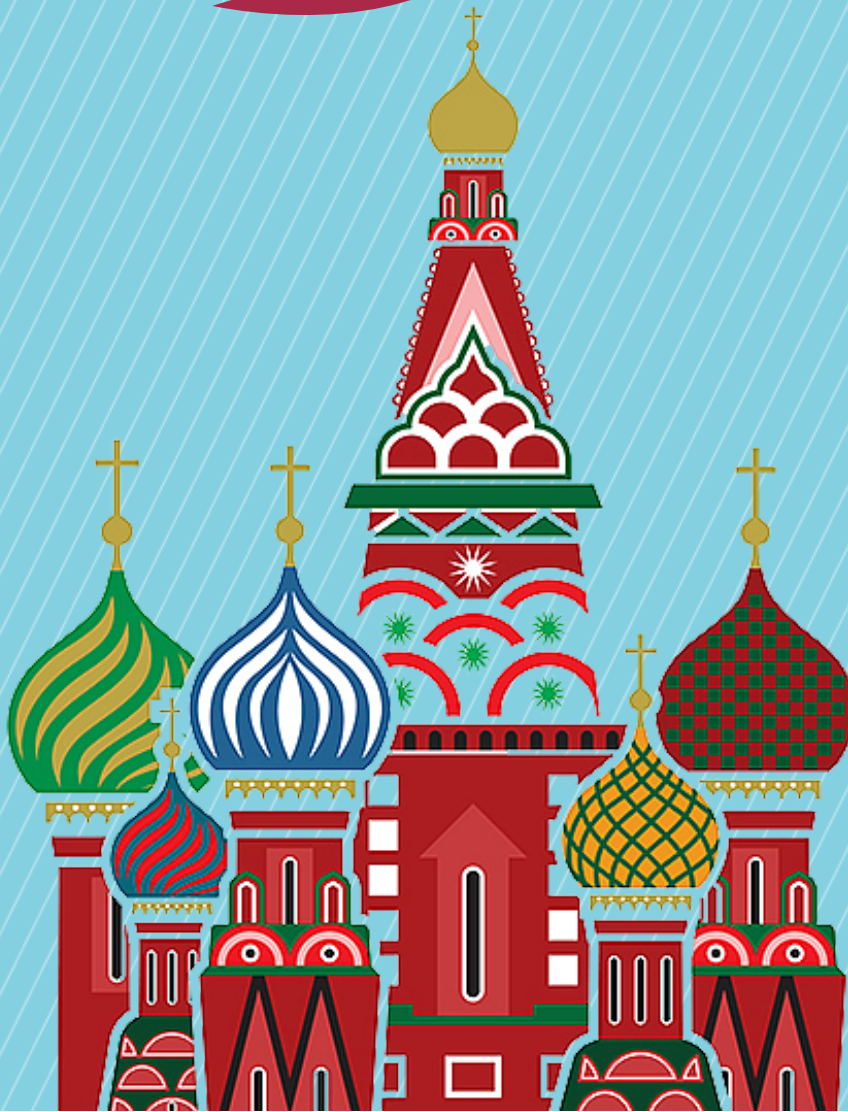


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BASIC CONVERSATIONAL RUSSIAN

IN 7 DAYS

Have you been learning Russian for some time now? Do you feel that speaking Russian is still very difficult? Did you notice that Russian that is often taught in textbooks is different from the conversational Russian used by the native speakers? Many of my students feel the same way.

The problem that the Russian language students often experience is limited or no access to the Russian day-to-day vocabulary that used by native speakers. Textbooks often teach formal Russian with possibly just a few conversational words and expressions. Learning these few conversational expressions is not enough for a student to understand a native Russian speaker. This creates a barrier between the Russian language student and the native Russian speaker.

If you are not currently living in a Russian-speaking country and do not have Russian friends then you do not have many opportunities to learn and practice actual conversational Russian. Conversational Russian is exactly what I teach in my courses. Learning Conversational Russian will help you to connect to the native Russian speakers and Russian culture.

In the **Basic Conversational Russian in 7 Days e-book** I teach 70 words and expressions that you might encounter on a daily basis and 7 additional words of support that are also often used in Russian speech. These expressions are a good way to start for someone who

is new to speaking Russian. If you are an intermediate speaker you might already know some of this vocabulary, but it wouldn't hurt to practice it again, right?

On the very last page of the e-book you will find your **Learning Schedule** that I strongly advise you to print out and track your progress.

And without further ado... Below are some of the most basic words and phrases in Russian that will help you to impress your Russian-speaking friends or get by in a Russian-speaking country and are simply a great start to learning Russian!

Have fun!

