

Russian Perfective Verbs

Russian Perfective Verbs refer to those actions which are complete, or one-off in nature. For example - "*I **wrote** a letter (to completion)*" is a perfective action, while "*I **was writing** a letter*" is an imperfective action, as it does not denote completing the action.

This page lists the most important Perfective Verbs. The table outlines phonetics, as well as the conjugation pattern required (this is indicated by the number 1 or 2). Refer to our [Russian Verbs page](#) for further explanation of conjugation patterns, as well as the correct usage of perfective verbs in past and future tense. Remember that perfective verbs cannot be used in the present tense.

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| English Verb | Russian Verb (Perfective) | (Phonetics) |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| To Add (Be Added) | Добавить | 2 (da-BA-vit') |
| To Admit (Confess) | Признать | 1 (pri-ZNAT') |
| To Advise (Consult) | Посоветовать (ся) | (pa-sa-VYE-ta-vat') |
| To Agree | Согласиться | (sa-gla-SEET'-sya) |
| To Allow (To Be Solved) | Разрешить (ся) | 2 (raz-ri-SHEET') |
| To Allow / Permit | Позволить | 2 (pa-ZVO-lit') |
| To Amaze / Surprise | Удивить (ся) | 2 (oo-di-VEET') |
| To Annoy (Get Angry) | Рассердить (ся) | 2 (ra-sir-DEET') |
| To Answer | Ответить | 2 (ad-VYE-tit') |
| To Appear | Появиться | (pa-ya-VEET'-sya) |
| To Argue | Поспорить | 2 (pa-SPO-rit') |
| To Arrange (Get a Job) | Устроить (ся) | 2 (oo-STRO-it') |
| To Ask | Спросить | 2 (spra-SEET') |
| To Ask / Request | Попросить | 2 (pa-pra-SEET') |
| To Assign / Give | Задать | (za-DAT') |
| To Attract | Привлечь | 1 (priv-LYECH') |
| To Bathe (Go Swimming) | Выкупать (ся) | 1 (VIY-koo-pat') |
| To Be / To Exist | - | |
| To Be Able | Смочь | (smoch') |
| To Be Born | Родиться | (ra-DEET'-sya) |
| To Be Disappointed | Обмануться | (ab-ma-NOOT'-sya) |
| To Be Engaged in | Заняться | (zan-YAT'-sa) |
| To be ill / become ill | Заболеть | 1 (za-ba-LYET') |
| To Be Late | Опоздать | 1 (a-paz-DAT') |
| To Be Located / Situated | Найтись | (nay-TEES') |
| To Be Mistaken | Ошибиться | (a-shi-BEET'-sya) |
| To Be Proud Of | Возгордиться | (vaz-gar-DEET'-sya) |
| To Be Slow / Fall Behind | Отстать | (at-STAT') |
| To Beat, Hit, Defeat | Побить | 1 (pa-BEET') |
| To Become | Стать | (stat') |
| To Begin / Start | Начать | (na-CHAT') |
| To Believe | Поверить | 2 (pa-VYE-rit) |
| To Bid Farewell | Проститься | (pra-STEET'-sya) |
| To Boil / Cook | Сварить (ся) | 2 (sva-REET') |
| To Break | Сломать | 1 (sla-MAT') |
| To Breathe | Подышать | 2 (pa-diy-SHAT') |
| To Bring | Принести | (pri-ni-STEE) |
| To Bring in / Carry | Внести | (vni-STEE) |
| To Bring in / Introduce | Ввести | (vi-STEE) |
| To Build | Построить | 2 (pa-STRO-it') |
| To Buy | Купить | 2 (koo-PEET') |
| To Call / Invite | Позвать | (pa-ZVAT') |
| To Call / Name (be called) | Назвать (ся) | (na-ZVAT') |
| To Call / Send For | Вызвать | (VIY-zvat') |
| To Call by Telephone | Позвонить | 2 (pa-zva-NEET') |
| To Catch | Поймать | 1 (pay-MAT') |
| To Celebrate | Отпраздновать | (at-PRA-zdna-vat') |
| To Change | Поменять | 1 (pa-min-YAT') |
| To Change (Vary) | Изменить (ся) | 2 (iz-mi-NEET') |
| To Cheat / Deceive | Обмануть | 1 (ab-ma-NOOT') |

