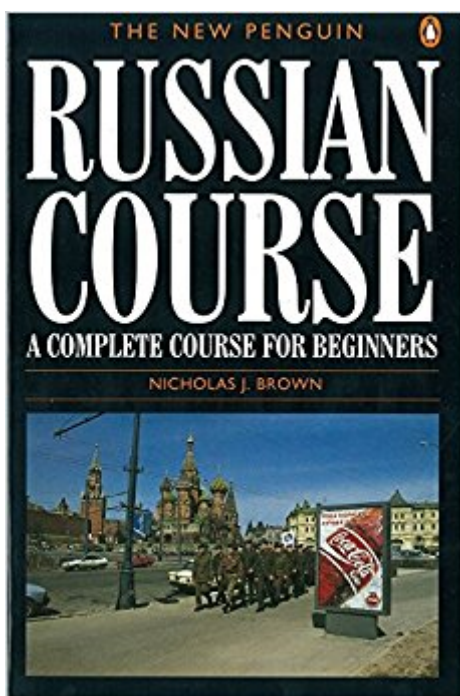


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Whether you're learning alone or attending classes, you'll find this complete Russian language course for beginners both accessible and indispensable. Designed to provide the student with an excellent command of basic Russian (the equivalent of A1 level standard) the book features thirty lessons punctuated by revision exercises to ensure you have fully understood what you have learned. The emphasis is on acquiring vocabulary, experiencing conversational language and learning useful grammar. The book also includes a vocabulary of 1,500 words and a glossary of grammatical terms.

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This is a very detailed introduction to Russian - But I still recommend it only as an introduction for someone who wants to begin getting a taste of Russian, or as a refresher for someone who has already studied a year or so and wants to review and resume studies. I feel that it does not stand alone as a beginner textbook or learning resource -- For one thing, there are no accompanying audio resources! This book does present and explain certain structures / cases / usage clearly and effectively, so I keep it as a resource for study of Russian.

I'm the most indolent out of all the language learners. It's a hobby to ascertain foreign language skills and I want to do so without carrying 10 books as I do a sizable amount of studying on my

commute. I don't have many opportunities otherwise and my commute is around 2 solid hours per day so I was looking for 1 and only 1 book to get me through a language effectively. This is it. Everything you would need to have a grasp on the language is wrapped in one paperback.

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I am starting Russian lessons as a very intimidated beginner. This book dispelled a lot of my fears (i.e. How can I ever learn a language about which I know absolutely nothing?) and then pushes right away. There is no dawdling around with silly or unnecessary chapters; each one builds on the prior and if you stay focused, you will feel like there is substantial progress with each page turned and learned. I am learning from a native Russian and we use this book as our textbook because it is so intuitive to the language learning process. There are also some fantastic (free) resources online that

I have used to supplement as well (FSI Language Institute offers a free course that is excellent) . The only minor drawback is that this version is written for a British audience so some of the pronunciation guides are slightly different than I would have expected from an 'American' version. This is no big deal, because the quality of the book is unparalleled for a beginning or intermediate Russian learner.

This is the best book for the price. I used my first copy until the wear and tear were too much. I very rarely junk an old book and then buy a replacement for it. But in this case I did. In comparison to other books, all the topics of Russian grammar are in the best possible order. I have seen some Russian textbooks (supposedly, elementary) that expect you to already know everything before you begin to study anything. The only drawback is the use of British English, which for an American can often necessitate a double-translation in your mind.

Time to play CSGO! But for real, this is a good book to learning Russian. There where some interesting things that I wouldn't of known otherwise if it wasn't for this book. But the one thing this book falls on is the quality. The paper doesn't fell all that strong.

Very thorough and easy to understand. Learning a new language is never easy for me, but this is the best language course for the money I've ever seen

I bought this to complement Duolingo and the Pimsleur courses and so far it's been amazing. The other two don't explain much, and sometimes what they do explain can get confusing. This book makes up for that with simple, easy to understand explanations to every question this beginner has had to date.

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