

LESSON NOTES

Basic Bootcamp #2 Talking Nationality

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DIALOGUE - RUSSIAN

MAIN

1. Оксана: Здравствуйте. Меня зовут Оксана. Я русская.

2. Эрик: Здравствуйте, я - Эрик. Я американец.

ROMANIZATION

1. Oksana: Zdravstvuite. Menya zovut Oksana. Ya russkaya.

2. Erik: Zdravstvuite, ya - Erik. Ya amerikanets.

ENGLISH

1. Oksana : Hello. My name is Oksana. I'm Russian.

2. Erik: Hello, I'm Erik. I'm American.

VOCABULARY

Russian	Romanization	English	Class	Gender
здравствуйте	zdravstvuite	hello	interjection	
меня зовут	menya zavut	my name (is)	phrase	
русская	russkaya	Russian (nationality)	noun	
Я	ya	I (I'm)	sentence	
американец	amerikanets	American	noun	masculine

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Здравствуйте, Вы откуда? <i>Zdrastvuyte, Vy atkuda?</i> "Hello, where are you from?"	Здравствуйте, Эрик! Zdravstvuite, Erik! "Hello, Erik!"	
Его зовут Эрик. <i>Evo zavut Erik.</i> "His name is Erik."	Вас зовут Эрик? Vas zavut Erik? "Is your name Erik?"	
Как Вас зовут? Kak vas zavut? "What is your name?"	Вы русский? Vy russkij? "Are you Russian?"	

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Моя мама - русская, а папа - украинец.	Я учитель.	
Moya mama - russkaya, a papa - ukrainets.	Ya uchitel'.	
"My mom is Russian, and my dad is Ukrainian."	"I am a teacher."	
Я не заболел, я просто устал.	Я учу русский.	
Ya ne zabalel, ya prosta ustal.	Ya uchu ruskiy.	
"I'm not sick, I'm just tired."	"I study Russian."	
Я - Оксана.	Нет, я американец.	
Ya - Aksana.	Net, ya amerikanets.	
"I'm Oksana."	"No, I'm American."	

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Bootcamp Lesson Is to Teach You How to Talk About Your Ethnicity

Let's take a look at the dialogue again:

Оксана: Здравствуйте. Меня зовут Оксана. Я русская.

Эрик: Здравствуйте, я - Эрик. Я американец.

We start with a self-introduction ("Hello, my name is Oksana"), and then we say our nationality:

Я русская.

The point that needs special attention here is gender. The phrase "I'm Russian" sounds different for women and men. Let's take a look at the examples with both genders, feminine and masculine:

Feminine

Romanization	"English"
Ya russkaya.	"I'm Russian."
Ya ukrainka.	"I'm Ukrainian."
Ona amerikanka.	"She's American."
Ona anglichanka.	"She is English."
Vy yaponka?	"Are you Japanese?"
Vy kitayanka?	"Are you Chinese?"
Moya devushka - frantsuzhenka.	"My girlfriend is French."
Moya devushka - italiyanka.	"My girlfriend is Italian."
	Ya russkaya. Ya ukrainka. Ona amerikanka. Ona anglichanka. Vy yaponka? Vy kitayanka? Moya devushka - frantsuzhenka.

Masculine

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Russian	Romanization	"English"
Я русский	Ya russkij	"I'm Russian."
Я украинец	Ya ukrainets.	"I'm Ukrainian."
Он американец	On amerikanets	"He's American."
Он англичанин	On anglichanin	"He's English."
Вы японец?	Vy yaponets?	"Are you Japanese?"
Вы китаец?	Vy kitaets?	"Are you Chinese?"
Мой парень - француз.	Moy paren' - frantsuz.	"My boyfriend is French."
Мой парень - итальянец.	Moy paren' - ital'yanets.	"My boyfriend is Italian."

Another important point is that unlike English, we cannot use Русский ("Russian") as an adverb; therefore, we can never use it in a phrase such as "I speak Russian." It can either be a noun indicating a nationality (Я русский), or serve as an adjective with other nouns:

For Example:

- 1. Русский язык *Russkij yazyk* "Russian language"
- 2. Русская кухня Russian kuhnya "Russian cuisine"

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