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| To Choose | Выбрать | (VIY-brat') |
| To Clean | Почистить | 2 (pa-CHEE-stit') |
| To Climb | Вскарабкаться | (fska-RAP-kat'-sya) |
| To Close (Be Closed) | Закр<u>ы</u>ть (ся) | (za-KRIYT') |
| To Collect (Assemble) | Собрать (ся) | (sa-BRAT') |
| To Compare | Сравнить (ся) | 2 (sрав-NEET') |
| To Complain | Пожаловаться | (pa-ZHA-la-vat'-sya) |
| To Conduct / Spend Time | Провести | (pra-vi-STEE) |
| To Congratulate | Поздравить | 2 (pa-ZDRA-vit') |
| To Continue / Extend | Продолжить | 2 (pra-DOL-zheet') |
| To Converse | - | |
| To Cost | - | |
| To Cough | Покашлять | 1 (pa-KASH-lit') |
| To Count / Consider | Сосчитать | 1 (sa-shchi-TAT') |
| To Create | Сотворить | 2 (sa-tva-REET') |
| To Create / Found | Создать (ся) | (sa-ZDAT') |
| To Cry / Weep | Заплакать | (za-PLA-kat') |
| To Cut | Зарезать | 1 (za-RYE-zat') |
| To Dance | Потанцевать | (pa-tan-tsi-VAT') |
| To Dare To | Посметь | 1 (pa-SMYET') |
| To Decide | Решить | 2 (ri-SHEET') |
| To Demand | Потребовать (ся) | (pa-TRYE-ba-vat') |
| To Depart | Отбыть | (ad-BIYT') |
| To Describe | Описать | 1 (a-pi-SAT') |
| To Die | Умереть | (oo-mi-RYET') |
| To Differentiate | Отличить | 2 (ad-li-CHEET') |
| To Dig | Копнуть | 1 (kap-NOOT') |
| To Disappear | Исчезнуть | 1 (is-CHYEZ-noot') |
| To Discuss | Обсудить | 2 (ap-soo-DEET') |
| To Divide (Confide In) | Поделить (ся) | 2 (pa-di-LEET') |
| To Do (To Become) | Сделать (ся) | 1 (ZDYE-lat') |
| To Dream / Daydream | Помечтать | 1 (pa-mich-TAT') |
| To Dress (Get Dressed) | Одеть (ся) | (a-DYET') |
| To Drink | Выпить | (VIY-peat') |
| To Earn / Begin to work | Заработать | 1 (za-ra-BO-tat') |
| To Eat | Съесть | (s-YEST') |
| To Embarrass / Confuse | Смутить | 2 (smoo-TEET') |
| To Employ / Use | Воспользоваться | (vas-POL'-za-vat'-sya) |
| To Encourage | Поощрить | 2 (pa-asch-REET') |
| To Enter | Войти | (vaiy-TEE) |
| To Examine | Осмотреть | 2 (a-sma-TRYET') |
| To Excuse (Apologise) | Извинить (ся) | 2 (iz-vi-NEET') |
| To Exit | Выйти | (VIYY-ti) |
| To Explain | Объяснить | 2 (ab-is-NEET') |
| To Fear | Побояться | 2 (pa-ba-YAT'-sa) |
| To Feed | Накормить | 2 (na-kar-MEET') |
| To Feel | Почувствовать | (pa-CHOOST-va-vat') |
| To Fight / Struggle | Подра<u>т</u>ься | (pa-DRAT'-sya) |
| To Find Out / Discover | Найти | (nay-TEE) |
| To Finish (Come to end) | Закончить (ся) | 2 (za-KON-chit') |

