Áзбука и знакóмство

Read Russian and introduce yourself

WEEK 1 — Read all 33 letters

L1 Read your first Russian words

L2 Read any word, stress and all

Ъ
hard sign

Ь
soft sign

Ы
deep i

WEEK 2 — Hello, who is it?

L3 Say hello and introduce yourself

Здра́вствуйте!
Hello, formal

Приве́т!
Hi, informal

Меня́ зову́т …
My name is …

L4 Ask what things are, and count to ten

Кто э́то?
Who is it?

Что э́то?
What is it?

WEEK 3 — Who are you?

L5 Say what you do and where you are from

Кто вы по профе́ссии?
What is your job?

Я ме́неджер.
I am a manager.

Отку́да вы?
Where are you from?

L6 Say what you do every day, and your age

WEEK 4 — Month 1: put it together · Introduce yourself for two minutes · Show what you can do: the Month 1 test

BY THE END OF THE MONTH YOU CAN

- [ ] Read all 33 letters, stress marks included
- [ ] Greet people and introduce yourself
- [ ] Say your job, your country, your languages and your age
- [ ] Pass the Month 1 test at 66%

The rules

Cornell notes: cover the right side, answer the question on the left, then check. Write your own summary at the bottom.

LESSON 1

Twelve letters that look like English

Can you read 19 letters and words made from them?

LETTER	SOUND	THINK OF
Same as English		
А а	[a]	father; Spanish casa
К к	[k]	kit

LESSON 2

Hushing sounds

Can you read all 33 letters, and any word with a stress mark, aloud?

LETTER	SOUND	THINK OF
Ж ж	[zh]	the s in pleasure
Ц ц	[ts]	the ts in cats
Ч ч	[ch]	Spanish chico

LESSON 3

Hello, formal or informal

Can you greet people, say my name and ask theirs, choosing ты or вы?

RUSSIAN	MEANING
Здра́вствуйте!	Hello (formal)
Приве́т!	Hi (informal)
До́брое у́тро!	Good morning

The first в in Здра́вствуйте is silent: [ZDRAST-vuy-tye].

LESSON 4

Кто? and Что?

Can you ask who or what something is, use the eight pronouns, and count from 0 to 10?

RUSSIAN	MEANING
Кто э́то? — Э́то А́нна.	Who is it? It's Anna.
Кто э́то? — Э́то кот.	Who is it? It's a cat.
Что э́то? — Э́то дом.	What is it? It's a house.

Animals take кто, like people. Э́то means this is, or it is.

LESSON 5

What do you do?

Can you say what I do, where I am from and which languages I speak?

RUSSIAN	MEANING
Кто вы по профе́ссии?	What is your job?
Я ме́неджер.	I am a manager.

No am: Я ме́неджер. Many jobs have a female form ending in -ка or -ница.

LESSON 6

Pattern I: чита́ть, to read

Can you use present-tense verbs of both patterns and say numbers up to 100, including an age?

PERSON	FORM
я	чита́ю
ты	чита́ешь
он, она́	чита́ет

Same pattern: знать, рабо́тать, ду́мать, понима́ть.

SUMMARY

Read Russian and introduce yourself.

Words and phrases

Cover the English, say the meaning; then cover the Russian and say it back. Every week has its colour.

WEEK 1
Read all 33 letters

ма́ма	mum
кот	cat
нет	no
сок	juice
торт	cake
метро́	metro
Москва́	Moscow

Приве́т!
Hi!

Спаси́бо!
Thank you!

Да.
Yes.

WEEK 2
Hello, who is it?

Здра́вствуйте!	Hello (formal)
Приве́т!	Hi (informal)
До́брое у́тро!	Good morning
До́брый день!	Good afternoon
До́брый ве́чер!	Good evening
Как вас зову́т?	What is your name? (formal)
Как тебя́ зову́т?	What is your name? (informal)

Здра́вствуйте!
Hello! (polite)

Меня́ зову́т …
My name is …

А вас?
And yours?

WEEK 3
Who are you?

ме́неджер	manager
инжене́р	engineer
врач	doctor
юри́ст	lawyer
студе́нт / студе́нтка	student, male / female
учи́тель / учи́тельница	teacher, male / female
журнали́ст / журнали́стка	journalist, male / female

Кто вы по профе́ссии?
What is your job?

Отку́да вы?
Where are you from?

Я из Кана́ды.
I'm from Canada.

WEEK 4
Month 1: put it together

Повтори́те, пожа́луйста.	Please repeat.
Говори́те, пожа́луйста, ме́дленно.	Please speak slowly.
Я не понима́ю.	I don't understand.
Как по-ру́сски …?	How do you say … in Russian?
живу́	I live
ме́дленно	slowly
пожа́луйста	please

Повтори́те, пожа́луйста.
Repeat, please.

Ме́дленно, пожа́луйста.
Slowly, please.

Я не понима́ю.
I don't understand.

Check yourself

Retrieval beats rereading: answer from memory, then check the key at the bottom.

SELF-TEST

1 Which number is во́семь?
- ○ a 8
- ○ b 7
- ○ c 9

2 Which letter sounds [sh], as in shop?
- ○ a Ш
- ○ b Щ
- ○ c Ж

3 я + чита́ть =
- ○ a я чита́ю
- ○ b я чита́ет
- ○ c я чита́ешь

4 Which word has the deep vowel Ы?
- ○ a сыр
- ○ b сок
- ○ c кот

5 Which word is 40?
- ○ a со́рок
- ○ b четы́рнадцать
- ○ c четы́ре

6 … э́то? — Э́то дом. Which question word?
- ○ a Что
- ○ b Кто
- ○ c Как

7 В sounds like…
- ○ a [v], as in van
- ○ b [b], as in bed
- ○ c [w], as in wet

8 Я sounds like…
- ○ a [ya], as in yard
- ○ b [r], as in red
- ○ c [i], as in sí

I CAN

- ☐ I can read any Russian word with a stress mark.
- ☐ I can introduce myself for two minutes.
- ☐ I can ask four questions back.
- ☐ I can use both verb patterns and count to 100.
- ☐ I passed the month test at 66% or more.

REVIEW ON THESE DAYS, COUNTING FROM THE END OF THE MONTH

1	3	7	14	30
day 1	day 3	day 7	day 14	day 30

Answers · 1 a · 2 a · 3 a · 4 a · 5 a · 6 a · 7 a · 8 a