

1. С днём рождения! (Happy Birthday!)

Here's a word bank: the **people** will be used in the **nominative** (who's giving) and **dative** (who we're giving to), while the **presents** (what we're giving) will be used in the **accusative**. Try to think of your own people and gift ideas as well.

people (люди)				presents (подарки)			
мама	mom	дедушка	grandpa	щен(о)к	puppy	галстук	necktie
папа	dad	друг	friend (m.)	деньги (plural!)	money	машина	car
брат	brother	подруга	friend (f.)	русский роман	Russian novel	яхта	yacht
сестра	sister	сосед	neighbor (m.)	матрёшка	nesting doll	новый дом	new house
бабушка	grandma	соседка	neighbor (f.)	билет на концерт	concert ticket	мыло	soap

We'll use the verb **дарить** *И^{shift}* / **подарить** *И*: to "gift." First use the present (**imperfective**) to ask what people usually give:

- Что тебе обычно дарит **мама** на день рождения? "What does (your) mom usually give you...?"
 — Она мне обычно дарит **деньги**. "She usually gives me money."

Now use the **perfective** (future tense) to ask what you'll give these people for their next birthday.

- Что ты подаришь **маме** на день рождения? "What will you give (your) mom...?"
 — Я ей наверное подарю **новую яхту**. "I'll probably give her a new yacht."

2. Hey, could you sell me your favorite pen?

Look over a few verbs that take the **dative**... remember that any "showing," "telling," verb, etc. will often take the dative.

давать АВАЙ / дать	to give	отвечать АЙ / ответить И	to answer
продавать АВАЙ / продать	to sell	рассказывать АЙ / рассказать А ^{shift}	to tell, narrate
показывать АЙ / показать А ^{shift}	to show	говорить И ^{end} / сказать А ^{shift}	to say, tell

Respond to a few inquiries. If you find them inappropriate, respond firmly and categorically with an **imperfective future**. For example:

- Ты не можешь мне **показать фотографию бабушки**? — Нет, я не буду **показывать!**
 "Could you show me a picture of your grandmother?" "I most certainly will not!"

...спеть русскую песню?	sing a Russian song	...рассказать мне анекдот?	tell me a joke
...почитать из дневника?	read from your diary	...написать мне смс-ку на уроке?	write me an SMS in class
...ответить на важный вопрос?	answer a serious question	...продать любимую ручку?	sell your favorite pen

3. Inquiring minds want to know

We need to be very careful to distinguish between **two verbs** that translate as "ask" in English. First, let's practice the verb for asking (a question), inquiring — **спрашивать** АЙ / **спросить** *И^{shift}* — which is followed by the **accusative**, and often by an **indirect question**.

Think of some banal questions you'd like to ask people in your class. Restrict yourself to the Russian we know!

- Я хочу спросить **профессора**,
какой у него (неё) русско-английский словарь. "I want to ask the professor
what kind of Russian-English dictionary he (she) has."

4. Выручай! (Give me a hand here!)

Now let's "ask" in the sense of making a **request**, using **просить** *И^{shift}* / **попросить** *И*, followed by the **accusative** + an **infinitive**.

Think of a few simple requests for people in your class. All you need is an infinitive.

- Я попрошу **профессора**, ... "I'll ask the professor
потанцевать по-русски. to dance a bit, Russian-style."