

# The role of the Russian language in the modern world

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**Abstract:** The Russian language not only connects peoples, but also serves as an important tool in preserving cultural heritage. It provides access to the richest literature, music and art, which promotes cultural exchange and mutual understanding. In the field of science, the Russian language also has a significant influence. It is used in a number of scientific studies and publications, especially in fields such as physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics and astronomy. And Russian continues to be an important global resource that promotes dialog between cultures and supports the diversity of the world's linguistic space.

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Russian language is one of the most widespread languages of the world, spoken by more than 250 million people. Its influence is felt in international politics, culture, science and economics. In this article we will consider how the Russian language helps unite peoples, transmit cultural values and open new horizons for communication and understanding.

## 1. The language of international communication

The Russian language occupies an important place in international diplomacy. It is one of the six official languages of the UN, which makes it a key tool for negotiating and discussing important global issues (Martynova, 2018).

Example: At the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP), Russian delegates use Russian to present their position, which allows for understanding and accuracy in communication.

This confirms that Russian language skills can significantly improve opportunities for international relations professionals. Participating in discussions, writing and understanding official documents in Russian allows Russian representatives to interact effectively with colleagues from other countries (Goryachev, 2020).

## 2. Cultural Heritage

Russian literature is an inexhaustible source of cultural and philosophical values. The works of classics such as Leo Tolstoy and Fyodor Dostoevsky explore complex themes related to human nature and morality.

- L. Tolstoy in *War and Peace* (1869) uses not only the personal fates of the characters, but also a broad panorama of historical events, which allows the reader to

feel the spirit of the era. Reading Tolstoy in the original helps to capture his unique style and deep philosophical reflections (Tolstoy, 1960).

- Fyodor Dostoevsky in *Crime and Punishment* (1866) explores the themes of guilt and redemption, asking important questions about what it means to be human. His characters and their internal conflicts provide a unique opportunity to deeply analyze the human soul (Dostoevsky, 2003).

Contemporary authors such as Lyudmila Ulitskaya and Victor Pelevin continue to build on the traditions of Russian literature. Their works address topical issues and make the Russian language an important tool for understanding contemporary realities.

- In *Medea and Her Children* (2005), Ludmila Ulitskaya explores the problems of identity and historical memory, linking the characters' fates to changes in society. Her ability to describe human relationships makes her work especially meaningful for readers (Ulitskaya, 2005).

- Victor Pelevin in *Chapaev and the Void* (1996) uses elements of postmodernism to comment on Russian reality. His style and approach to language make his works interesting to analyze (Pelevin, 1996).

### 3. Scientific achievements

The Russian language is of great importance in the scientific field, especially in physics, mathematics, and cosmonautics. Many outstanding achievements in these fields have been made by Russian scientists and their works are published in Russian.

- Andrei Sakharov, a renowned physicist and human rights activist, shares his views on science and society in works such as *Reflections on Progress, Peaceful Coexistence, and Intellectual Freedom*. Knowledge of the Russian language allows one to delve into his ideas and understanding of context (Sakharov, 1990).

- In cosmonautics, Russian achievements such as the launching of the first satellite and the first cosmonauts are reflected in scientific papers. Working with original documents and research in Russian provides valuable information for scholars and students (Kostyaev, 2019).

### Economic Connections

With Russia's growing economy and its influence on international markets, Russian language skills are becoming essential for professionals in business and trade.

- In the energy sector, where Russia holds a key position, language skills help in negotiating and establishing business relationships. For example, when working with companies such as Gazprom, Russian-speaking specialists can more easily discuss contract terms and technical details (Garin, 2020).

- In international trade, Russian language skills can help in strengthening ties and closing deals. Language-based mutual understanding contributes to more

effective negotiations and minimizes the risks of miscommunication (Kudryavtsev, 2018).

### 5. Education and migration

With the increasing number of Russian-speaking people abroad, interest in learning Russian is growing. In countries with a large Russian-speaking diaspora, such as Germany, Israel, and the United States, Russian language courses and programs are opening.

- Educational institutions abroad, such as Russian schools and cultural centers, play an important role in maintaining language and culture among migrants. Russian language and literature programs help to maintain identity and connection with history (Tikhomirov, 2021).

- At the same time, learning Russian in other countries becomes an important aspect of cultural exchange. Scholars and students studying Russian discover the richness of Russian culture and literature, which contributes to the development of intercultural understanding (Mironova, 2020).

### 6. Literature and Art

Russian literature continues to influence the global cultural context. Contemporary authors, such as Ludmila Ulitskaya and Viktor Pelevin, present interesting and challenging topics, addressing current issues.

- Ludmila Ulitskaya explores themes of family ties and historical memory in her works such as *The Green Tent* (1995). Her vivid characters and subtle psychological observations help readers gain a deeper understanding of human experiences and emotions (Ulitskaya, 1995).

- Victor Pelevin, in his works such as *Generation "P"* (1999), uses elements of satire and irony to examine contemporary Russian society. His unique style and way of analyzing reality make his works important for understanding current social and cultural processes (Pelevin, 1999).

The Russian language occupies an important place in the modern world. Its importance continues to grow in the conditions of globalization and interdependence of peoples. Knowledge of Russian language opens new horizons for communication, cooperation and understanding between cultures, as well as provides access to rich cultural heritage and scientific achievements.

Continued study and popularization of the Russian language becomes a necessary step to strengthen ties between peoples and to understand the multilayered world in which we live. The Russian language, with its complex grammar and rich vocabulary, not only helps to preserve a unique cultural identity, but also opens doors to new knowledge and opportunities.

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