Unlocking Russian Pronunciation

10-Week Syllabus

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| Week 1: Sound & Identity | |
| Online | Lesson 1 (1 video, 17 minutes) |
| Book | Lesson 1 (Do Exercise 1, check your answers, practice what you missed) |
| Record | Extra Phrases on page 2 (reset your jaw, tongue, and lips each time) |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Watch and listen to your recording and write your observations in the margins of your book or in a separate log. |
| Practice | Extra Phrases on page 2. Keep it short but do it every day! |

Optional for teachers: Check Exercise 1 (page 3) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to practice the Extra Phrases from page 2 in class. Ask them to tell you about the Russian default mouth position – answer key is on page 57. Questions? [kiradimattia@gmail.com](mailto:kiradimattia@gmail.com)!

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| Week 2: Калинка – Sound Inventory | |
| Online | Lesson 2 (3 videos, 35 minutes) |
| Book | Lesson 2 (Do Exercise 2, check your answers, spend 5-10 minutes practicing what you missed) |
| Record | Record the words не, ено́т, идём, ёлка, извини́, чай, чей, ещё (make sure you are resetting your jaw, tongue, and lips each time) |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Learn anything about yourself? |
| Practice | Не, ено́т, идём, ёлка, извини́, чай, чей, ещё (make sure you are resetting your jaw, tongue, and lips each time) |

Optional for teachers: Check Exercise 2 (page 7) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to transcribe a few lines from Калинка in class each day – answer key is on page 58. Remember that the key reflects only the topics covered so far. Your students likely know about vowel reduction already, but please don’t worry about it in the written exercises – we’ll get there!

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| Week 3: Калинка – Hard & Soft Sounds | |
| Online | Lesson 3 (3 videos, 45 minutes) |
| Book | Lesson 3 (Do Review Questions (!), do Exercise 3, check your answers, spend 5-10 minutes practicing what you missed) |
| Record | **If short on time**: Record some of the hard and soft consonant syllables in Table 2 on pages 9-10 of the book. A 1-2 min recording is fine.  **For Jedi-level mastery**: Go to the Lesson 3 Part 1 video, 10:30. Record yourself repeating after Kira through 25:00. Whew! |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Learn anything about yourself? |
| Practice | Hard and soft consonants in Table 2 on pages 9-10 in the book. |

Optional for teachers: Check Review Questions and Exercise 3 (pages 11 and 13) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to transcribe a few words from the Review Questions on page 11 or do a few more lines from Калинка in class each day, especially those containing bolded syllables in the answer key, which is on page 59. Remember not to worry about vowel reduction yet – it’s next up. : )

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| Week 4: Калинка – Vowel Reduction | |
| Online | Lesson 4 (5 videos, 42 minutes) |
| Book | Lesson 4 (Do Review Questions, do Exercise 4, check your answers, spend 5-10 minutes practicing what you missed) |
| Record | **If short on time**: Record some of the lyrics to Калинка from Exercise 4, 1-2 min.  **For Jedi-level mastery**: Go to the Spoken Lyrics video for Калинка, which is located in a different section of the website (you’ll find a Spoken Lyrics category on the left side of the videos pages). Record yourself repeating after Kira. |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Learn anything about yourself? |
| Practice | Lyrics to Калинка or anything else of your choice. Try for 5 min a day. : ) |

Optional for teachers: Check Review Questions and Exercise 4 (pages 18-19) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to transcribe a few words from the Review Questions on page 18 or do some lines from Калинка – with their new knowledge of vowel reduction! Answer key is on page 60. : )

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| Week 5: Цыганская песня | |
| Online | Lesson 5 (5 videos, 37 minutes) |
| Book | Lesson 5 (Do Review Questions, do Exercise 5, check your answers, spend 5-10 minutes practicing what you missed) |
| Record | **If short on time**: Record some of the lyrics to Цыганская песня from Exercise 5, 1-2 min.  **For Jedi-level mastery**: Go to the Spoken Lyrics video for Цыганская песня and record yourself repeating after Kira. |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Learn anything about yourself? |
| Practice | Lyrics to Цыганская песня or anything else of your choice. Try for 5 min a day. : ) |

Optional for teachers: Check Review Questions and Exercise 5 (pages 25-26) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to transcribe some words from the Review Questions on page 25 or do some lines from Цыганская песня – answer key is on page 62.

