

Using Online Program WIMBA in a Russian Language Classroom

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What is WIMBA

WIMBA is a software application for language learning that allows instructors to create a variety of voice-enabled Web pages. It increases the amount of time in the classroom (students work at their own stations) and outside of classroom (students send spoken assignments to instructor).

An outline of the accomplished work

190 WIMBA assignments have been created (described in detail in the following pages):
101 for the novice level and
89 for the intermediate level.
They can be used both for learning and testing.

ASSIGNMENTS TOPICS

Appearance, Characters, Clothes, Colors, Family, Myself, Health, Food, School, My day,
Housing, Spare time, Holidays, Traveling and vacation, City, Weather, Bio,
Alphabet, Grammar, Literature

THE TASKS TO PERFORM

Category I. Read, listen, and talk

1. Listen to the questions and record your answers
2. Listen to the story and record your answers to the questions you have in the description field
3. Read the text, listen to the questions and record your answer

Category II. Read and talk

1. Read the text and ask the questions
2. Read the answers and ask the pertinent questions

Category III. Listen and talk

1. Listen to the questions and answer
2. Listen to the question, listen to the answer and find the correct one

Category IV. Listen and write

1. Listen to the story and fill in the gaps
2. Write a dictation

Category V. Free talk

1. Look at the picture and describe what you see
2. Record a story based on a given picture
3. Record a story based on a given situation
4. Record a story based on given instructions

SURVEY demonstrated that students consider WIMBA exercises not stressful, easy to use, and enjoyable. It is helpful in learning to speak and listening comprehension, while for reading and learning grammar class work is more useful.

How to start using WIMBA

1. Go to <http://uccllt.ucdavis.edu/WimbaBCF/signup.cfm> and sign up as an **instructor**.
A technical support person must go there, too, and sign up as an **administrator**.

2. After you receive an account with WIMBA, you may download the assignments

for NOVICE level: <http://ucla.horizonwimba.com/ucla/login>

e-mail firstyearrussian@gmail.com

password firstyearrussian

for INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED level: <http://ucla.horizonwimba.com/ucla/login>

e-mail secondyearrussian@gmail.com

password secondyearrussian

3. Click at “export” icon of the assignment you chose; this will download it to your desktop.

Login to your own account.

Browse and import the assignment from your desktop to your account.

4. Give a list of your students with their e-mail to the tech support person who will create a “group.”

5. Now you can create an assessment and send it to your class.

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A List of Assignments for the Novice Level

No.	Name	Tasks
Alphabet		
1.	Alphabet 1	Listening quiz (mark the word heard)
2.	Alphabet 2	Listening quiz (mark the word heard)
Clothes and colors		
3.	In a store	Listening to the text and marking answers to the given questions.
4.	Clothes for men and women	Recording description of the picture given.
5.	Clothes advertisement	Listening to the text and marking answers to the given questions
6.	Where is my dress?	Listening to the questions and recording answers.
Colors		
7.	Name the colors	Recording
8.	What color is your dress?	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording the reading.
9.	What color is their dress?	Recording description of the picture given.
Day		
10.	Your day.	Recording one's own story
11.	Your day (test)	Recording one's own story
12.	Your favorite day	Recording one's own story
13.	What do you like and don't like to do?	Recording one's own story
Family		
14.	The Sokolovs family	Recording a story to describe a picture
15.	About my family (test)	Recording one's own story
16.	About myself and my family	Recording one's own story
17.	Sister and brother 1	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording the reading.
18.	Sister and brother 2	Recording one's own story
19.	Watching TV (verbs)	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.

Food		
20.	What do you like to eat and drink?	Recording one's own story
21.	Fruits and vegetables	Listening to the questions and recording answers.
22.	What I like to cook	Listening to the questions and recording answers.
23.	Pumpkin	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue
24.	Restaurant	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue
25.	What did you eat today?	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue
26.	What did you eat?	Recording one's own dialogue
Grammar		
27.	Instrumental case.	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
28.	Prepositional Plural	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
29.	Personal pronouns	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
30.	Genitive Plural	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
31.	Genitive Singular	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
32.	Do you know cases?	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
Health		
33.	I was sick	Recording one's own dialogue.
Holidays		
34.	A gift for a friend	Listening to the story and recording an advice.
35.	What holidays do you celebrate?	Recording one's own story.
36.	Vacation 1	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue.
37.	Vacation 2	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
38.	Birthday gift	Recording one's own dialogue.
Housing		
39.	You want to buy a house	Recording one's own questions.
40.	A new house (test)	Recording one's own questions.

