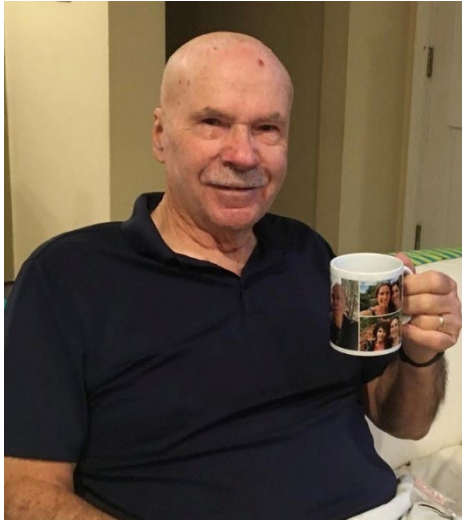


Learn Russian by Tom Lockhart



America's relationship with Russia has ebbed and flowed over the last two centuries, from our great ally in World War II to our arch rival in the Cold War for forty years. But through it all the Russian language remained a great tool of conversation in many parts of eastern Europe and throughout the former Soviet Union. It is one of the United Nations' six official languages since that organization's founding.

Donald Cook brings the Russian language to life in his **Russian Language 101** class. He'll take you through the mystery of the Cyrillic alphabet, an outgrowth of the Greek alphabet, on which Russian is based. You will get an introduction to the language that will have you speaking and writing it at an elementary level on the first day. Don developed an interest in language early in his life, and followed up on it in high school language classes and the U.S. Army. He will use techniques he learned while at the U.S. Army Language School and from the Berlitz Corporation.

Don will demonstrate an aspect of Russian sure to impress any American; Russian pronunciation has few of the annoying idiosyncrasies of English, like *rough* and *though* not rhyming and *fat chance* and *slim chance* meaning the same thing.

An added benefit will be that if you are ever in Russia and get thrown in jail for having even one American-made candy bar in your luggage, you'll be able to converse with the prison staff while waiting to hear your 20-year sentence. Their psychiatrist can explain why that candy bar should not have been so important to you.

