



Year 8 Russian Curriculum



In Year 8 you will learn Russian vocabulary and grammar within the topic areas listed below. In addition, finding out about cultural life in Russia will increase your understanding of how people live there.

These are the year 8 **topic areas**:

- Colours
- My area
- Directions and distances
- Days of the week
- Free time activities
- Seasons, months
- Weather
- Where you go
- Transport

And here are the **grammar points**:

- Plural nouns
- Adjective agreement
- Present tense verbs
- Infinitives
- Using frequency adverbs
- Prepositions 'to', 'in', 'at', 'on', 'with'
- the 'a to y' rule

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

- Moscow or St Petersburg
- Christmas/New Year celebrations
- The Russian winter
- Shrove Week
- Easter
- Space exploration or the Trans-Siberian railway

You will practise these **language skills**:

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

Speaking : to your partner(s), to your teacher, practising pronunciation, asking and answering questions, presenting information and opinions

Reading : words, sentences, texts, printed and handwritten

Writing : lettering, spelling, forming sentences, building paragraphs, 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 tip for success

Learn **vocabulary** very regularly. 'Little and often' is what works: 5 words twice a week is ideal. 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
- Quizlet: Presdales y8 Russian has ready made sets of words
- Dream up sentences or funny stories building in the words
- Think about each word: what does it remind you of?

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

- Have you identified letters carefully and used capital letters where required?
- Have you extended sentences with connectives?
- Have you expressed opinions and given reasons for them?
- Have you used the full range of vocabulary you know (eg. frequency words, adjectives, modifiers)?
- Is your pronunciation / spelling good?
- Have you checked the grammar of your sentences?
- Is what you say/write engaging and organised?

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