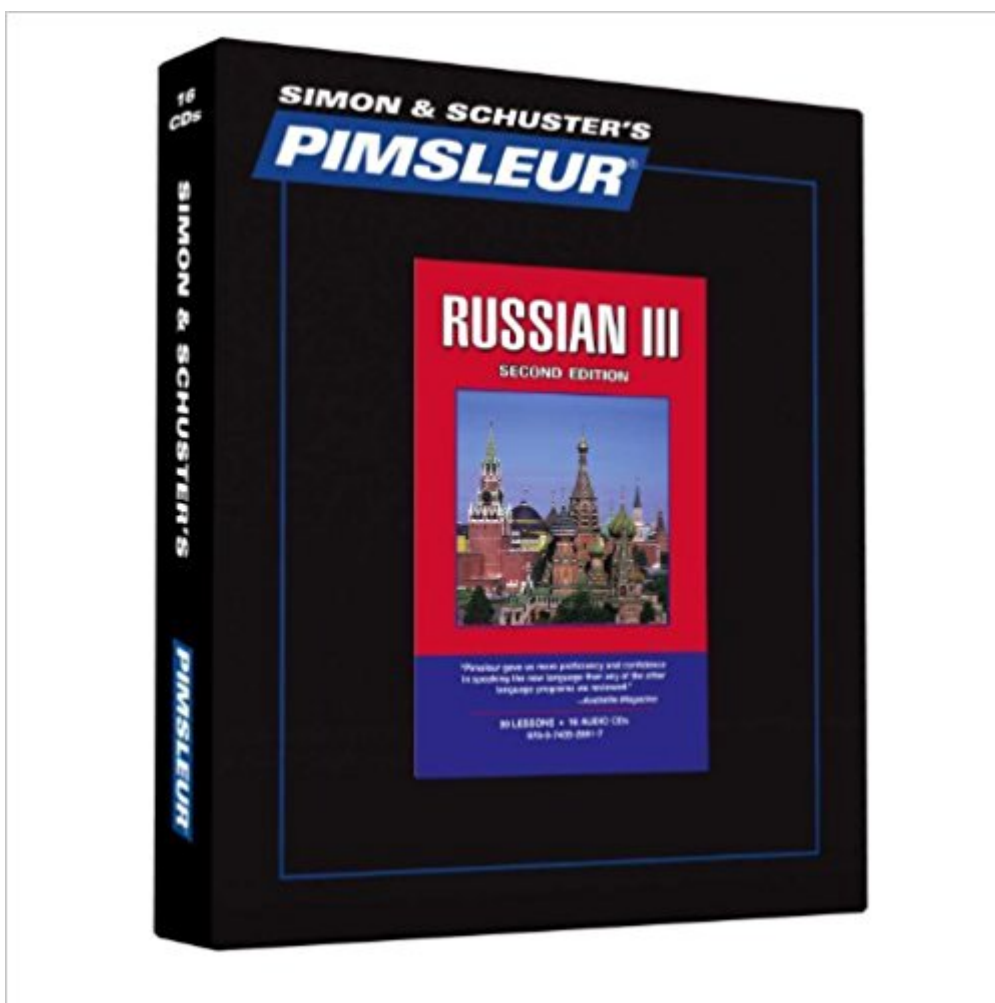


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# Russian III (Pimsleur Language Program), Second Edition (Comprehensive)



## 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 Levels 1 and 2.** In the first 10 lessons, you will expand your vocabulary and increase your fluency to an even higher level. You'll gain experience participating in many informal and some formal discussions on practical, social, and semiprofessional topics. You'll skillfully form longer, more complex sentences, and most importantly, you'll find yourself being understood, even by native speakers unused to dealing with foreigners. You'll be able to join in conversations eagerly, confident of being understood. In the next 10 lessons, your skills will demonstrate ever-increasing mastery of Russian. Speaking with grace and complete naturalness, you'll enjoy fluid conversations on many new subjects. Delving deeper into cultural norms and situations, you'll find yourself responding effortlessly, and able to choose from a wide accumulation of vocabulary and structures. In the final 10 lessons, you're nearing fluency with agile responses, and a natural sounding, near-native accent. You're able to utilize the language in subtle ways, and speak using past, present, and future tenses. Self-confidence soars as you no longer experience the language and culture as a foreigner, but as someone with a deepening insight into the Russian-speaking world. Reading Lessons are included at the end of Lesson 30. These lessons,

which total about one hour, are designed to give you practice reading Russian, to provide vocabulary and improve pronunciation. Before you know it, you'll be reading Russian with the ease and flexibility of a native speaker. 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.

