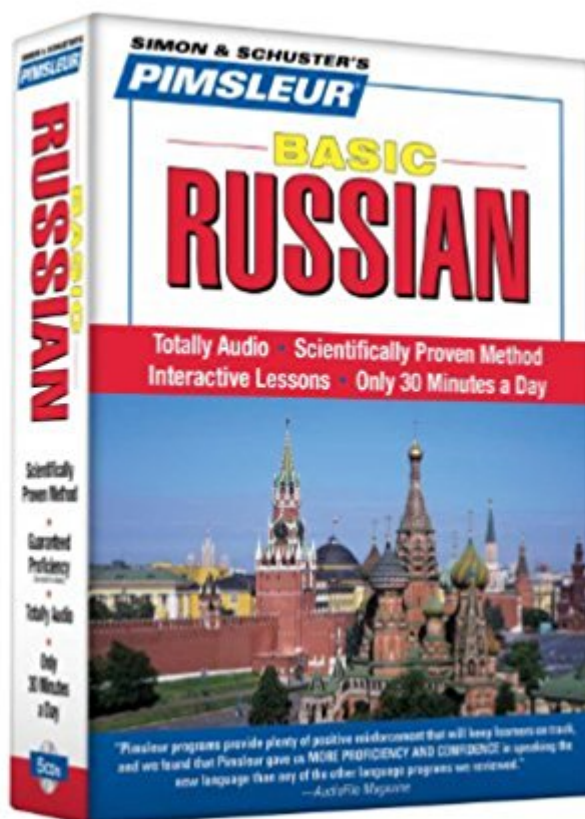


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Pimsleur Russian Basic Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-10 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Russian With Pimsleur Language Programs



Synopsis

The Pimsleur® Method: the easiest, fastest way to learn a new language. Completely portable, easily downloadable, and lots of fun. You'll be speaking and understanding in no time flat! This course includes Lessons 1-10 from the Russian Level 1 program - 5 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Get a chance to test drive the incredibly effective and efficient, world-famous Pimsleur Level 1 Program. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Russian. The Russian Language Russian, one of the six official languages of the United Nations, is the official language in Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Krygystan, with an estimated 150 million native speakers around the world. Pimsleur's Russian uses speakers from Moscow and St. Petersburg, which accounts for slight pronunciation differences between speakers, but accurately depicts contemporary spoken Russian. Tech Talk - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

Easy to follow along

Pimsleur stresses aural and oral learning over written. This is a new approach for me, but I was retaining the first lesson just through repetition. If you need written exercises or a basic start with the alphabet- this is not for you.

My package arrived quickly. The product was in no way damaged. Even the cardboard package had no abrasions. Placing the first CD into my stereo I prayed for some sort of introduction explaining the mechanics behind how the product worked as well as perhaps some information behind the method of Dr. Pimsleur's techniques surrounding how he chooses to approach teaching a new language. The introduction that verily came was in fact exhaustive. Over ten minutes of the first track encompassed nothing but a preface behind all for which I hoped for. The second track ensued with the advent of the subsequent lessons. The first lesson began with the narrator's clear,

distinct and very articulate voice; presenting a definitive preparation for the upcoming lesson. The first phrase in this language you learn is "excuse me". Even if I dismiss this entire endeavor of mine to learn a new language (at least now) I shall never forget this form of discourse in Russian. The instruction is this proficient. The lesson is clear, easy to learn and even encouraging; reassuring the user that verbalizing the other language does not have to be perfect the very first time. Furthermore, every subsequent lesson carries with it a review from the lesson prior; enabling a reinforcement of past words and phrases thus learned. After a mere roughly four hours of going over the first two lessons, I can already say, "Excuse me, do you understand English. I am American," as well as quite a few other helpful lines of words I might use in Russia. I spend a ridiculously long time in my car amid Los Angeles traffic. Even with my vast array of music, I always manage to grow depressingly bored. This program fills what was once assuredly wasted time with productivity I desperately needed. Moreover, with such an occupancy of mental work so evoked, my road rage also diminishes abundantly; allowing myself less stress in that my focused attention to learning a rather difficult language permits me a great deal of forgiveness to cars who maliciously drive around me. Being idle allows for a greater deal of anxiety to tailgaters and what have you. Although this one product is but a sample of the entire Pimsleur language learning system, I highly recommend this method of learning a new language over any other. I have absolutely no complaints.

Very practical method to learn a language. It is an excellent, easy to follow, step-by-step construction of the language item to be learnt that shows the knowledge of Language teaching strategies involved in the design of the course. It also emphasises pronunciation and word stress. Since I am also a language teacher I would only advise that you write the script you are learning using your own alphabet-phonetic signs to be able to review shortly before you renew the lessons.

This course is slowly paced (which is probably a good thing, Russian is a tough language). The lessons really pound in a few concepts per module, so when you're done your skills won't be broad, but they will be reasonably deep. The other nice thing about this is it's strictly audio, none of this "turn to your books" stuff, which makes it perfect for a commuter. I've used several of these types of courses over the years, and this one is pretty good, as well as reasonably priced.

It's nice for the price, you learn the formal language, though when normally talking with a Russian it's a little more casual than this dvd set, so it'll be a little more obvious you are an outsider, otherwise great conversational use for first-timers.

Great

I bought this course to learn a little Russian, but I learned a lot. It's excellent, I'm actually about to buy the same course but in French and German. It's so easy, that you have to ask yourself if language teachers are going to lose their jobs eventually.

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