

Learning Russian language through storytelling movies

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Abstract: This article is about teaching Russian more interestingly and effectively through storytelling. In this article it is spoken about the importance of storytelling method and several successful reasons of using it at the Russian lessons. There are lots of benefits of using stories in teaching children.

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In today's life, one of the problems facing people starting to learn Russian is the quite complicated grammar of the language. If you start by studying it, there is a good chance of you will struggle and give it up completely. Reading is one of the effective learning activities that help to broaden and improve one's vocabulary in a new language. In fact reading also helps to master rules of grammar in a natural way. But there's another, much more enjoyable and more natural way to learn the language. If you listen to and read easy Russian stories many times, you will learn popular vocabulary and correct grammar naturally.

There are several reasons why this method can be successfully used in learning a foreign, in particular Russian language:

- motivation
- expansion of vocabulary
- development of pronunciation
- general development

At the beginning of each lesson, you will see slides with key vocabulary. Try to repeat words and sentences. You can also click the picture to listen to Russian pronunciation again. Spend a few minutes in this exercise, practicing pronunciation. Then move to the next exercise, where you will have to drag and drop the correct Russian translation of the English words. The vocabulary is the same as in previous exercises, so it should be easy. In the next part of the lesson, you will see the short story. Listen to it a few times and practice pronunciation. Then move to the final exercises, because you have practiced so much they should be very easy. When you do the final drag and drop puzzle, you will finish the lesson and can go back to the course page. Try to do at least one Russian short story a day and remember from time to re-visit the lessons to revise vocabulary. Each Russian story can have more than just one usage, you can read it certainly, translating words, you can analyze it by grammar part, you can retell it checking how new Russian words and phrases are fixed for the moment, and of course, you can try to discuss some interesting passages with your friends or with your Russian teacher. The more things you can do to reinforce this way of thinking, the more progress

you'll make. So here's an article about watching Russian movies. They're a great way to practice your Russian plus they're fun to watch.

They're a good way to:

Become better at listening to Russian speech

Learn relevant vocabulary

Train your brain and ears to distinguish between words and phrases

Improve your accent – because you're hearing correct Russian all the time

Learn a ton about the Russian culture

Plus: like we said before, it's easier to put in more time learning Russian when you're watching a movie. And the more time you put in, the faster you'll progress in any given timeframe.

How to incorporate Russian movies into your Russian practice:

First you need to check at what level you are. Can you watch them without subtitles? Or do you miss the plot if you do that? How about watching it with Russian subtitles? Maybe you find it too easy with English subtitles – but only speech might be too difficult. In that case Russian subtitles will work and it's more important that you can understand the plot and enjoy it, than making it into a brain-melting exercise. Sure, turn off the subtitles the first couple of minutes to test yourself – but after that, just enjoy it and focus on understanding everything with subtitles. Chances are that you're already watching some series or movies every day after work/school, so it will be easy to get into the habit of watching Russian movies. Just switch your English/native media for Russian. Watching Russian movies is a great way to supplement your language training. They're fun to watch, you'll improve your vocabulary, understanding of spoken Russian and you'll learn a lot about Russian culture. This list gives you some good movies that you can start with if you're interested.

In conclusion, Stories develop awareness of the sound and feel of Russian, and an understanding of language in context. In the future I will frequently use such kind of methods, especially, storytelling method as a teacher to make my lesson memorable, efficient, and exciting.

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