plays, films          Telling the time          Health: visiting the doctors</p>	<p>Passive voice          Nominative; accusative and genitive plurals          The imperative mood          Transitive and intransitive verbs          Partitive genitive          Prefixed verbs of motion; verbs 'to sit' and 'to lie'          Comparatives          The use of and constructions with the verb <i>болеть</i></p>
	<p>Step 2</p>	<p>Giving advice          Describing the past          Describing places          Women's rights; migration – forming POV, reasoning</p> <p>Russian political situation          Education: describing forms of learning, comparing educational systems</p> <p>Environment: talking about problems and solutions          Russian expressions and idioms</p>	<p>Negatives          Years and numerals          Subjunctive mood          Sentences with conjunction          Form present active and past          Active participles          Agreement of the participle          Passive voice; passive participles , past and present          Conjunctions; explanatory, causal comparative and temporal</p>

## Higher Intermediate

### Step 1

Greetings/ farewells/ introductions  
 Discussing and describing people  
 Traits and character  
 Describing one's family and family history  
 Asking about someone's private life  
 Agreeing and disagreeing

The reflexive pronoun себя (oneself)  
 Reflexive possessive pronoun свой (one's own)  
 the conjunctions потому что, так как, and который in the prepositional case  
 Sentence connectors, word order  
 Review of verb conjugation  
 Reflexive pronouns in the genitive case  
 Quantifiers  
 The past tense

### Step 2

Discussing eating habits, recipes  
 Describing your family tree  
 Relationships: giving advice  
 Invitations, congratulations and wishes  
 Restaurants: making reservations, ordering and asking for the bill  
 My university: class schedules, exams, grades, advice to first years  
 Choosing a university, making recommendations

The reflexive pronouns себя and свой in the accusative case  
 который in the accusative and dative case  
 Connectors for ordering and adding information.  
 Verbs of position  
 Imperatives: second-person (ты/вы) imperatives, third-person (он, она, они), first-person imperatives  
 Reflexive pronouns себя and свой in the Dative case.  
 The future tenses: using aspect in the future tense.  
 The conditional mood: Real and unreal conditions.

**Advanced**

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Step 2

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