Great, Great simply Great. I have already done Russian I and II, and managed to impressed my in-laws already. The way I am doing and it's the same way I have done the first two, is, I will not switch to the next lesson until I master the current one, which in all honesty, doesn't take more than 3 or 4 go-arounds, and you will be able to at least maintain a five-minute small talk conversation with a Russian speaker person. I am currently on lesson 4, and already feel I have learned so much more. The system is very clever, and keeps you fresh and focused throughout.

This type of learning fits my lifestyle with the 30-minute audio segments. I can easily get in some language learning on a car ride or out walking the dog, and the manufacturer is correct that repetition helps learning. I'd encourage people to also find some written learning material to supplement this as well. I recently started formal classes, but my use of the Pimsleur I and II had me well ahead of most of my classmates.

Not the most advanced language skills, but it helps me keep my Russian skill up to date. It would be better if all the lessons had a written version to refer to, as sometimes it is difficult to distinguish some sounds for others.

I have enjoyed the use of Pimsleur Russian language DVD series. I currently have 4 sets of DVD's from Pimsleur. I like most how Pimsleur DVD's give you proper sound for each word when used in a sentence. Pimsleur gives examples, and goes back over these words time and time again. I also use these DVD's in conjunction with Rosetta Stone, and other books to learn the Russian language. I not only want to speak Russian, I want to read Russian correctly. The Russian language is so difficult to learn. I honestly believe one must pull from different source's to progress. Nothing has been as valuable, than actually having a conversation with a person who is from the Ukraine or Russia.

no problems what so ever. product as described. arrived within the timeframe. The package had no damage, nor did what was inside. Thanks. wish it'd come with a more compact CD holder or something for the car.

Fantastic program. Only one session daily for maximum learning.

Just what I needed.

I have only 10 more lessons to go and I'll be finished. I do want people to know that It did not take me 90 day's to complete the course it took more like 230 days. MANY phrases did not stick and I would get tonged tied trying to pronounce the words. Granted I'm in my mid 40s so it was difficult for me. I read that sometimes it takes 3 days of repetition to get it to stick. I found this was true for me. So 230 day's huh? almost 8 months. Did I learn Russian...yes. Can I watch or listen to Russian TV, Movies, Radio or even simple children's shows without any problems...NO. Why?1) Russians speak at breakneck speeds and Pimsleur is a tad slower than that.2) At the end of it all, you will have I'm guessing at 500 words learned.3) You WON'T know how to ask: Are you interested in sports. Do you play the piano? are you hands cold? (naming any body parts, pets, things around the house table, chair etc. So...Very limited Vocabulary.Hey then why 4 stars?!? I think it is a great way to START out and I have enjoyed it and used it to speak to VERY patient Russians on the net. Also It has help me from zero. Am I fluent? Not even close... When I'm done with this I'll move on to Glossika Russian (which I've bought already) it has 1000 phrases per each module 3 modules total of 3000 phrases! They speak at natural speed I've been doing it now for the last month (off and on). I like it but I feel most people would be lost without at least doing Pimsleur first. (BTW they (Glossika) also promise you can get it done (all 3 modules) in 3 months...I think NOT!) But that is

just my opinion. I think it's about \$80.00 for all modules (I got it cheaper though). Anyway I think it (Pimsleur) is a great way to START learning Russian albeit very expensive way too. However I got volumes 1 and 2 from the Library and bought Volume 3 used for cheap. Well I hope this gives people an Idea on what to expect.

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