



Beginner Lesson S1

Here is My Russian Passport...Right Here!

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Formal Russian

James Здравствуйте
Consular officer Здравствуйте. Ваши документы, пожалуйста.
James Вот мой паспорт, анкета и приглашение.
Consular officer Хорошо. С вас сто тридцать один доллар

Formal Romanization

James Zdrastvuyte.
Consular officer Zdrastvuyte. Vashi documenty, pojaluysta.
James Vot moy pasport, anketa i priglashenie.
Consular officer Horosho. S vas sto tritsat' odin dollar.

Formal English

James Hello.
Consular officer Hello. Can I see your papers, please?
James Here's my passport, the form, and the invitation.
Consular officer Okay. That'll be one hundred thirty-one dollars.

Vocabulary

Russian	English	Class
Здравствуйте	Hello	Phrase
документы	identity papers, documents	noun
ВОТ	here are; here is	particle
анкета	a form	noun
приглашение	an invitation	noun
Хорошо	ok, good, well, fine	particle; adverb
С вас	That'll be... (talking about price)	phrase



Vocabulary Sample Sentences

*Здравствуйте, вы - Павел Иванович.
Анна Михайловна, здравствуйте.
Покажите, пожалуйста, ваши
документы.*

*Вот мои документы.
Сергей сохранил документ.*

*Вот, пожалуйста.
Вот мой билет.
Заполните, пожалуйста, анкету.
Это ваша анкета?
В газете интересная анкета.*

*Ваше приглашение, пожалуйста.
Где твоё приглашение?
Спасибо за приглашение.
Он хорошо говорит по-русски.
С вас сорок рублей.
Здравствуйте, вы - Павел Иванович.
Анна Михайловна, здравствуйте.
Покажите, пожалуйста, ваши
документы.
Вот мои документы.
Сергей сохранил документ.*

*Вот, пожалуйста.
Вот мой билет.
Заполните, пожалуйста, анкету.
Это ваша анкета?
В газете интересная анкета.*

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Спасибо за приглашение.
Он хорошо говорит по-русски.
С вас сорок рублей.*

"Hello, are you Pavel Ivanovich?"
"Dear Anna Mihailovna, how are you?"
"Show me your papers, please."

"Here are my documents."
"Sergey saved the document." (on the computer)

"Here you are; here it is."
"Here's my ticket."
"Fill in the form, please."
"Is it your form?"
"There's an interesting questionnaire in the newspaper."

"Your invitation, please."
"Where's your invitation?" (informal)
"Thanks for the invitation."
"He speaks Russian well."

"That'll be forty rubles, please."
"Hello, are you Pavel Ivanovich?"
"Dear Anna Mihailovna, how are you?"
"Show me your papers, please."

"Here are my documents."
"Sergey saved the document." (on the computer)

"Here you are; here it is."
"Here's my ticket."
"Fill in the form, please."
"Is it your form?"
"There's an interesting questionnaire in the newspaper."

"Your invitation, please."
"Where's your invitation?" (informal)
"Thanks for the invitation."
"He speaks Russian well."
"That'll be forty rubles, please."



Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson is Russian Nouns and Pronouns: Gender
Вот мой паспорт, анкета и приглашение.
"Here's my passport, the form, and the invitation."

Let's take a look at how gender affects Russian nouns and pronouns.

Russian Nouns

All Russian nouns fit into three categories: masculine, feminine, and neuter. We call these categories genders. In some other languages (for example, in French), you can't know the gender of a noun unless you look it up in a dictionary. In Russian, there're some simple rules to help you; you just have to look at the ending of the noun.

For example:

1. Masculine nouns end in a consonant: паспорт ("a passport"), дом ("a house")
2. Feminine nouns end in -а or -я: анкета ("a form"), Юлия ("Julia")
3. Neuter nouns end in -о or -е: письмо ("a letter"), приглашение ("an invitation")
4. Plural nouns generally end in -ы or -и: документы ("papers"), книги ("books")

Please, note that there are some exceptions. It's very important to know about the genders because many other things in Russian grammar depend on them, such as the endings of adjectives and verbs. The best example is possessive pronouns (my, your, our, etc.).

Russian Pronouns

If you've learned that мой паспорт means "my passport," you'll probably be confused when you see моя анкета, моё приглашение or мои документы. In Russian, possessive pronouns change depending on the gender of the noun that follows them. Compare the following examples:



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1. **Masculine Nouns:** Паспорт is a masculine noun (it ends in a consonant). That's why we use the masculine form of "my," or мой.
A. мой паспорт - "my passport"
2. **Feminine Nouns:** Анкета is a feminine noun (it ends in -а). So, we use the feminine form of "my," or моя.
A. моя анкета - "my form"
3. **Neuter Nouns:** Приглашение is a neuter noun (it ends in -е). That's why we use the neuter form of "my," or моё.
A. моё приглашение - "my invitation"
4. **Plural Nouns:** Документы is a plural noun (it ends in -ы). So, we use the plural form of "my," or мои.
A. мои документы - "my documents"

The rule also works for "your" (both formal and informal), and "our." "His, her," and "their" never change.

Look at the table:

Pronoun	Masculine	Feminine	Neutral	Plural
My	мой	моя	моё	мои
Your (informal)	твой	твоя	твоё	твои
Your (formal)	ваш	ваша	ваше	ваши
Our	наш	наша	наше	наши
His	его	его	его	его
Her	её	её	её	её
Their	их	их	их	их

The Focus of This Lesson is How to Say "Here is..." in Russian

Вот мой паспорт, анкета и приглашение.

"Here's my passport, the form, and the invitation."

Another important word we saw in today's lesson is **вот**. We use it when we give something to somebody and it we translate it as "here is.../here are...." It's very easy to use. You just put a noun after it and you're done! Please, note that you don't need a verb after **вот**.

Examples:

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- Вот мои документы.
"Here are my papers."
- Вот паспорт.
"Here's the passport."
- Вот, пожалуйста.
"Here it is."

The Focus of This Lesson is How to Say "That'll be..." in Russian

С вас сто тридцать один доллар.

"That'll be one hundred thirty-one dollars."

С вас is an idiomatic expression that means "that'll be..." (you have to pay...). You use it only when you're checking out of a shop and not when you ask how much something costs.

Example:

1. С вас двадцать рублей.
"That'll be twenty rubles."



Cultural Insight

Travel Tip: Russian Visas

To get a Russian visa you need a *priglaseniye* ("invitation"). It's an official document from a Russian person or a company inviting you to Russia. It's better not to ask your friends to provide this document because the procedure is so long and difficult that your friendship might not survive it. Many companies on the Internet offer the service. It's quick, totally legal, and the prices are reasonable.