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My interest in Russian was greatly influenced by former GHS teacher Symond Yavener, who was my sophomore year instructor. He subsequently went to teach at Central Connecticut State University, where I took up the language again after nearly 10 years of neglect. The 3 semesters of Russian courses taken at Central served to refresh my knowledge and then expand on it. I traveled to the Soviet Union at the end of 1975, where I visited Leningrad and Moscow. A few years ago some friends from Ukraine came to the area, with whom I spoke Russian. This was especially good for keeping up with the language.

Currently, I am a technician for the Associated Press in Hartford . Although Russian is not used at all for work as such, we have had visitors from Ukraine whom I was able to greet. One never knows when a second language can be useful. Although I do not use Russian for my job, I would certainly recommend foreign language study, no matter what the language, as it does enrich one's life considerably.

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