

# **В ПУТИ *Second Edition***

## **INTRODUCTION FOR STUDENTS**

As a learner you need to understand what works best for you but you also need to be familiar with the textbook structure. **ONLY BY LEARNING ACTIVELY WILL YOU BECOME PROFICIENT.** Your instructor will help you learn but s/he **CANNOT** do it for you.

### **CHAPTER STRUCTURE**

Each chapter is dedicated to a certain theme or related themes and is divided into three sections. Each ТЕМА deals with a certain aspect of the general thematic focus. This allows learners to review and expand vocabulary gradually. It also allows you and your instructor some flexibility in choosing which texts merit more attention and what vocabulary is most useful.

### **ТЕМА STRUCTURE**

Each ТЕМА is divided into the following two sections:

**I. Подготовка (Preparation):** You may already know many of these words and expressions and this part serves as a refresher.

**II. Язык в жизни (Language in Life):**

1) **The texts** in this section are authentic and represent a variety of genres. Note the peculiarities of the genre (e-mail, Internet forum, etc.) when working on the texts. It is very **IMPORTANT** to read the texts more than once and to listen to them many times. If you just think “Oh, I understand this text”, it is not enough. Whether you are assigned to listen to the texts or not, do it. You will see that you’ve learned the vocabulary without even knowing you were learning it.

2) **Разговоры and mini-dialogs.** Listen to the conversations several times after you’ve filled in the missing words. This will help you memorize chunks of vocabulary. These conversations contain expressions that are widely used in everyday speech. Practice mini-dialogs to use new vocabulary in situations that you may encounter when meeting Russians.

**III. Грамматика: говорите правильно!** The grammar is organized in such a way that it would help you combine what you already know and the new information in each chapter.

### **КУЛЬТУРА И ИСТОРИЯ**

The textbook contains many reading texts, probably more than your instructor will assign. It is **GOOD PRACTICE** to read additional texts. The words that are glossed in the margins do not appear in the vocabulary at the end of the book. When reading, try to guess the meanings of unfamiliar words by context rather than looking up every unfamiliar word in a dictionary. You will also find many reading texts in the SAM. **The Appendix** contains a lot of grammar information in Tables. Start using it right away.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES MANUAL (SAM) contains several sections within each TEMA.**

The Phonetics and Intonation sections will help you to improve your pronunciation and intonation.

The Listening Comprehension section offers a variety of voices and speech genres. The more times you listen to these selections the better you will understand speech in real life situations.

Dictations provide you both with listening and writing practice. If you do them regularly you will notice how much your understanding has improved.

Grammar and vocabulary exercises are intended as written homework. .

Three steps to help memorize vocabulary . These exercises will teach you strategies of vocabulary memorization. Go over 1-43 in Chapter 1 carefully to learn the most effective way of memorizing vocabulary. Keep in mind though that you need to find the ways that work BEST FOR YOU.

**REVIEWS ON THE WEBSITE**

On this Website you will find reviews to be used after every two chapters. The answers keys are provided.

**VIDEOS**

The videos you find on the Website were made for Russian TV and were broadcast in Russia. Four videos appear in the textbook as reviews after chapters 3, 6, 9, and 12. Nine other videos are available on the site. All of them are accompanied by exercises. If you watch the videos many times, you will see that your comprehension of spoken Russian improves. You may also want to work on transcribing the whole video interview or some parts. The idea is the same as with dictations (see above).

**Supplementary Exercises**

Under this section on the Website you will find some interactive exercises. Do them when working on the vocabulary of each chapter.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR SECOND-YEAR RUSSIAN COURSE AND LEARN A LOT!