

Interviews with Professionals as an Effective Strategy for Increasing Language Proficiency and Accuracy in Heritage and Immersion Students

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Today we will

- Share our program experiences and recourses of the most effective mini-unit *Interview with Professionals*;
- Look at lessons: Preparing for the Interview, Conducting the Interview, and Writing Formal Thank-you Letters;
- Help you to prepare your students for an interview and be ready to invite guestsspeakers to your class.

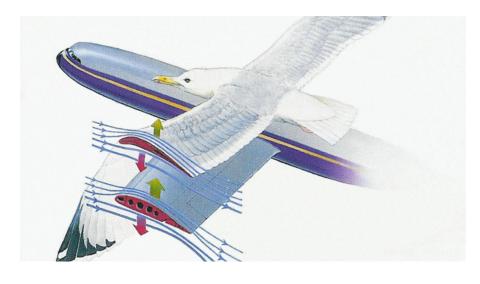
Interviews with Professionals



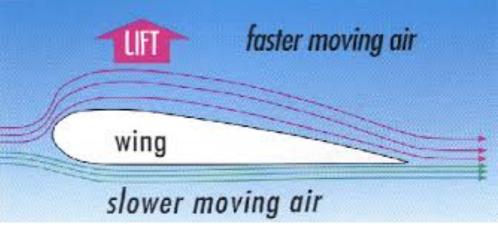


Aerodynamics: Forces acting on a body. Bernoulli's principle and lifting force.











Guest Speaker's Bio



Nikolai Smolyanskiy, principal software development engineer, worked at Microsoft for over 12 years. Before joining Microsoft, he was employed at various start-ups. Nikolai graduated with a degree in applied math from South Ural State University in Chelyabinsk (Russia). After graduation, he worked in the field of control engineering. He first came to Seattle in 1998 to work for one of the dot com companies. After that he worked in France and Russia until returning back to Seattle and joining Microsoft in 2003. He took part in development of Windows, MS Office, Windows Live, Kinect and worked on search engine, document recognition, data synchronization, and image recognition in video. Nikolai also worked on developing sensor to track and recognize facial expressions for Avatar Kinect and was part of the HoloLens project. Presently, he works at Microsoft Research in the field of robotics.

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Why Interviews?

- Real-life task;
- Preparing students for interviews as a complex genre of communication (Interpersonal, Interpretive, and Presentational modes);
- Content-based communication;
- Academic language style in use;
- Increases students sensitivity to cultural norms.



STARTALK Principles for Effective Teaching & Learning

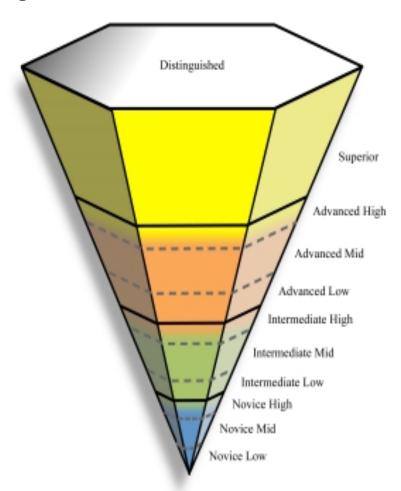
- Implementing a Standards-Based and Thematically Organized Curriculum
- Facilitating a Learner-Centered Classroom
- Using the Target Language and Providing Comprehensible Input for Instruction
- Integrating Culture, Content, and Language in a World Language Classroom
- Adapting and Using Age-Appropriate Authentic Materials
- Conducting Performance-Based Assessment



Identifying Students Language Proficiency Level

- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced

http://www.actfl.org/ publications/guidelinesand-manuals/actflproficiencyguidelines-2012/russian



Interviews with Professionals Unit: Standards and Expected Outcomes

Interpersonal Communication

I can conduct and participate in interviews with Russian-speaking professionals. **Adv.M.**

Interpretive Listening

I can understand factual information about everyday life, study-, or work-related topics while listening to a guest speaker. Int. H.

