



BWS Language Evening Classes – Course Description

Russian for Non-Beginners

Required level to join class

- Knowledge of alphabet and basic passive vocabulary (the commonest few hundred words)
- Understanding of the first principles of grammar and syntax (parts of speech, clause and sentence structure)
- Understanding of simple spoken and written Russian
- Ability to read aloud

Aims

- To widen the class's knowledge and understanding of Russian language and culture
- To provide a stimulating and convivial milieu in which to learn Russian

Working Methods/Types of Activities

- Studying Russian texts of linguistic, topical and environmental interest
- Practising skills in oral comprehension and active speaking
- Frequent revision of grammar

Textbooks

- No following of courses found in textbooks
- Certain textbooks recommended depending on attainment level

Homework

- Opportunity to prepare texts every other week
- Revision of notes taken in class, especially important vocabulary and phrases

Topic areas

- Topics decided in discussion at the beginning of each term, taking into account areas covered previously and the interests and wishes of class members
- For the sake of variety and stimulus, no one term is dominated by a single topic

Course Duration

The course runs for a school year with classes taking place over two terms: an initial shorter term during the autumn, leading into a second longer term from January through to mid-May.