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| To Finish / Complete | Кончить (ся) | 2 (KON-chit') |
| To Fix | Починить | 2 (pa-chi-NEET') |
| To Follow | Последовать | (pa-SLYE-da-vat') |
| To Forget | Забить | (za-BIYT') |
| To Forgive / Pardon | Простить | 2 (pra-STEET') |
| To Gain | Одержать | 2 (a-dir-ZHAT') |
| To Get / To Achieve | Добиться | (da-BEET'-sya) |
| To Get a Suntan | Загореть | 2 (za-ga-RYET') |
| To Get Divorced | Развестись | (raz-vi-STEES') |
| To Get Tired | Устать | (oo-STAT') |
| To Get Up | Встать | (fstat') |
| To Give | Дать | (dat') |
| To Give a Present | Подарить | 2 (pa-da-REET') |
| To Give Birth to | Родить | 2 (ra-DEET') |
| To Grow | Прибыть | (pri-BIYT') |
| To Hang (Hang Oneself) | Повесить (ся) | 2 (pa-VYE-sit') |
| To Happen / Occur | Случиться | (sloo-CHEET'-sya) |
| To Hate | Возненавидеть | 2 (vaz-ne-na-VEE-dit') |
| To Have (Be Present) | - | |
| To Have a Meal | Поесть | (pa-YEST') |
| To Have Breakfast | Позавтракать | 1 (pa-ZAF-tra-kat') |
| To Have Lunch | Пообедать | 1 (pa-a-BYE-dat') |
| To Have Supper | Пужинать | 1 (pa-OO-zhi-nat') |
| To Have Time / Succeed | Успеть | 1 (oo-SPYET') |
| To Hear | Услышать | 2 (oo-SLIY-shat') |
| To Help | Помочь | (pa-MOCH') |
| To Hide / Conceal | Спрятать | (SPRYA-tat') |
| To Hold / Keep (Hold on) | Подержать (ся) | 2 (pa-dir-ZHAT') |
| To Hope | Понадеяться | (pa-na-DYE-yat'-sa) |
| To Hug / Embrace | Обнять | 1 (ab-NYAT') |
| To Hurry | Поспешить | 2 (pa-spi-SHEET') |
| To Imagine | Вообразить | 2 (va-ab-ra-ZEET') |
| To Indicate / Point Out | Указать | (oo-ka-ZAT') |
| To Inform / Communicate | Сообщить (ся) | 2 (sa-ap-SHCHEET') |
| To Insult | Обидеть | 1 (a-BEE-dit') |
| To Interest / Excite | Заинтересовать (ся) | (za-in-ti-ri-sa-VAT') |
| To Invite | Пригласить | 2 (prig-la-SEET') |
| To Iron / Press | Погладить | 2 (pa-GLA-dit') |
| To Joke | Пошутить | 2 (pa-shoo-TEET') |
| To Jump | Прыгнуть | 1 (PRIY-gnoot') |
| To Keep in Mind | Запомнить | 2 (za-POM-nit') |
| To Keep Silent | Помолчать | 2 (pa-mal-CHAT') |
| To Kill | Убить | (oo-BEET') |
| To Kiss | Поцеловать (ся) | (pa-tsi-la-VAT') |
| To Knock | Постучать (ся) | 2 (pa-stoo-CHAT') |
| To Know | - | |
| To Know How To | Суметь | 1 (soo-MYET') |
| To Labor / Work | Потрудиться | (pa-troo-DEET'-sya) |
| To Laugh | Засмеяться | (za-sme-YAT'-sa) |
| To Learn / Study | Научить (ся) | (na-oo-CHEET') |

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| To Lie | Полежать | 2 (pa-li-ZHAT') |
| To Lie Down / Go to Bed | Лечь | (lyech') |
| To Lift / Raise (Ascend) | Поднять (ся) | (pad-NYAT') |
| To Light / Illuminate | Осветить | 2 (a-svi-TEET') |
| To Listen | Послушать | 1 (pa-SLOO-shat') |
| To Live | Пожить | (pa-ZHEET') |
| To Look / Watch | Посмотреть | 2 (pa-sma-TRYET') |
| To Look at (oneself) | Поглядеть (ся) | 2 (pa-gli-DYET') |
| To Look for / To Seek | Поискать | (pa-i-SKAT') |
| To Look Like (Appear) | - | |
| To Lose / Misplace | Потерять | 1 (pa-ti-RYAT') |
| To Lose / Not Win | Проиграть | 1 (pra-i-GRAT') |
| To Love / Like | Полюбить | 2 (pa-lyoo-BEET') |
| To Make a Mistake | Описаться | (a-pi-SAT'-sya) |
| To Manage / Control | Управит (ся) | 2 (oo-PRA-vit') |
| To Mark / Note | Отметить | 2 (ad-MYE-tit') |
| To Marry (said of a man) | Поженить | 2 (pa-zhi-NEET') |
| To Marry (said of couple) | Пожениться | 2 (pa-zhi-NEET'-sya) |
| To Mean | - | |
| To Meet | Встретить (ся) | 2 (FSTRYE-tit') |
| To Meet / Get Acquainted | Познакомиться | (pa-zna-KO-mit'-sya) |
| To Mend / Correct | Поправить (ся) | 2 (pa-PRA-vit') |
| To Miss | Проскучать | 1 (pra-skoo-CHAT') |
| To Nod One's Head | Кивнуть | 1 (kiv-NOOT') |
| To Notice / Observe | Заметить | 2 (za-MYE-tit') |
| To Object To | Возразить | 2 (vaz-ra-ZEET') |
| To Occupy / Borrow | Занять | (zan-YAT') |
| To Occur / Happen | - | |
| To Offer / Propose | Предложить | 2 (prid-la-ZHEET') |
| To Open | Открыть | (at-KRIYT') |
| To Order / Reserve | Заказать | (za-ka-ZAT') |
| To Organize | Организовать | (or-ga-ni-za-VAT') |
| To Paint / Draw | Нарисовать | (na-ri-sa-VAT') |
| To Pay | Заплатить | 2 (za-pla-TEET') |
| To Persuade / Convince | Убедить | (oo-bi-DEET') |
| To Pity / Feel Sorry For | Пожалеть | 1 (pa-zha-LYET') |
| To Place / Stand | Поставить | 2 (pa-STA-vit') |
| To Play | Сыграть | 1 (siy-GRAT') |
| To Please / To Like | Понравиться | (pa-NRA-vit'-sya) |
| To Praise | Похвалить | 2 (pa-hva-LEET') |
| To Prefer | Предпочесть | (prid-pa-CHYEST') |
| To Prepare (Get Ready) | Приготовить (ся) | 2 (pri-ga-TO-vit') |
| To Press / Pinch | Пожать | (pa-ZHAT') |
| To Promise | Пообещать | 1 (pa-a-bi-SHCHAT') |
| To Pronounce | Произнести | (pra-iz-ni-STEE) |
| To Protect / Preserve | Сохранить (ся) | 2 (sa-hra-NEET') |
| To Publish | Издать | (iz-DAT') |
| To Pull (Stretch) | Потянуть (ся) | (pa-tyi-NOOT') |
| To Pull / Tear | Порвать | (pa-RVAT') |
| To Push | Толкнуть | (tal-KNOOT') |

