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LANGUAGE CHECKLIST

Russian Syllabus Checklist

Tick off what you can do, and find the course and chapter that teaches it.

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What you can learn here, and where

✅ Your Russian Checklist

This page lists what the Russian courses on this site teach, as things you can do. Tick an item when you can do it, and use the last column to find the course and chapter that teaches it. Print the PDF to keep a copy that you can tick with a pen.

HOW TO USE THIS PAGE

The sections follow the order of the courses: **reading and sounds**, **everyday situations** (Basic), and the **grammar track** (Russian Grammar 1 to 4). The Basic courses aim at roughly A1 to A2 on the European scale; the later Basic courses and the grammar courses go further in places. The levels are rough guides, not promises. Ticks on the website are not saved when you leave the page, so the printable PDF is the way to keep your progress.

1. Reading and sounds

The two alphabet courses teach you to read, say and write the language.

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	name and read all 33 letters of the Cyrillic alphabet in print	**Russian Alphabet 1**, Chapters 1 to 11
☐	tell the “false friends” (В Н Р С У Х) from the English letters they resemble	**Russian Alphabet 1**, Chapters 3 and 4
☐	read the hushing letters Ж Ш Щ Ч Ц and the soft and hard signs	**Russian Alphabet 1**, Chapters 10 and 11
☐	read real signs, country and city names and short sentences	**Russian Alphabet 1**, Chapter 12 (Reading Practice)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	find the stress in a word and know that it can move between forms	**Russian Alphabet 2**, Chapter 1 (Where the Stress Falls)
☐	say unstressed о, а, е, я and и the way Russians do	**Russian Alphabet 2**, Chapters 2 and 3
☐	tell hard consonants from soft ones, including those that are always hard or always soft	**Russian Alphabet 2**, Chapters 4 and 5
☐	say voiced and voiceless consonants correctly, including final devoicing and clusters	**Russian Alphabet 2**, Chapters 6 and 7
☐	say common words that are not said as they are written (что, -тся and -ться, silent letters)	**Russian Alphabet 2**, Chapter 8 (Not Said as Written)
☐	read Russian handwriting	**Russian Alphabet 2**, Chapters 9 and 10
☐	read unmarked words and a handwritten note	**Russian Alphabet 2**, Chapter 11 (Reading Practice)

2. Everyday situations

The four Basic Conversation courses teach what to say in each situation, with dialogs. Each course has twelve chapters.

Russian Basic Conversation 1

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	greet people, say goodbye, thank and apologise, and choose between *ты* and *вы*	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 1 (Greetings & Goodbyes)
☐	say and ask names, introduce a friend, and ask someone to repeat or to speak English	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 2 (Introducing Yourself)
☐	count from 0 to 100, say and ask age, and give a phone number and email address	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 3 (Numbers & Contact Details)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	say where I am from and where I live, with countries, nationalities and languages	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 4 (Where You're From)
☐	talk about my family and say what I have and do not have	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 5 (Family)
☐	say what I do and where I work	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 6 (Jobs)
☐	give days, months, dates and the time, and say at what time something happens	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 7 (Days & Time)
☐	order food and drink at a café and ask for the bill	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 8 (Café)
☐	shop, ask prices, use numbers to 1000, and talk about sizes, colours and card payment	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 9 (Shopping)
☐	ask for and give directions	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 10 (Directions)
☐	book a hotel room and check in and out	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 11 (Hotel)
☐	buy train and bus tickets and ask about platforms and times	**Russian Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 12 (Getting Around)

Russian Basic Conversation 2

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	describe my daily routine	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 1 (Daily Routine)
☐	talk about hobbies and free time	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 2 (Hobbies)
☐	make plans and invitations, and accept or refuse them	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 3 (Plans)
☐	describe people and things	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 4 (Describing)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	describe my home and neighbourhood	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 5 (Home)
☐	talk about the weather and the seasons	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 6 (Weather)
☐	eat out: book a table, read the menu, state dietary needs and complain	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 7 (Restaurants)
☐	go to the doctor and the pharmacy and name parts of the body	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 8 (Doctor)
☐	talk about the past	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 9 (The Past)
☐	make phone calls and appointments	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 10 (Phone Calls)
☐	give opinions and agree or disagree politely	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 11 (Opinions)
☐	ask for help when something goes wrong: lost items, delays, emergencies	**Russian Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 12 (When Things Go Wrong)

Russian Basic Conversation 3

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	buy clothes, ask for a size and return an item	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 1 (Buying Clothes)
☐	plan a trip and book travel	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 2 (Planning a Trip)
☐	use the post office and the bank and pay bills	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 3 (Post, Bank & Bills)
☐	look for a home to rent and talk about a viewing	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 4 (Finding a Home)
☐	apply for a job and take part in an interview	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 5 (Work & Careers)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	talk about work, meetings and emails, and make polite requests	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 6 (At Work)
☐	tell my own story: childhood, school and life so far	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 7 (Your Story)
☐	talk about phones, the internet and the news	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 8 (Technology & Media)
☐	give advice and make suggestions	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 9 (Advice)
☐	express wishes and hopes, and say what I would do	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 10 (Wishes & Hopes)
☐	talk about customs, festivals and traditions	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 11 (Customs & Festivals)
☐	talk about settling in abroad and making friends	**Russian Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 12 (Settling In)

