

The slides in this booklet are based on the five corresponding video tutorials
Russian Verbal Aspect in Contrast
at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AmazingRussian>

In this grammar tutorial, you will learn about the verbal aspect by comparing and contrasting different forms of the verb in context.

You will also learn how to differentiate and use imperfective and perfective verbs by practicing them through numerous examples and exercises.

The grammar tutorial is made for students of the high-beginning level (A-1, A-2); however, it can be useful for anyone who needs clarification, better understanding and practice in using the verbs in context.

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Imperfective and Perfective Forms



Group 1: Prefixation

НСВ	СВ	English equivalent
читать	прочитать	to read
есть	съесть	to eat
смотреть	посмотреть	to watch; to look
писать	написать	to write
готовить	приготовить	to cook; to prepare
пить	выпить	to drink

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PREFIXES

Example #4: гото́вить — пригото́вить. Repeated Action vs. One-Time Action

Imperfective НСВ
repeated action не 1 раз

Perfective СВ
one-time action 1 раз

ГОТОВИТЬ

ПРИГОТОВИТЬ



Сергей **всегда** **ГОТОВИТ** обед.
Sergey always cooks dinner.

Маша **приготовила** обед.
Masha has cooked dinner.

How It Looks on a Timeline



1 раз



не 1 раз



ПРИГОТОВИЛА

ГОТОВИТ

всегда

Example #5: покупать — купить. Repeated Action vs. One-Time Action

Imperfective НСВ

repeated action не 1 раз

покупать



Perfective СВ

one-time action 1 раз

купить



Ира **обычно** **покупает** овощи на рынке. Сегодня она тоже **купила** овощи.
Irene usually buys vegetables at the market. Today she also bought vegetables.

Practice 1: Let's Do It Together! Давайте вместе!



Марк _____ газету.

читает
прочитал



Маша _____ обед.

ГОТОВИТ
приготовила



Михаил _____ статью.

пишет
написал



Сергей _____ пиццу.

ест
съел