1. GREETINGS

Здра́вствуй

[ZDRAST-vooy]

Hello (used with anyone whom you can address in “ты”)

Здра́вствуйте

[ZDRAST-vooy-tye]

Hello (formal, or used with someone whom you would address in “вы” in Russian)

Приве́т

[pree-VYET]

Hi (informal)

До́брое у́тро

[DOB-ra-ye OOT-ra]

Good morning

До́брый де́нь

[DOB-riy DYEN']

Good afternoon

До́брый ве́чер

[DOB-reey VYE-chyer]

Good evening

These are a few basic good-byes in Russian:

До свида́ния

[da svee-DA-nee-ya]

Good-bye

Пока!
[pa-KA]
Bye (informal)

Увидимся!
[oo-VEE-deem-sya]
We'll see each other again!

До завтра!
[da ZAF-tra]
See you tomorrow!


До пятницы!
[da PYAT-nee-tsi]
Till Friday

Your Today's Word of Support

Молодец!
[ma-la-DYETS]
Good boy, good girl

2. CONVERSATION STARTERS

Now that you've learned a few Russian greetings and good-byes, let's learn a few conversation starters. Here is how you can ask "how are you?" in Russian":



Как дела?
[KAK dee-LA]
How are you?

Как у вас/тебя дела?
[KAK oo VAS / tee-BYA dee-LA]
How are you?

Как жизнь?
[kak ZHEEZN']
How's life?

Как работа?
[KAK ra-BO-ta]
How's work?

A few answers:

Хорошо!
[ha-ra-SHO]
Good!

Отлично!
[at-LEECH-na]
Perfect!

Нормально
[nar-MAL'-na]
Ok

Плóхо
[PLO-ha]
Bad

Не óчень
[nee O-chyen']
Not very good

Your Today's Words of Support

Так держáть!
[TAK deer-ZHAT']
Way to go!

3. INTRODUCING YOURSELF

Дава́йте знако́миться
[da-VAY-tye zna-KO-meet'-sya]
Let's introduce each other

Here is how you can ask “what is your name?” in Russian:

Как теб́я зову́т?
[KAK tee-BYA za-VOOT]
What is your name?

Как вас зову́т?
[KAK VAS za-VOOT]
What is your name?

Меня зовут...
[mee-NYA za-VOOT]
My name is...

A few ways to say "It's nice to meet you" in Russian:

Приятно познакомиться
[pree-YAT-na paz-na-KO-mee-tsa]
It's nice to meet you

Очень приятно
[O-chyen' pree-YAT-na]
Nice to meet you

Сколько вам / тебе лет?
[SKOL'-ka VAM / tee-BYE LYET]
How old are you?

Мне двадцать семь лет
[MNYE DVA-tsat' SYEM' LYET]
I am 27

Your Today's Words of Support

Отличная работа!
[at-LEECH-na-ya ra-BO-ta]
Excellent job!

4. GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Вы / ты откúда?
[VI / TI at-KOO-da]
Where are you from?

Я из США
[YA ees SE-SHE-A]
I am from USA

Где вы живёте?
[GDYE VI zhee-VYO-tye]
Where do you live?

Где ты живёшь?
[GDYE TI zhee-VYOSH]
Where do you live?

Я живу́ в Кíеве
[YA zhee-VOO f KEE-ye-vye]
I live in Kiev

Чем вы занима́етесь?
[CHYEM VI za-nee-MA-ye-tyes']
What do you do?

Где вы рабо́таете?
[GDYE VI ra-BO-ta-ye-tye]
Where do you work?

Я работаю на фирме
[YA ra-BO-ta-yoo na FEER-mye]
I work at a firm

Где вы учётесь?
[GDYE VI OO-chee-tyes']
Where do you study?

Я учусь в колледже
[YA oo-CHOOS' f KO-leed-zhye]
I study at college

Чем вы любите заниматься?
[CHYEM VI LYOO-bee-tye za-nee-MA-tsa]
What do you like to do?

Я люблю путешествовать
[YA lyoob-LYOO poo-tee-SHES-tva-vat']
I like traveling

Your Today's Word of Support

Замечательно!
[za-mee-CHA-teel'-na]
Excellent!