Russian Basic Conversation 4

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	talk about health, sport and diet	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 1 (Health & Fitness)
☐	follow a recipe and talk about cooking	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 2 (Cooking & Recipes)
☐	talk about cars, driving and repairs	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 3 (Driving & Cars)
☐	deal with offices, forms and official letters	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 4 (Offices & Paperwork)
☐	talk about studying, courses and exams	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 5 (Learning & Education)
☐	shop online and make a complaint	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 6 (Online Shopping)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	tell a story or anecdote and say what happened next	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 7 (Telling a Story)
☐	talk about films, music, books and the theatre	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 8 (Culture)
☐	talk about nature and the environment in everyday words	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 9 (Nature)
☐	talk about relationships and celebrations	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 10 (Relationships)
☐	discuss everyday issues and make my case	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 11 (Discussing Issues)
☐	talk about my plans and goals	**Russian Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 12 (Looking Ahead)

3. The grammar track

The four grammar courses explain how the language works, with tables, examples and practice. Each has twelve chapters, and the last chapter of each is a review.

Russian Grammar 1: Nouns and the case system

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	explain how Russian shows who does what, and use the six cases as a system	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 1 (How Russian Works)
☐	spell correctly after the hushing letters and use the other spelling rules	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 2 (Sounds and Spelling)
☐	tell the gender of a noun and use it	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 3 (Gender)
☐	form the plural of nouns	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 4 (Plural Nouns)
☐	use the prepositional case for place and “about”, with *в* against *на*	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 5 (The Prepositional)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	use the accusative case for the direct object and for direction	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 6 (The Accusative)
☐	use the genitive case	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 7 (The Genitive)
☐	use the genitive plural	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 8 (Genitive Plural)
☐	use the dative case	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 9 (The Dative)
☐	use the instrumental case, including roles and states	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 10 (The Instrumental)
☐	use the personal pronouns in all six cases and the prepositions that go with them	**Russian Grammar 1**, Chapter 11 (Pronouns and Prepositions)

Russian Grammar 2: Adjectives, numerals and pronouns

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	use adjective endings in the nominative	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 1 (Adjective Endings)
☐	use demonstratives and possessives (*этот, мой*)	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 2 (This and Mine)
☐	use adjectives in the prepositional and accusative	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 3 (Place and Object)
☐	use adjectives in the genitive	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 4 (Genitive Adjectives)
☐	use adjectives in the dative and instrumental	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 5 (To and With)
☐	use plural adjectives	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 6 (Plural Adjectives)
☐	use short forms of adjectives and form adverbs	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 7 (Short Forms and Adverbs)
☐	compare things	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 8 (Comparison)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	use numerals with the right case	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 9 (Numerals and Cases)
☐	use ordinal numbers, dates and the time	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 10 (Ordinals, Dates, Time)
☐	use the other pronouns	**Russian Grammar 2**, Chapter 11 (Other Pronouns)

Russian Grammar 3: The verb

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	conjugate first-conjugation verbs in the present	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 1 (First Conjugation)
☐	conjugate second-conjugation verbs in the present	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 2 (Second Conjugation)
☐	use the common irregular verbs, including the *-нуть* verbs	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 3 (Irregular Verbs)
☐	form and use the past tense	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 4 (Past Tense)
☐	tell imperfective from perfective verbs	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 5 (Aspect)
☐	choose the right aspect in context	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 6 (Aspect in Use)
☐	form and use the future tense	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 7 (Future Tense)
☐	give commands and requests	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 8 (Imperatives)
☐	use reflexive verbs	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 9 (Reflexive Verbs)
☐	use the right case after a verb	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 10 (Verbs and Cases)
☐	use modal verbs and impersonal sentences	**Russian Grammar 3**, Chapter 11 (Modals and Impersonals)

Russian Grammar 4: The verb in depth and the sentence

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	use the basic motion pairs *идти / ходить* and *ехать / ездить*	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 1 (Motion Verbs)
☐	use the other motion pairs: carry, fly and others	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 2 (More Motion Verbs)
☐	use prefixed motion verbs to say arrive, leave, enter and cross	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 3 (Prefixed Motion)
☐	use the right preposition and case with motion verbs	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 4 (Motion and Cases)
☐	use the conditional and unreal *если бы*	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 5 (Conditional Mood)
☐	use *чтобы* for purpose, wish and request	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 6 (Чтобы)
☐	recognise present participles	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 7 (Present Participles)
☐	recognise past participles and use the short forms	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 8 (Past Participles)
☐	recognise and form gerunds	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 9 (Gerunds)
☐	build relative clauses and reported speech	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 10 (Complex Sentences)
☐	arrange a sentence for emphasis, and form questions and negatives	**Russian Grammar 4**, Chapter 11 (Word Order)

4. Not yet on this site

Some things are not taught yet, so this checklist does not claim them.

- There are **no Intermediate or Advanced Russian courses** yet. When they are written, this page will gain new sections.
- Participles and gerunds (Russian Grammar 4, Chapters 7 to 9) are taught mainly for **recognition**, not for fluent use in writing.
- Reading long original texts and writing formal Russian are not covered.

About accuracy

Every chapter ends with a “Not Yet Verified” box that says which facts were checked by a web search and which come from general knowledge. No chapter was checked against a dictionary or by a native speaker. If you plan to rely on a form, check it with a dictionary, a teacher or a native speaker, especially irregular verb forms, stress marks, participles and gerunds.

Keep going. Revisit a chapter whenever an item on this list is still unticked. The grammar chapters each have a quick-reference table for a fast check.