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| Week 6: Катюша | |
| Online | Lesson 6 (2 videos, 37 minutes) |
| Book | Lesson 6 (Do Review Questions, do Exercise 6, check your answers, spend 5-10 minutes practicing what you missed) |
| Record | **If short on time**: Record some of the lyrics to Катюша from Exercise 6, 1-2 min.  **For Jedi-level mastery**: Go to the Spoken Lyrics video for Катюша and record yourself repeating after Kira. |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Learn anything about yourself? |
| Practice | Lyrics to Катюша or anything else of your choice. Try for 5 min a day. : ) |

Optional for teachers: Check Review Questions and Exercise 6 (pages 30-31) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to transcribe some words from the Review Questions on page 30 or do some lines from Катюша – answer key is on page 63. : )

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| Week 7: Мой костёр в тумане светит | |
| Online | Lesson 7 (1 video, 7 minutes!) |
| Book | Lesson 7 (Do Review Questions, do Exercise 7, check your answers, spend 5-10 minutes practicing what you missed) |
| Record | **If short on time**: Record some of the lyrics to Мой костёр в тумане светит from Exercise 7, 1-2 min.  **For Jedi-level mastery**: Go to the Spoken Lyrics video for Мой костёр в тумане светит and record yourself repeating after Kira. |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Learn anything about yourself? |
| Practice | Lyrics to Мой костёр в тумане светит or anything else of your choice, 5 min/day. : ) |

Optional for teachers: Check Review Questions and Exercise 7 (pages 35-36) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to transcribe some words from the Review Questions on page 35 or do some lines from Мой костёр – answer key is on page 64. : )

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| Week 8: Подмосковные вечера | |
| Online | Lesson 8 (4 videos, 19 minutes) |
| Book | Lesson 8 (Do Review Questions, do Exercise 8, check your answers, spend 5-10 minutes practicing what you missed) |
| Record | **If short on time**: Record some of the lyrics to Подмосковные вечера from Exercise 8, 1-2 min.  **For Jedi-level mastery**: Go to the Spoken Lyrics video for Подмосковные вечера and record yourself repeating after Kira. |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Learn anything about yourself? |
| Practice | Lyrics to Подмосковные вечера or anything else of your choice. 5 min a day. : ) |

Optional for teachers: Check Review Questions and Exercise 8 (pages 41-42) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to transcribe some words from the Review Questions on page 41 or do some some lines from Подмосковные вечера – answer key is on page 65. : )

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| Week 9: Тонкая рябина | |
| Online | Lesson 9 (1 video, 9 minutes!) |
| Book | Lesson 9 (Do Review Questions, do Exercise 9, check your answers, spend 5-10 minutes practicing what you missed) |
| Record | **If short on time**: Record some of the lyrics to Тонкая рябина from Exercise 9, 1-2 min.  **For Jedi-level mastery**: Go to the Spoken Lyrics video for Тонкая рябина and record yourself repeating after Kira. |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Learn anything about yourself? |
| Practice | Lyrics to Тонкая рябина or anything else of your choice. Try for 5 min a day. : ) |

Optional for teachers: Check Review Questions and Exercise 9 (pages 45-46) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to transcribe some words from the Review Questions on page 45 or do some lines from Тонкая рябина – answer key is on page 66. : )

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| Week 10: Грузинксая песня | |
| Online | Lesson 10 (4 videos, 24 minutes!) |
| Book | Lesson 10 (Do Review Questions, do Exercise 10, check your answers, spend 5-10 minutes practicing what you missed) |
| Record | **If short on time**: Record some of the lyrics to Грузинская песня from Exercise 10.  **For Jedi-level mastery**: Go to the Spoken Lyrics video for Грузинская песня and record yourself repeating after Kira. |
| Reflect | What are you noticing? What did you do well? What needs work? Learn anything about yourself? |
| Practice | Lyrics to Грузинская песня or anything else of your choice. 5 min a day. : ) |

Optional for teachers: Check Review Questions and Exercise 10 (pages 50, 52 and 53) for completion and collect reflections if desired. Invite students to transcribe some words from the Review Questions on page 50 or do some lines from Грузинская песня – answer key is on page 67. And congratulations! You made it!