5. BEING POLITE

Спасибо
[spa-SEE-ba]
Thank you

Большое спасибо
[bal'-SHO-ye spa-SEE-ba]
Thank you very much

Благодарю вас
[bla-ga-da-RYOO VAS]
Thank you

Пожалуйста
[pa-ZHAL-sta]
You are welcome, please
(when you want to ask someone politely to do something)

Нé за что
[NYE za shto]
Not at all

Ways to apologize in Russian:

Извини(те)
[iz-vee-NEE-(tye)]
Sorry, excuse me, pardon me

and

Прости́(те)
[pras-TEE-tye]
Sorry, excuse me, pardon me

Я бо́льше не бу́ду
[ya BOL'-shye nee BOO-doo]
It won't happen again

How to reply to an apology:

Ничего́ стра́шного
[nee-chee-VO STRASH-na-va]
Don't worry about it (Lit., nothing scary)

Asking for something:

Да́й, пожа́луйста э́ту кнѐгу
[DAY-tye MNYE pa-ZHAL-sta E-too KNEE-goo]
Can you give me this book, please?

Да́йте мне, пожа́луйста э́ту кнѐгу
[DAY-tye MNYE pa-ZHAL-sta E-too KNEE-goo]
Can you give me this book, please?

Your Today's Word of Support

Умничка!
[OOM-neech-ka]
Good boy, good girl

6. OVERCOMING COMMUNICATION BARRIERS

A few words that every beginner should know:

Да [DA] Yes

Нет [NYET] No

Не знаю

[nee ZNA-yoo]

I don't know

If you can't understand someone:

Вы говорите по-ру́сски?

[VI ga-va-REE-tye pa ROOS-kee]

Do you speak Russian?

Я не понима́ю

[YA nee pa-nee-MA-yoo]

I don't understand

Повтори́(те), пожа́луйста.

[raf-ta-REE-(tye) pa-ZHAL-sta]

Can you repeat, please?

Поня́тно

[pa-NYAT-na]

I see!

Всё ясно
[FSYO YAS-na]
I see!, everything is clear now

Я не говорю по-ру́сски
[YA nee ga-va-RYOO pa ROOS-kee]
I don't speak Russian

Я хорошо́ говорю по-ру́сски
[YA ha-ra-SHO ga-va-RYOO pa ROOS-kee]
I speak Russian very well

Я пло́хо говорю по-ру́сски
[YA PLO-ha ga-va-RYOO pa ROOS-kee]
I speak Russian badly

Your Today's Word of Support

Прекра́сно!
[preek-RAS-na]
Perfect!, excellent!, great!

7. SOME RUSSIAN SLANG

Прико́льно!
[pree-KOL'-na]
Cool

Классно! [KLAS-na] Cool

Класс! [KLAS] Cool

Супер!
[SOO-pyer]
Super, cool

Отстой
[at-STOY]
Horrible, very bad

Фигня
[feeg-NYA]
Rubbish, nonsense

Навороченный
[na-va-RO-che-niy] (adj.)
Something that has a lot of different functions or ornaments.

Обалдённый
[a-bal-DYEN-niy] (adj.)
Wonderful, great, superb, gorgeous

Your Today's Words of Support

Ура! Вы закончили последний урок! Поздравляю!
[oo-RA VI za-KON-chee-lee pas-LYED-neey oo-ROK
raz-drav-LYA-yoo]
Hooray! You've finished the last lesson! Congratulations!



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Learning Schedule

Day of the Week	Lesson	Done!	My Words of Support
	1. Greetings		Молодец!
	2. Conversation Starters		Так держать!
	3. Introducing Yourself		Отличная работа!
	4. Getting to Know Each Other		Замечательно!
	5. Being Polite		Умничка!
	6. Overcoming Communication Barriers		Прекрасно!
	7. Some Russian Slang		Ура! Вы закончили последний урок! Поздравляю!

How to Use the Learning Schedule

- You can start learning Basic Conversational Russian on any day of the week, this is why I left the **Day of the Week** fields blank for you.
- Once you've finished working on the lesson, place the check mark in the **Done!** box.
- I hope my **Words of Support** will help you to keep going till the end.

Have lots of fun learning basic conversational Russian!

Next Steps

I hope you enjoyed learning these basic conversational Russian expressions. If you are not a beginner and are looking to significantly improve your conversational Russian and learn more advanced conversational Russian words and expressions, try my **Conversational Russian Video Course**.

This course is for you if you would like to:

- improve your spoken Russian
- learn additional useful words and expressions that you will not find in textbooks
- better understand native Russian speakers

These are some of the topics that will be discussed in the **Conversational Russian Video Course**:

- Greetings and Goodbyes
- Getting to Know Each Other
- Discussing Likes and Dislikes
- Apologizing
- Giving Compliments
- Expressing Feelings and Emotions
- Arguments
- Special Occasions

The course consists of:

- 20 video lessons
- Printable PDFs of each lesson
- MP3 recordings of each lesson

Click here to purchase **Conversational Russian Video Course** and become a more confident Russian speaker!

From all my heart I'm wishing you success learning Russian!