41.	Whose house is this?	Recording one's own questions.
42.	What room is this? (bedroom)	Recording a description of the picture given.
43.	What room is this? (dining room)	Recording a description of the picture given
44.	What room is this? (kitchen)	Recording a description of the picture given
45.	What room is this? (living room)	Recording a description of the picture given
46.	Where do you live? (test)	Recording one's own story.
47.	My favorite room	Recording one's own story.
48.	My favorite room (test)	Recording a description of the picture given.
49.	My room	Recording one's own dialogue.
Myself		
50.	Do you speak Russian?	Listening to the questions and recording answers.
51.	Let us get acquainted	Reading the questions and recording answers
52.	Tell us about yourself.	Listening to the questions and recording answers.
53.	Asking questions	Recording questions for a given situation.
54.	Asking questions (test)	Recording questions for a given situation.
55.	Ekaterina Tuisova	Reading, listening to the questions and recording answers.
56.	Jane and Tatiana	Listening, reading questions, and recording the answers.
57.	Dima Suvorov	Reading, listening to the questions and recording answers.
58.	Lena Ivanova	Reading, listening to the questions and recording answers.
59.	Yulia Klementieva	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
60.	Acquaintance	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording this dialogue.
61.	Are you a student?	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue.
62.	Photo album	Listening to the questions and recording answers by looking at the picture.
63.	Where were you born?	Recording one's own dialogue for a given situation.

School		
64.	Ask Natasha	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue.
65.	Pass a journal	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue.
66.	Natasha's diskette	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue.
67.	Where were you?	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue.
68.	What did you chat about?	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue.
69.	Where is my dictionary?	Recording one's own dialogue for a given situation.
70.	What do you need a pencil for?	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording one's own dialogue.
71.	What did your professor teach you?	Listening, reading questions, and recording the answers.
72.	Pass a book	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
Spare time		
73.	What did you do yesterday?	Recording one's own dialogue for a given situation.
74.	Where were you? (Acc. vs. Prep.)	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.
75.	Russian film	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording questions.
76.	Sport and music	Recording one's own story for a given situation
77.	When the game begins?	Recording one's own dialogue for a given situation.
Weather		
78.	USA weather	Recording one's own story for a given situation.
79.	What is the weather like there?	Recording one's own dialogue for a given situation.
80.	Seasons and weather	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks.

Literature		
81.	Мяч (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
82.	Мишка (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
83.	Телефон (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
84.	Первый раз в первый класс (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
85.	Слон (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
86.	Мила и Мыло (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
87.	Зайка (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
88.	Лиса (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
89.	Репка (story)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
90.	Что я видел 1 (story)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
91.	Что я видел 2 (story)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
92.	Что я видел 3 (story)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
93.	Что я видел 4 (story)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
94.	Что я видел 5 (story)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
95.	Что я видел 6 (story)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
96.	Что я видел 7 (story)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
97.	Песенка Крокодила Гены (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
98.	Кораблик (поем)	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.

Just for Fun		
99.	Find the differences	Recording a description of the differences between two pictures.
100.	Tongue-twister 1	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.
101.	Tongue-twister 2	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of the reading.

A List of Assignments for the Intermediate Level

No.	Name	Tasks
Appearance and character		
1.	Apartment-mate	Recording questions for a given situation
2.	Meeting at airport 1	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks
3.	Meeting at airport 2	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
4.	My grandparents	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
5.	Your best friend	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
Bio		
6.	Agatha Kristi - Samojlov BIO	Reading text and questions. Recording answers.
7.	Alsu BIO	Reading a text, listening to the questions, and recording answers.
8.	Alsu song	Listening to a song, recording what it is about.
9.	Maria Sharapova	Reading a text, listening to question, and recording answers.
10.	My BIO 1	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
11.	My BIO 2	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
12.	Pelevin	Recording questions for a given situation
13.	Scientists	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
14.	You are a journalist	Recording questions for a given situation
Cases		
15.	The Cases' Final Quiz (Part 1)	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks
16.	The Cases' Final Quiz (Part 2)	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks
17.	The Cases' Final Quiz (Part 3)	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks

