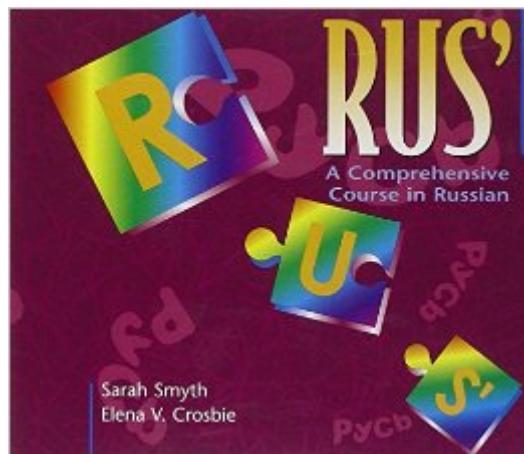


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- Teachers' guidelines to enhance practical application in the classroom
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First of all, a warning: this CD set is totally useless without a book that is sold separately! The CD set is not a stand-alone course but instead is the audio-portion of the book-based course. Secondly, a disclaimer: this review is based on the CD set only. I have not read the book. I understand that this is unfair to the course as it was conceived by the authors, but it is fair for the item - CD set- which is sold separately by and other stores. The course was designed to be either a classroom tool, or a self-study. The quality of audio is good throughout. The instructor is a British woman, who

is fast and pressured in her speech. There is about half a dozen native Russian speakers participating in the course. Their pronunciation is a mainstream Russian. Unfortunately, the native speakers do not sound like trained actors, more like random recruits from the street. As a result, the diction is sometimes difficult to understand. A major problem is that words are pronounced only once, quite fast, and pronunciation differs markedly from speaker to speaker. The latter is to be expected in real life, but makes it very difficult for a student to follow. I happen to be a native Russian speaker (I bought the set for my wife) and was surprised to have such a difficulty understanding my compatriots! And that's from Lesson 1! In conclusion, as an intensive in-class course it appears to be adequate. As a self-learning tool - hardly so.

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