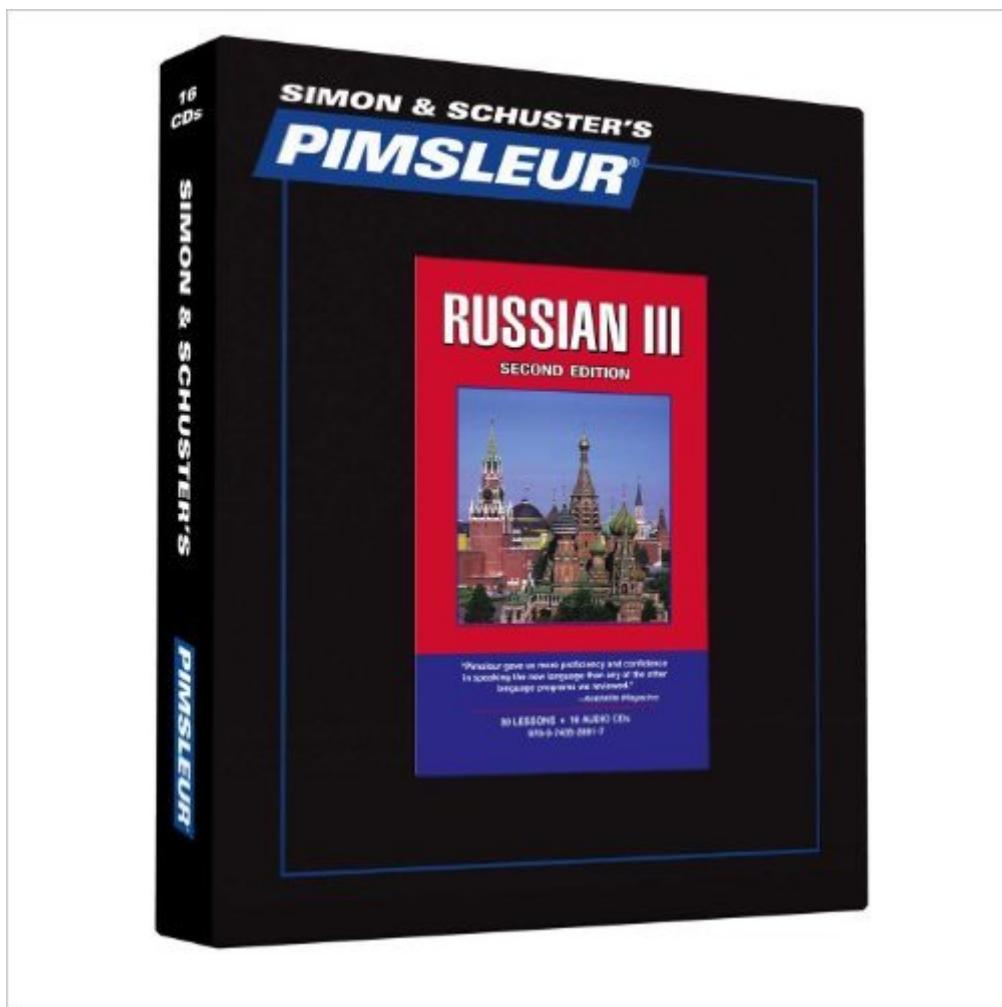


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## Synopsis

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Whatâ™s Included? - 30, 30-minute audio lessons - 60 minutes of reading instruction to provide you practice reading Russian - In total, 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers - a Reading Booklet and Userâ™s Guide What Youâ™ll Learn Builds upon skills taught in Pimsleurâ™s Russian Levels 1 and 2. In the first 10 lessons, you will expand your vocabulary and increase your fluency to an even higher level. Youâ™ll gain experience participating in many informal and some formal discussions on practical, social, and semiprofessional topics. Youâ™ll skillfully form longer, more complex sentences, and most importantly, youâ™ll find yourself being understood, even by native speakers unused to dealing with foreigners. Youâ™ll be able to join in conversations eagerly, confident of being understood. In the next 10 lessons, your skills will demonstrate ever-increasing mastery of Russian. Speaking with grace and complete naturalness, youâ™ll enjoy fluid conversations on many new subjects. Delving deeper into cultural norms and situations, youâ™ll find yourself responding effortlessly, and able to choose from a wide accumulation of vocabulary and structures. In the final 10 lessons, youâ™re nearing fluency with agile responses, and a natural sounding, near-native accent. Youâ™re able to utilize the language in subtle ways, and speak using past, present, and future tenses. Self-confidence soars as you no longer experience the language and culture as a foreigner, but as someone with a deepening insight into the Russian-speaking world. Reading Lessons are included at the end of Lesson 30. These lessons, which total about one hour, are designed to give you practice reading Russian, to provide vocabulary and improve pronunciation. Before you know it, youâ™ll be reading Russian with the

ease and flexibility of a native speaker. The Pimsleur Method We make no secret of what makes this powerful method work so well. Paul Pimsleur spent his career researching and perfecting the precise elements anyone can use to learn a language quickly and easily. Here are a few of his âœsecretsâ •: The Principle of Anticipation In the nanosecond between a cue and your response, your brain has to work to come up with the right word. Having to do this boosts retention, and cements the word in your mind. Core Vocabulary Words, phrases, and sentences are selected for their usefulness in everyday conversation. We donâ™t overwhelm you with too much, but steadily increase your ability with every lesson. Graduated Interval Recall Reminders of new words and structures come up at the exact interval for maximum retention and storage into your long-term memory. Organic Learning You work on multiple aspects of the language simultaneously. We integrate grammar, vocabulary, rhythm, melody, and intonation into every lesson, which allows you to experience the language as a living, expressive form of human culture. Learning in Context Research has shown that learning new words in context dramatically accelerates your ability to remember. Every scene in every Pimsleur lesson is set inside a conversation between two people. There are no drills, and no memorization necessary for success. Active Participation The Pimsleur Method + active learner participation = success. This method works with every language and every learner who follows it. You gain the power to recall and use what you know, and to add new words easily, exactly as you do in English. 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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