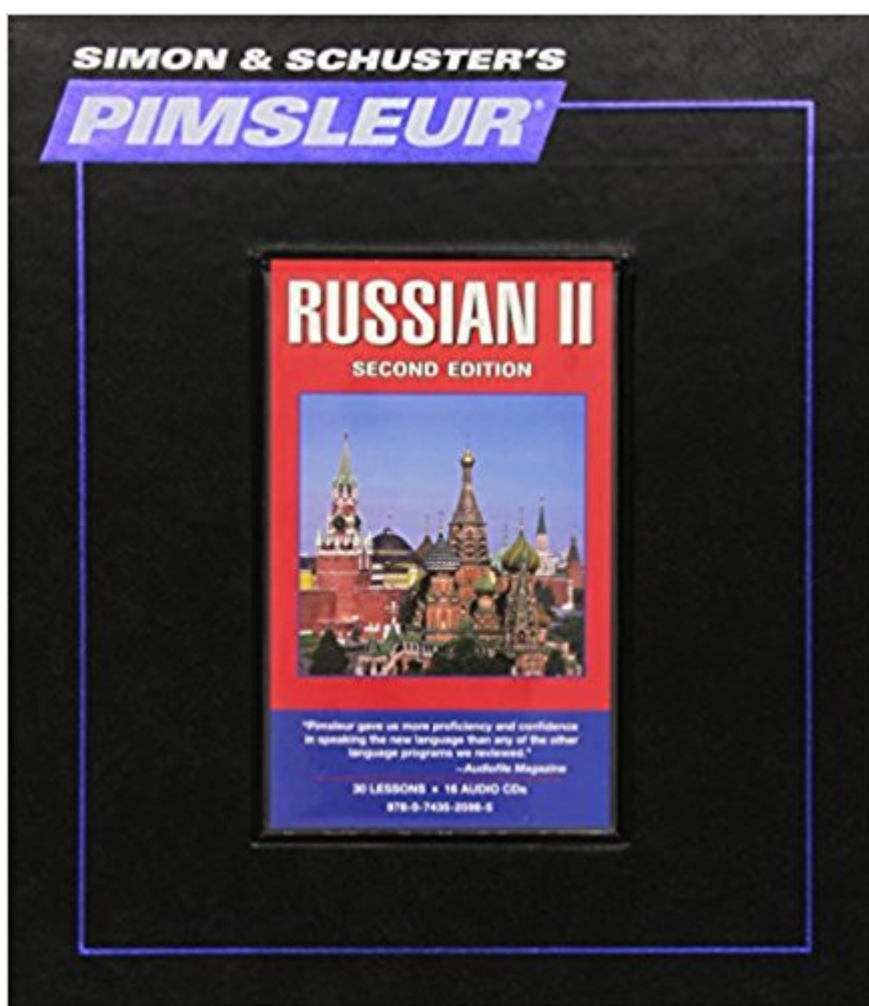


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# Pimsleur Russian Level 2 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Russian With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive)



## Synopsis

The Easiest and Fastest Way to Learn Russian Whether you want to travel, communicate with friends or colleagues, reconnect with family, or just understand more of what's going on in the world around you, learning Russian will expand your horizons and immeasurably enrich your life. The best part is that it doesn't have to be difficult or take years to master. Thirty minutes a day is all it takes, and we get you speaking right from the first day. Pimsleur courses use a scientifically-proven method that puts you in control of your learning. If you've tried other language learning methods but found they simply didn't stick, then you owe it to yourself to give Pimsleur a try.

**Why Pimsleur?**

- Quick + Easy - Only 30 minutes a day.
- Portable + Flexible - Core lessons can be done anytime, anywhere, and easily fit into your busy life.
- Proven Method - Works when other methods fail.
- Self-Paced - Go fast or go slow - it's up to you.
- Based in Science - Developed using proven research on memory and learning.
- Cost-effective - Less expensive than classes or immersion, and features all native speakers.
- Genius - Triggers your brain's natural aptitude to learn.
- Works for everyone - Recommended for ages 13 and above.

