

# The Easiest Way to Learn Russian as A Foreign Language

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**Annotation:** This article notes how it is easier and faster to master the Russian language, especially the spoken language. What needs to be done for this, what methods to master, what way to find a way out for yourself, based on your capabilities and desires.

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Russian is the language of the East Slavic group of the Slavic branch of the Indo-European language family, the national language of the Russian people. It is one of the most widespread languages in the world - the sixth among all languages in the world in terms of the total number of speakers and the eighth in terms of the number of native speakers. Russian is also the most spoken Slavic language and the most spoken language in Europe, geographically and in terms of the number of native speakers. Since the 17th century, scientists such as L.I.Zizaniy, M.Smotritsky, N.G. Kurganov, V.E. Adodurov, A.A. Barsov have addressed the topic of studying the Russian language.

Many seek to learn Russian for work and career prospects, some need it for education, and some want to get to know Russian culture better.

Prepare yourself mentally. The first step to learning a language is motivation. Beginners need to ask themselves why they want to learn this language, and achieve a clear clarity of consciousness in this matter. Your motivation is the main companion along the way, who will make you sweat for hours.

The second step to learning Russian is to master its alphabet. The Cyrillic alphabet, in contrast to the Latin alphabet, is based on the Greek alphabet. Because of this, many letters, although similar, mean different sounds, and some are completely unique. So, for example, the Russian letter "P" is similar to the English "R", and the Russian "N" is nothing more than the English "N". If you devote enough time to the alphabet and the basics of phonetics from the very beginning, then the further study of many aspects of the language will become easier and will progress much faster.

Children's stories are well suited for teaching reading; a list of them can be found on Wikipedia. They are written in simple and correct language and are easy to understand. Such reading will help you get a feel for the basics of the language, learn how to build sentences beautifully and correctly. More complex things are better left for later.

"Repetition is the mother of learning." This is what a Russian proverb says. Glue pieces of paper with Russian names on pieces of furniture, appliances, dishes and everything that surrounds you in all places where you spend a lot of time: at home, in the office, in the car. This will help you always keep new words in front of your eyes and, over time, remember them without resorting to boring memorization.

You should not always rely on your memory. Especially if you are in another country and everything that surrounds you is often new phenomena. Always keep a notebook or mobile phone close at hand, in which you can quickly and conveniently take notes. At the end of each day, keep an eye on your notes, among them there is certainly something worth remembering.

I recommend using specialized notepads for notes, in which convenient markup is applied to the sheets in advance. This way your notes will always be structured and easy to read.

Always stay in touch. VKontakte is the Russian analogue of Facebook, which in many post-Soviet countries is much more popular than its older brother. Russian-speaking users are happy to make new acquaintances with foreigners, which can be very useful for language practice. Personally, I myself am subscribed to this site and have my own profile. I am happy to communicate with friends not only from Russia, but also from other countries. Thanks to communication in social networks, you can quickly improve your knowledge of the spoken language, and learn someone else's network culture. In addition, sometimes friends and acquaintances during such informal communication can explain some phenomena and concepts much better than teachers.

Learn Russian using the immersion method. Listen to the radio, watch movies, look for video tutorials in Russian. The intermediate language prevents you from concentrating on the target language, and accordingly slows down the process of mastering the Russian language. If you want to speak or understand Russian, the communicative technique will give you much more than any grammar book.

Reading also develops language skills quickly. Try to read as much Russian as possible, for example, news sites and Russian-language blogs. So you will improve your knowledge of the language and will be able to delve deeper into the Russian mentality, everyday culture. In the end, it's just interesting to read how the same events are written in different countries.

Never refuse invitations. Russians sometimes seem not entirely friendly and cold, but this is only as long as you are not at their place. If you are invited to a party, or just for tea, then be sure that you will be treated to the best food and the most unusual and interesting stories will be shared with you. This lively, casual conversation is a great way to improve your spoken language skills, learn new things about culture, and make new friends and acquaintances.

Visit a Russian speaking country. Full immersion in the language environment is the surest way to start speaking Russian quickly. In the vastness of the former USSR, the Russian language is very common, it is not necessary to go to Russia - you can find cities in other countries where one of the main languages of communication will be Russian. Such a place can be found even in the European Union. For example, the city of Daugavpils in Latvia: 80% of its residents speak Russian as their native language, and 96% of residents speak Russian fluently. In Daugavpils, standard modern Russian without any accent is used as the main language for communication, which makes this city a very attractive place to study it.

If possible, it is better to live not in a hotel, but in a family where the main language of communication is Russian. Many language training programs provide this opportunity. So you will never fall out of the linguistic environment, and you will be forced to speak Russian, which will certainly bear fruit over time.

Finding an interlocutor for whom Russian would be native is not so difficult. You can use social media, but if you are in a Russian-speaking country, be sure to find someone to hang out with. This will not only help you form new friendships, but it will also help you get involved in language learning faster.

The main thing to remember is that if your goal is language, then you should not forget about the need to write down and memorize everything new. Analyze your meetings every time, learn new words and expressions. Thus, with each subsequent "lesson" you will feel more confident, which means you will be ready for more difficult things.

Find a new hobby. Do you like to cook? Ask someone you know to teach you how to cook some traditional dishes. Are you fond of music? Learn some traditional songs and some popular contemporary Russian songs. Dive deeper into Russian culture. This will make you even more interesting to talk to and will allow you to better understand the Russian mentality. This way you

will be able to quickly find a common language with Russian-speaking people and will be able to get a much greater conversational experience.

Try to memorize phrases, not individual words. Instead of learning grammar with the phrase. How to use this or that word in this context and in this situation, how to build sentences, how to ask questions - all this comes not with memorizing the rules, but with memorizing the phrases most used in Russian.

The aspect of the language that you pay the most attention to when teaching will be best developed for you. For example, if you just do grammar tasks, inflect words, conjugate verbs, you will be a master at this business. But you won't speak if you don't try to speak. Try to talk.

Better to spend 10 minutes 3 times a day daily and practice. Learning a language is actually more like teaching sports or music and requires physical training, not just memorization.

Learn step by step: learning all 6 cases. Feel free to talk to strangers on public transport.

Another good option, suitable for those who have problems with speaking literacy, is to record their speech on a voice recorder. This method helps to identify words - parasites, incorrect pronunciation, incorrect semantic use of terms and concepts, as well as improve the correctness of the construction of lexical structures.

Russian culture and the language that is an integral part of it are incredibly interesting and, therefore, attract many.

Remember that it doesn't matter which ways of learning Russian you like best: a tutor and private lessons, online classes, reading or something else, the most important thing is to work on yourself and strive to improve your results.

I wish you success and unshakable motivation in this matter!

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