



## AS Level Russian – summer work

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This work will prepare you for the demands of AS Russian. We are asking you to complete some grammar exercises which should revise case forms you have met at GCSE level as grammatical accuracy will allow you to express yourself fluently and creatively at A level. We are also asking you to watch some Russian news/TV shows as studying an A level is not only about learning the language, it is also about finding out about and immersing yourself in Russian culture. Finally, we would like you to complete a small amount of written work so as to keep up your fluency over the next few months.

### **You must :**

- Work through the grammar activities on <http://www.russianforfree.com/exercises.php>. Start by accessing 'Course: Russian cases' and read through the explanations of each case and complete the small test at the end of each lesson. Then, under 'Grammar exercises' you can practise using cases with nouns and adjectives, starting with the beginner exercises and working your way up towards intermediate level. All the questions are interactively corrected. Take a note of the cases you still find difficult to review in September.
- Write an introductory letter to your A level teacher about yourself. This should be around 150-160 words long and you should include what you did during the summer. Try to include three tenses.
- Listen to Russian radio using the website/app 'Tune In'.

### **You should :**

- Work through the attached lessons on music/fashion ahead of September. This will prepare you for the level of work.
- Learn as much vocabulary from the attached Topic 1 vocabulary list as possible.

### **You could :**

(use a dictionary to assist you eg: [wordreference.com](http://wordreference.com) and make a note of any new vocabulary encountered in your vocab book)

- Go to a Russian national newspaper's website such as 'Pravda' <http://www.pravda.ru/> and have a go at reading some articles about what is currently happening in Russia.
- Go to the following website : <http://russia.tv/> and click on the section 'Видео'. Here you can watch documentaries, the news, TV shows, etc. Try to watch something from this section at least once a week to keep your ears 'tuned in' to Russian. Don't worry about trying to understand everything!