



Test of Russian as a Foreign Language



In June 2010 the Russian Language Centre is offering the Russian State Tests of Russian as a Foreign Language (ТРКИ) for the first time. The test is open to all – at present we are the only UK institution offering the test to external candidates.

What is TRKI?

TRKI is the Russian national test of Russian as a foreign language, similar to DELF in French, or TOEFL and Cambridge ESOL in English. There are 6 levels: Elementary, Basic, and 1st to 4th Certificates.

What are the benefits of TRKI?

- The main advantage of TRKI over other qualifications (e.g. GCSE, A Level and UK degrees) is that levels correspond to a common European standard (called [CEFR](#)). Your level of Russian can thus be more easily judged by prospective employers in all European countries, and compared to speakers of other foreign languages.
- TRKI is also the only Russian language qualification for foreigners officially recognised in Russia itself (TRKI 1st certificate, for example, is a requirement for any foreigner wishing to enter a Russian university).
- We also believe that TRKI is simply a better and more practical test of Russian than many UK academic exams.

What does the test involve?

The test comprises five 'subtests': (1) Reading; (2) Writing; (3) Grammar and Vocabulary; (4) Listening; (5) Speaking. Depending on the level, each subtest lasts between 30 minutes and 1½ hours.

When will the test take place?

The test will be held at Pushkin House on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 June 2010. Written subtests (1-3) will be on the first day, oral subtests (4-5) on the second day. Depending on your level, tests will be held on two mornings or two afternoons, so you will need to set aside two half-days to complete the test.

How much does it cost?

	Elementary, Basic, 1st Certificate	2nd, 3rd, 4th Certificate
External candidates*	£130 (incl. VAT)	£150 (incl. VAT)

*We also offer a discounted rate for students enrolled on our spring term or who book 10 hours of individual tuition. Please enquire for more information.

How do I prepare for the test?

If you want to sit the test you will need to take an hour-long assessment with our Senior Tutor to determine which level of the exam is best for you. This costs £30, which is deductible from the price of the exam. We will then provide information and sample tests to help you prepare. You are also welcome to come to us for individual preparation or to join one of our TRKI preparation groups.

How do I enrol for the test?

The official closing date for applications is **30 April 2010**. Please contact us and we will send you an application form.

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