City		
18.	Car accident	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
19.	Direction	Recording a dialogue for a given situation with a picture
20.	How to get to the church	Recording a dialogue for a given situation with a picture
21.	My home town	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
22.	Overheard conversation	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks
23.	Russian cities	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
Clothes		
26.	Valentine Udashkin fashion show	Reading a text, listening to the questions, and recording answers.
25.	What do you wear?	Recording one's own narration for a given situation
Day		
26.	A terrible day 1	Listening to a narration, reading questions, and recording answers.
27.	A terrible day 2	Listening to a narration and recording questions
28.	A terrible day 3	Recording one's own story for a given situation
29.	Burglary	Recording one's own story for a given situation
30.	I lost my backpack	Listening to a narration, reading questions, and recording answers.
31.	I lost my wallet	Recording one's own story for a given situation
32.	Your everyday routine	Recording one's own story for a given situation
Family		
33.	Family story	Recording one's own story for a given situation with a picture
34.	Lena's family	Listening to a narration, reading questions, and recording answers.
35.	My family and pets	Recording one's own story for a given situation
36.	My family story	Recording one's own story for a given situation

Food		
37.	My favorite dish	Recording one's own story for a given situation
38.	Pancakes	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks
39.	Restaurant	Recording one's own story for a given situation
40.	Vegetable soup	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks
41.	What we eat and drink	Recording one's own story for a given situation
Holidays		
42.	A present	Listening to a narration and recording an answer
43.	Wedding 1	Listening to a narration, reading questions, and recording answers.
44.	Wedding 2	Recording one's own story for a given situation
Housing		
45.	Bedroom	Recording a description of a picture
46.	Dining room	Recording a description of a picture
47.	Favorite room	Recording a description of a picture
48.	House chores 1	Recording one's own story for a given situation
49.	House chores 2	Recording one's own story for a given situation and a picture
50.	House for rent	Recording question for a given situation
51.	I live here	Recording one's own story for a given situation
52.	Kitchen	Recording a description of a picture
53.	Living room	Recording a description of a picture
54.	My room	Recording one's own story for a given situation and a picture
55.	Where do you live	Recording one's own story for a given situation
56.	Where to live?	Recording one's own story for a given situation and a picture
57.	Your Russian friend's house	Recording questions for a given situation

	Literature	
58.	1. Akhmatova "Gray-eyed king"	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of reading.
59.	2. Esenin "Good by, my friend..."	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of reading.
60.	3. Pushkin "Autumn"	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of reading.
61.	5. Pushkin "At the Seashore"	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of reading.
62.	4. Pushkin "Thou and You"	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording of reading.
Spare Time		
63.	How do you rest?	Recording one's own story for a given situation
64.	Let's go to circus	Dictation: listening and filling in the blanks
65.	Music	Recording one's own story for a given situation and a picture
66.	Sport	Recording one's own story for a given situation and a picture
67.	Superstitions	Recording one's own story for a given situation
Traveling and Vacation		
68.	Lake Valday or Yalta?	Listening to narrations, reading questions, recording answers.
69.	Let's go camping.	Recording one's own story for a given situation
70.	Rambler's tours	Recording one's own story for a given situation
71.	Summer/Winter vacation	Recording one's own story for a given situation
72.	Where to travel?	Recording one's own story for a given situation
University		
73.	About the self 1	Listening to the questions and recording answers
74.	About the self 2	Reading answers and recording the appropriate questions.
75.	My schedule 1	Listening to a narration, reading questions, and recording answers.

76.	My schedule 2	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording questions.
77.	My schedule 3	Recording one's own story for a given situation
78.	Internet	Recording one's own story for a given situation
79.	Internet 1	Listening to the questions and recording answers
80.	Internet 2	Recording one's own story for a given situation
81.	Letter 1	Practice: listening, reading, repeating. Recording reading
82.	Letter 2	Recording one's own story for a given situation
83.	Your courses	Recording one's own story for a given situation
84.	Your university	Recording one's own story for a given situation
Weather and Clothes		
85.	Natural disasters	Recording one's own story for a given situation
86.	Russian weather	Recording one's own story for a given situation
87.	Weather	Recording one's own story for a given situation
88.	What is your weather like?	Recording one's own story for a given situation
89.	Why did you get cold?	Recording one's own dialogue for a given situation