



Lesson 2: Survival Phrases #2 - You're Welcome!

Пожалуйста

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson we continue on with basic etiquette. The Russians are exceptionally hospitable, and phrases of gratitude and those related are used at an extremely high frequency. During your travels in Russia, while you may not get the chance to use Russian phrase for "You're welcome." there is a very good chance you'll hear it. In Russian "You're welcome." is pazhalusta. Pazhalusta literally means "please". Another way of responding to a phrase of gratitude is Ne za shto, which means "It's nothing". The first word ne means "not". It is followed by za which is "for". The third word, shto means "what". It corresponds to the English "it's nothing".

PHRASES

Russian	Romanization	English
Не за что	Ne za shto.	You're welcome (informal).
Пожалуйста	Pazhalusta.	You're welcome.

QUICK TIP

So next time when you hear the word spasiba which is "thank you" in English and you want to say "You're welcome" you can use both expressions of this lesson!