Interpretive Reading

I can follow a short autobiography of a guest speaker. Adv.M.

Presentational Speaking

I can provide information on academic and work topics while introducing a guest speaker with clarity and detail. Int. H.

End of the Unit Performance Tasks

Interpretive tasks:

Listen to and understand guests' oral presentations about STEM topics;

Interpersonal tasks:

- Meet, greet and introduce people in formal settings;
- During interviews with Russian-speaking professionals from Microsoft, NASA, and Alaska Airline the students ask questions and understand answers about technology, history of aircraft building and aerodynamics;
- Begin to use academic language style in discussing STEM topics with peers and a guest speaker;

Presentational tasks:

Express post-activity feelings and experiences in written thank-you letters using Moodle.

Interviews with Professionals Unit:

- Preparing for the Interview,
- Conducting the Interview,
- Writing Formal Thank-you Letters

Thank-you Letter Writing Process

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• How to Write a Thank-you Letter Lesson

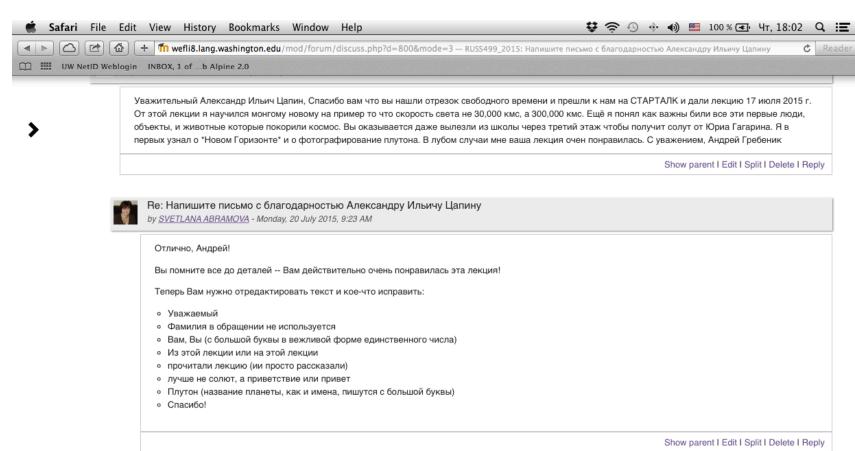
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 After interviews, the students express post-activity feelings and experiences in thank-you letter using Moodle

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• During e-mail communication with the teacher, the students edit their letters and write final versions.







Re: Напишите письмо с благодарностью Александру Ильичу Цапину

by ANDREY V GREBENIK - Thursday, 23 July 2015, 11:54 AM

Уважаемый Александр Ильич, Спасибо Вам что Вы нашли отрезок своего времени и пришли к нам на СТАРТАЛК и прочитали лекцию 17 июля 2015 г. От этой лекции я научился многому новому на пример то что скорость света не 30,000 кмс, а 300,000 кмс. Ещё я понял как важны били все эти первые люди, объекты, и животные которые покорили космос. Вы оказывается даже вылезли из школы через третий этаж чтобы получит привет от Юриа Гагарина. Я в первых узнал о *Новом Горизонте* и о фотографирование Плутона. В любом случаи мне ваша лекция очень понравилась. С

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Thank-you Letter

(some excerpts from a thank-you letter)

- Нам было очень интересно узнать о Вашем опыте и о вашей карьере.
 - It was very interesting to learn about your experience and career.
- Было очень интересно услышать о новом программном обеспечении, новых технологиях и истории компании Майкрософт.
 - It was very interesting to learn about new computer technologies, and the history of the Microsoft company.

You Can See and Use Our Materials

- Program and lesson plans
- Scenarios and texts
- PowerPoint presentations
- Videos of the lessons
- UW STARTALK website https://depts.washington.edu/startalk/