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| To Put / Place | Положить | 2 (pa-la-ZHEET') |
| To Put On | Надеть | (na-DYET') |
| To Put Together | Составить (ся) | 2 (sa-STA-vit') |
| To Read | Прочитать | 1 (pra-chi-TAT') |
| To Recall (Remember) | Вспомнить (ся) | 2 (FSPOM-nit') |
| To Receive | Получить | 2 (pa-loo-CHEET') |
| To Recognise / Find Out | Узнать | 1 (oo-ZNAT') |
| To Recover / Get better | Выздороветь | 1 (VIY-zda-ra-vit') |
| To Refuse / Deny | Отказать | (at-ka-ZAT') |
| To Remember | | |
| To Remind | Напомнить | 2 (na-POM-nit') |
| To Remove | Отнять | (ad-NYAT') |
| To Remove / Rent | Снять | (snyat') |
| To Repeat | Повторить | 2 (pa-fta-REET') |
| To Replace | Заменить | 2 (za-mi-NEET') |
| To Reside | Прожить | (pra-ZHIYT') |
| To Respect / Honor | - | |
| To Rest / Relax | Отдохнуть | 1 (a-dakh-NOOT') |
| To Return | Вернуть (ся) | (vir-NOOT') |
| To Roast / Fry | Зажарить | 2 (za-ZHA-rit') |
| To Rule / Govern | - | |
| To Save / Rescue | Спасти (сь) | (spa-STEE) |
| To Say | - | |
| To Scare (Be Scared) | Испугать (ся) | 1 (i-spo-GAT') |
| To See | Увидеть | 2 (oo-VEE-dit') |
| To Seem / Appear | Показаться | (pa-ka-ZAT'-sya) |
| To Seize / Grasp | Схватать | 2 (s-hva-TAT') |
| To Sell | Продать | (pra-DAT') |
| To Send (To Set Out) | Отправить (ся) | 2 (at-PRA-vit') |
| To Send / Dispatch | Прислать | (pri-SLAT') |
| To Send / Mail | Послать | (pa-SLAT') |
| To Separate / Dissolve | Развести | (raz-vi-STEE) |
| To Serve | Обслужить | 2 (ap-sloo-ZHEET') |
| To Sew | Сшить | (ssheet') |
| To Shake | Тряхнуть | (trikh-NOOT') |
| To Shine | Посветить (ся) | 2 (pa-svi-TEET') |
| To Shout / Scream | Крикнуть | 1 (KREEK-noot') |
| To Show | Показать (ся) | (pa-ka-ZAT') |
| To Sign | Подписать | (pad-pi-SAT') |
| To Sing | Спеть | (spyet') |
| To Sit | Посидеть | 2 (pa-si-DYET') |
| To Sit Down | Сесть | (syest') |
| To Sleep | Поспать | 2 (pa-SPAT') |
| To Smell | Запахнуть | (za-PAKH-noot') |
| To Smile | Улыбнуться | (oo-liyb-NOOT'-sya) |
| To Smoke | Покурить | 2 (pa-koo-REET') |
| To Speak | Поговорить | 2 (pa-ga-va-REET') |
| To Spend (Spend Money) | Потратить (ся) | 2 (pa-TRA-tit') |
| To Spend the Night | Переночевать | (pi-ri-na-chi-VAT') |
| To Spin / Twirl | Закружить | 2 (za-kroo-ZHEET') |

