

This answer is an example of a candidate's answer. Please, note that this is just one example out of several possible approaches.

Task C1-A

Recommended task completion time – 30 minutes.

Email

This is part of an email you have received from your English pen friend Simon, who writes:

... You know, I've been studying Russian for 5 months, but I keep forgetting the new words we've studied in class! What do you think I should do?

By the way, how popular is learning English in Russia?

Write an **email** to Simon.

In your email you **must**:

- give him advice and explain why you have this opinion
- answer his question

Remember the rules of email writing.
You don't need to write the addresses.

Write your answer in **100-140 words**.

Email

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your letter. Sorry, I haven't written for so long because I've been busy with my exams.

In your letter you asked me about learning a foreign language. I think the best way to learn some foreign words and remember them well is to practise using them with a native speaker. I study English with a private teacher from Britain. She came to Russia to study our culture and traditions. Now my skills are much better. So, you should try to find a native speaker and talk with him as much as possible.

As for learning English in Russia, it is extremely popular here – children study English at school, students do it at universities and there are lots of English courses to join to improve your skills.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

Sasha