**What's Included?**

- 30, 30-minute audio lessons - 60 minutes of reading instruction to provide you practice reading Russian
- In total, 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers
- a Reading Booklet and User's Guide

**What You'll Learn Builds upon skills taught in Pimsleur's Russian Level 1.** In the first 10 lessons you'll begin using the past tense. Structures become more complex and informal speech is introduced. Soon you'll take part in conversations about ordering meals, shopping, and local tourist attractions. As you progress, your fluency will increase as your vocabulary expands. The next 10 lessons will allow you to further combine and build upon known elements, and produce longer and more complex sentences. You'll be discussing business and social activities, expressing your interests, and talking about the weather. In the final 10 lessons you'll double your vocabulary and have several hundred structures to draw upon. You'll learn to express yourself with relative structures - faster, slower, etc. You'll be able to ask for assistance in many situations and to ask for directions to various locations. You'll explore sports and leisure activities, manage changing money and banking, and discuss travel plans. By the end of the program, you'll be speaking at a mid-intermediate level with near-native pronunciation, and you'll be comfortable meeting most social demands and limited job requirements. Reading Lessons, which build upon the reading skills acquired in Level 1, are included at the end of Lesson 30. These lessons, which total about one hour, are designed to give you practice reading Russian.

The Pimsleur Method We make no secret of what makes this powerful method work so well. Paul Pimsleur spent his career researching and perfecting the precise elements anyone can use to learn a language quickly and easily. Here are a few of his "secrets":

- The Principle of Anticipation In the nanosecond between a cue and your response, your brain has to work to come up with the right word. Having to do this boosts retention, and cements the word in your mind.
- Core Vocabulary Words, phrases, and sentences are selected for their usefulness in everyday conversation. We don't overwhelm you with too much, but steadily increase your ability with every lesson.
- Graduated Interval Recall Reminders of new words and structures come up at the exact interval for maximum retention and storage into your long-term memory.
- Organic Learning You work on multiple aspects of the language simultaneously. We integrate grammar, vocabulary, rhythm, melody, and intonation into every lesson, which allows you to experience the language as a living, expressive form of human culture.
- Learning in Context Research has shown that learning new words in context dramatically accelerates your ability to remember. Every scene in every Pimsleur lesson is set inside a conversation between two people. There are no drills, and no memorization necessary for success.
- Active Participation The Pimsleur Method + active learner participation = success. This method works with every language and every learner who follows it. You gain the power to recall and use what you know, and to add new words easily, exactly as you do in English.

The Russian Language Russian, one of the six official languages of the United Nations, is the official language in Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Krygystan, with an estimated 150 million native speakers around the world. Pimsleur's Russian uses speakers from Moscow and St. Petersburg, which accounts for slight pronunciation differences between speakers, but accurately depicts contemporary spoken Russian. Tech Talk - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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## Customer Reviews

Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

This language instruction is the best fit for me outside of going and taking structured classes- I can listen to a lesson when making short trips around the area in the car, or pop in headphones when I'm out walking the dog. I did also purchase a book that helps me understand the conjugations and declensions, and some of the more common words from this language lesson also show up in my book, which helps when I'm not 100% what the pronunciation is. The seller ended up shipping MUCH faster than expected so I didn't really have any downtime between completing Level 1 and moving to Level 2, and the product was in excellent condition. I wish I'd purchased Level 1 used from them now.

Having finished 20 tapes from Pimsleur 1, I proceeded the CD's for Russian II. The style of learning helps you to think in the language, the lessons have worked well for me and the material teaches useful grammar & words immediately useable. For all of my language learning I use pimsleur. recently I bought the French cd's for a holiday; the French could understand, the Pimsleur French I learned, it was great!

I really enjoy the Pimsleur learning method BUT I have a lot of issues with their CD naming scheme. It is very inconsistent from disc to disc and makes organizing the ripped files MUCH more difficult than necessary. NOT the worst thing that could happen, but a little quality control on the naming feature would be really nice.

These tapes are best used as a review for someone who has already studied Russian and wants practice speaking. It is helpful to be able to read the words and know some grammar. The tapes are great for improving pronunciation, speaking at the rate of a native, understanding the Russian of a native speaker, and speaking correctly. I lived in Ukraine for 12 years and always struggled with speaking. These tapes are helping speak more naturally.

I listened to Pimsleur's Russian 1 and 2 while taking Russian classes at my University, actually during the drive to the University ;) They force you to constantly think and synthesize what has been taught. So you never finish a CD thinking you didn't gain any ground. These courses are not designed to teach grammar, so supplementary studies are essential. Pimsleur to me was simply a fun way to practice and fill in some gaps in my vocab.

Fantastic program. Only one session daily for maximum learning.

Very good translation. Perfect.

It is not as well designed as Pimsleur's Russian I. It assumes you know words that have never been presented and skimps on the feminine forms of verbs. But my biggest complaint is the female speaker's voice. I find it unbearable to listen to. Not only is her voice whiny, tight, and high, but she sounds angry, bored, and like she's being forced to do this. The Russian I female speaker had a beautiful voice and perfect expressiveness for enjoyable learning.

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