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| To Spoil | Испортить | 2 (<i>is-POR-tit'</i>) |
| To Stand | Постоять | (<i>pa-sta-YAT'</i>) |
| To Stay | Остаться | (<i>a-STAT'-sya</i>) |
| To Steal | Украсть | (<i>oo-KRAST'</i>) |
| To Stop / Cease | Перестать | (<i>pi-ri-STAT'</i>) |
| To Stop / Halt | Остановить (ся) | 2 (<i>a-sta-na-VEET'</i>) |
| To Strive / Aspire To | - | |
| To Study / Learn | Изучить | 2 (<i>iz-oo-CHEET'</i>) |
| To Succeed | Удаться | (<i>oo-DAT'-sya</i>) |
| To Suck | Пососать | 1 (<i>pa-sa-SAT'</i>) |
| To Suffer | Пострадать | 1 (<i>pa-stra-DAT'</i>) |
| To Swear / Criticize | Выругать | 1 (<i>VIY-ra-gat'</i>) |
| To Switch Off | Выключить | 2 (<i>VIY-klyoo-chit'</i>) |
| To Switch On / Include | Включить (ся) | 2 (<i>vklyoo-CHEET'</i>) |
| To Take (Undertake) | Взять (ся) | (<i>vzYAT'</i>) |
| To Take / Accept | Принять | (<i>prin-YAT'</i>) |
| To Take Away | Убрать | (<i>oo-BRAT'</i>) |
| To Teach | - | |
| To Tell / Narrate | Рассказать | (<i>rass-ka-ZAT'</i>) |
| To Tell Lies | Соврать | 1 (<i>sa-VRAT'</i>) |
| To Thank | Поблагодарить | 2 (<i>pa-bla-ga-da-REET'</i>) |
| To Think | Подумать | 1 (<i>pa-DOO-mat'</i>) |
| To Throw (Rush toward) | Бросить (ся) | 1 (<i>BRO-sit'</i>) |
| To Throw Away | Выбросить | 2 (<i>VIY-bra-sit'</i>) |
| To Touch | Коснуться | (<i>ka-SNOOT'-sa</i>) |
| To Translate | Перевести | (<i>pi-ri-vi-STEE'</i>) |
| To Travel | Попутешествовать | (<i>pa-poo-ti-SHYEST-a-vat'</i>) |
| To Treat | Вылечить | 2 (<i>VIY-li-chit'</i>) |
| To Treat / Entertain | Угостить | 2 (<i>oo-ga-STEET'</i>) |
| To Try / Attempt | Постараться | (<i>pa-sta-RAT'-sya</i>) |
| To Try / Experience | Испытать | 1 (<i>is-piy-TAT'</i>) |
| To Try / Sample | Попробовать | (<i>pa-PRO-ba-vat'</i>) |
| To Understand | Понять | (<i>pa-NYAT'</i>) |
| To Undress | Раздеть (ся) | (<i>raz-DYET'</i>) |
| To Use / Utilize | Использовать | (<i>is-POL'-za-vat'</i>) |
| To Visit | Посетить | 2 (<i>pa-si-TEET'</i>) |
| To Wait | Подождать | 1 (<i>pa-da-ZHDAT'</i>) |
| To Wake Up | Проснуться | (<i>pra-SNOOT'-sya</i>) |
| To Walk / Stroll | Погулять | 1 (<i>pa-goo-LYAT'</i>) |
| To Want | Захотеть | (<i>za-ha-TYET'</i>) |
| To Wash / Launder | Выстирать | 1 (<i>VIY-sti-rat'</i>) |
| To Wash / To Bathe | Помыть | (<i>pa-MIYT'</i>) |
| To Wash Up | Умыть | (<i>oo-MIYT'</i>) |
| To Wash Yourself | Умыться | (<i>oo-MIYT'-sya</i>) |
| To Win | Выиграть | 1 (<i>VIY-i-grat'</i>) |
| To Wish / To Desire | Пожелать | 1 (<i>pa-zhi-LAT'</i>) |
| To Work | Поработать | 1 (<i>pa-ra-BO-tat'</i>) |
| To Worry (Be Agitated) | Взволновать (ся) | (<i>vzval-na-VAT'</i>) |
| To Wound / Hurt | Ранить | 2 (<i>RA-nit'</i>) |
| To Write | Написать | (<i>na-pi-SAT'</i>) |
| To Write Down | Записать | (<i>za-pi-SAT'</i>) |