

World Language Declamation

DIALOGUE TOPICS: Russian

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LEVEL 1: (Speak for 1.5-2.5 minutes about one of the topics below.)

- Introduce yourselves to each other, as if you were meeting for the first time
- Ask each other about your friends
- Ask each other about your school day
- Ask each other about what you like/don't like to do in your free time
- Call a friend and decide what you would like to do this weekend
- Call a friend and ask what they are wearing for an upcoming event.
- Discuss which sports you play, like to watch, and like and dislike
- Ask each other about your families
- Ask each other what you like to do at different times of the year
- Ask each other about your best friend
- Ask each other about your siblings and pets
- Ask each other what you do before school, during school and after school.
- Order a meal as if one person is the waiter and one is the customer
- Purchase an article of clothing as if one person is the salesclerk and one is the customer
- Buy a ticket to a movie, concert or sporting event as if one person is the salesclerk and one is the customer.

LEVEL 2: (Speak for 2-3 minutes about one of the topics below.)

- Plan a surprise birthday party for a mutual friend
- Plan to go on a picnic with a friend
- One person is a very needy and dissatisfied customer in a restaurant, talking with the waiter or waitress.
- Talk with an airline representative about your missing luggage/suitcase.
- Enact a shopping scenario in which the customer is very needy and/or picky, but does eventually buy some clothes.
- One person is a tourist and asks a local what to do in this town and where things are
- Ask each other about how you celebrate different holidays
- Discuss where you would each like to go on your next vacation and why, convince one person to agree to your vacation spot
- Ask each other about where you live, your homes, and any chores you have to do at home
- Ask your partner for help in some of your classes at school, talk about why you have missed class or why you don't understand the material
- Ask your partner about a place they know of in the country you are studying and why you should go there and what you should see.

LEVEL 3: (Speak for 2.5-3 minutes. Only a few examples of topics are listed below. Topics will be in the present or past tense—students will have to describe, compare or convince)

- Convince a friend to go to a movie or concert, that he or she doesn't want to attend.
- Ask each other about your past travels
- A reporter is interviewing you about an accident or crime that you just witnessed.
- Both of you want to go on vacation together but you have different ideas, discuss the pros and cons of each trip/plan and come to a decision.
- Convince a friend to avoid a certain restaurant.
- Ask each other what you did over winter break
- Ask each other about a recent school event that one person attended and the other did not
- Talk about an article that one of you recently read online.

LEVEL 4/5/AP/Native Speaker/Immersion: (Speak for 3.5-4 minutes. Only a few examples of topics are listed below. Topics will prompt students to use all tenses, and they will have to debate, compare, convince, and/or hypothesize. AP themes guide the realm of topics.)

- Debate a current event
- Introduce Alaska to a very inquisitive tourist
- Debate how the American school system compares with a foreign school system
- Convince a friend to apply for an exchange program
- Convince a friend continue studying multiple languages in college
- Discuss your future plans and goals
- Discuss what you think is the most beautiful place in the world and why.
- Debate whether/how you think social media helps or hurts teenagers today. How do American habits differ from those of teenagers in the countries you are studying?