



## SLST 101: Beginning Russian I (1.5 units) Fall 2025 – University of Victoria

Читаем и понимаем. Reading Russian folk tale “Курочка Ряба” Riaba the Hen

Read the text aloud (You may choose to listen to the recording first.). Remember the pronunciation rules you have learned: reduction of unstressed vowels, consonant assimilation and devoicing of a final consonant.



Курочка Ряба  
Русская народная сказка

Жили-были дед да баба. И была у них курочка Ряба.

Riaba the Hen  
A Russian folk tale

Once there lived an old man and an old woman. And they had a hen Riaba.

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### Schedule

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 10:30am until 11:20am

### Prerequisites

none

### Description

The course is designed for students with no previous knowledge of Russian. In this course, you will learn the basics of Russian through the acquisition of vocabulary and grammar used in everyday interaction. By the end of the course, you will be able to read, write, speak and comprehend Russian in selected typical situations, and also appreciate various aspects of Russian culture.

### Textbooks

- Sputnik, An Introductory Russian Language Course, Part I (Textbook)
- Sputnik, An Introductory Russian Language Course, Part I (Workbook)



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