

## Project “Why Russian?”

In 2021, Russian celebrates its 50th anniversary as a secondary school subject in the Netherlands. The Russian department of teachers organisation *Levende Talen* (<https://russisch.levendetalen.nl/>) organizes several activities around this celebration. One of them is presenting a collection of mp3s on its website in which (former) students explain why they decided to learn Russian. We thought it would be great to hear their motivation and experiences (good and bad).

If you have studied Russian as a foreign language at school, at home, in university or elsewhere and you would like to share your experience (anonymously), please send an audio file (use your phone or <https://online-voice-recorder.com/>) in which you tell your Russian language story. This can be in Dutch, English, German or Russian. Your recording will be published on this web page <https://russisch.levendetalen.nl/waarom-russisch/>.



### If you would like to participate in this project, then please

- 1) record your voice with a smartphone or <https://online-voice-recorder.com/> ;
- 2) start your recording with **your first name and age** (do not mention your last name, the recordings are anonymous) **and your place of residence**;
- 3) explain why you decided to learn Russian (use the list of questions below if you do not know what to say);
- 4) speak for 1 or 2 minutes (max. 3 minutes);
- 5) send your recording to [leraren.russisch@gmail.com](mailto:leraren.russisch@gmail.com)

### List of questions

1. Where have you learned/studied Russian? (and when)
2. For how long have you studied Russian?
3. Why did you decide to learn/study Russian?
4. Which level have you reached?
5. Is there anything you liked about Russian?
6. What was difficult? Anything you disliked?
7. Are your Russian language skills useful to you now or in the near future? Explain.