



Year 7 Russian Curriculum



In Year 7 you will begin to learn Russian within the topic areas below. You will also find out about Russian culture.

These are the year 7 **topic areas**:

- The alphabet: handwritten and printed
- Introducing myself
- Language for lessons
- My family
- Pets
- What's the time?
- Sports: likes and dislikes
- At the Café

And here are the **grammar points**:

- stress and pronunciation
- negatives
- genders of nouns
- 1st and 3rd person verbs
- informal and formal language
- forming questions
- the '7 sinner' spelling rule
- plurals

You will find out about these aspects of **Russian culture**:

- Key facts about Russia
- The history of the alphabet
- The traditional 'kokoshnik'
- Russian breeds of cats and dogs
- Wild animals of Russia
- Festivals: Christmas, New Year, Easter
- Popular foods and drinks

You will practise these **language skills**:

Listening : to your teacher, to recorded texts, to each other

Speaking : practising pronunciation, asking and answering questions, presenting information and opinions

Reading : words, sentences, short texts, printed and handwritten

Writing : lettering, spelling, forming sentences, creating dialogues

Translation : from English to Russian and Russian to English

Your teacher will **assess your progress** through your class work (spoken and written) and home work. You will sometimes have tests on learning home works. You will also reflect on your own progress and set targets.

Top tips for success

Once you've learnt the alphabet, keep practising it. Also learn **vocabulary** very regularly. 'Little and often' is what works: perhaps 5 words twice a week. These 7 ways of memorising words help many learners:

- Make flashcards
- Invent rhymes and raps
- Teach the words to someone else
- Stick up 'word' post-its where you will see them everyday
- Dream up sentences or funny stories building in the words
- Think about each word: what does it remind you of?
- Quizlet: Presdales y7 Russian has readymade sets of words

Use this checklist to ensure that your Russian shows progress through the year:

- Have you identified letters carefully and used capital letters where required?
- Is your pronunciation / spelling good?
- Have you expressed opinions?
- Have you extended some sentences with connectives?
- Have you checked the grammar of your sentences?

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