

I have used «УРА! Уроки русского англоговорящим. Russian for Speakers of English» for beginners' class at the University of Glasgow – what a pleasure to teach and to learn with this very structured and creative text book! The tasks for completion individually, in group and in pairs are equally entertaining and reasonably challenging. Music and songs make any lesson memorable. As a teacher I can highly recommend this course to all tutors teaching Russian to English speaking students: indispensable set of class materials and home works in one, supplemented with grammar and stories about Russia.

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«УРА! Уроки русского англоговорящим. Russian for Speakers of English» is a brilliant book, written by Dr Nadezhda Bragina, a very helpful and creative course for complete beginners. It's got everything you need to learn the Russian language. It covers all the basic topics for those starting a new language, has basic simple grammar with good clear explanations and exercises. Vocabulary & structures chosen are useful, practical, necessary items.

Every lesson starts with unique information-text, which gives students the chance to learn more about Russians, their culture and traditions, which is a great interest for students and motivation for learning a language.

The presentation of vocabulary is excellent, well put together and has bright visual aid to practice it. Nadezhda Bragina also has developed presentation cards with vocabulary that can be used to practice it the class in different activities (matching, description, pair work etc.), which is very effective way of learning and memorizing.

It also comes with CD which has helpful listening conversation dialogues and Songs on different topics/vocabulary, which were great success with students and more fun way of learning.

I also found Vocabulary list with translation, which ends every Lesson and Grammar Commentary in the end of the books very useful.

The whole impression of the book is very good and positive.

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“УРА! Уроки русского англоговорящим. Russian for Speakers of English” was successfully used in the teaching process at Dundee Russian School during the previous academic years.

To the advantages of the book I would refer clear and simple introduction to the colloquial Russian. The textbook contains all main topics of everyday Russian language that the visitors to Russia might find not only useful but crucially important to navigate easily in a Russian speaking environment. Those include transport, hotels, shopping, services etc. I think it's quite a novelty for the textbooks like that to include articles in English providing introduction into the reality of Russian life, customs and traditions. We also use this approach widely in our practice to increase the motivation of the students and for their deeper immersion into the cultural space that is brand new for them.

It was also helpful to have a workbook matching the textbook that gives an extra opportunity for the home work and exercises.

We'll be happy to use this textbook again in our practice and provide a further feedback from teachers and students.

Dr Andriy Sukhodub

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The book «УРА! Уроки русского англоговорящим. Russian for Speakers of English» written by Dr Nadezda Bragina is a very helpful aid for the English speaking learners. The book is carefully structured and covers all important everyday topics. The texts that open each new theme are of great interest to the learners. The information given in the texts captures their attention and builds up interest to find out more about Russian language and culture. They set direction, content and propose ways in which the lesson is to be built. Those students who have some experience, for example have been to Russia or have Russian friends tend to discuss the texts both in English and Russian language.

The recordings are carefully conducted - the speech provided is clearly and slowly articulated, thus giving the learners a distinct understanding of pronunciation peculiarities and easy comprehension of material given.

The CD's songs, performed by the author are of great help and interest to the learners. To my point of view, the songs are the key advantage of the CD. The learners are eager to repeat the song. This way the material or the items that have been not clear or difficult to pronounce are

easily shaped into a song. While singing the student loses the tension and pronounces the difficult parts easier and correct.

The number of rhymes gives accurate and systematic approach to the material and facilitates the process of understanding and remembering.

All in all the impression left by the book is very fresh. Due to her creativity Dr Bragina makes the process of studying easy which motivates and gives the learners initiative to continue learning.

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