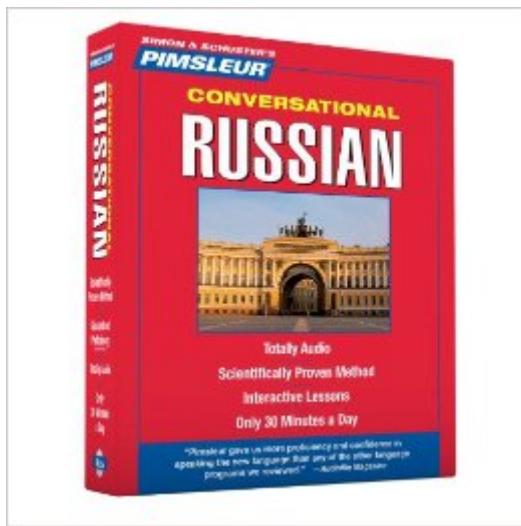


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## **Synopsis**

Pimsleur® equals success. Just one 30-minute lesson a day gets you speaking and understanding like no other program. This course includes Lessons 1-16 from the Russian Level 1 program - 8 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. Topics include: greetings, numbers, meals, shopping, telling time, scheduling activities, and asking and giving directions. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Russian. The Russian Language Russian, one of the six official languages of the United Nations, is the official language in Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, 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**

I got this course for my teenage son because my previous efforts to teach him Russian by providing him with a Russian mom (ME!), trying to have him meet other Russian-speaking kids who live in the

US, and even hiring an American teacher with near-native fluency in Russian and a great sense of humor, failed miserably. So, we read the reviews and decided to try. A few minutes in the car each day seemed like a possibility with his busy schedule at school and tons of homework. We're about half way through these disks, and he is learning to say basic things and is getting more comfortable saying them. Of course, Russian is hard. Really hard. But what this course does well is that it ignores a lot of grammar issues and focuses on conversation. Russians slur and mumble the endings of their words, so perfect grammar might not be appreciated, especially if the circumstances of your Russian conversation are the same as these disks create. Now we get to the fun part. The first couple of lessons focus on the general tourist stuff: where is the Red Square, where is the metro, where is the ticket office, stuff like that. But by about lesson three, I was getting a little worried because most of the conversations go something like this (remember, I bought this for a teenage boy): "Imagine that you just met a Russian woman. Ask her what she would like to drink. Ask her where she would like to drink it. Ask her if she would like to go to a restaurant." My son and I were both laughing. When a later lesson was all about the "your place or mine" discussion, I wondered if I struck a bargain with this one. A Russian course and sex education wrapped all in one. Definitely worth the money. Our current lesson focuses on telling time.

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