



My name is **Irina Lorenz**. I was born in Ukraine but grew up in Russia and moved to Wisconsin in 2004. I studied Russian Language and Russian Literature in Novosibirsk Pedagogical University in Siberia and became a teacher of Russian Language in Fox Valley Technical College in 2017. Usually, I teach Russian 1 and Russian 2 courses, but during the Summer I have a great opportunity to teach Russian language and culture course to students 11-18 years old. In the past I assisted Russian distance class in UW Oshkosh for two years, and I received a certificate from FVTC for developing and teaching online courses. I have experience working with young children in the USA for more than 10 years. When I worked in Our Shepherd Day care, I implemented weekly Russian Language classes to their Summer Camp program for students 5 -12 years old. Also, I am a substitute teacher in Appleton Area School District for 3 years, and I am the ambassador of Russian Language and culture in the Appleton Area School District.

In 2016 I created the Russian Speaking Club in the Fox Valley, and now we have 192 members. Every year I organize a traditional Russian event (International Women's day and New Year party) for the Russian community and for my college students. Each event includes one Russian Folk tale (the play, where children and parents read lines), reading Russian poems, and making Russian traditional crafts. My daughter was born in USA and my goal is to introduce her and other children Russian traditions and culture. My son Artem came to the USA when he was just 10 years old. Now he is 26 years old and he is a student in UW Oshkosh, he is fluent in Russian. My husband Scott took Russian 1 and Russian 2 courses with me in FVTC. His motivation for learning a new language is for traveling to Russia and communicating with my relatives in my hometown in Siberia. My daughter Julia is 11 years old, and because the Appleton Area School District doesn't offer the Russian Language, she and my friend's son Max take small private Russian classes at my home. Her favorite activity in Russia-spending time with the kittens at my parent's farm.

I would like to share my native language and Russian culture and help you to learn Russian language online. Besides reading grammar chapters, listening practice, and submitting home

assignments, we will watch cultural videos and visit websites helpful to beginner students. I hope you will enjoy Russian online classes and maybe you will decide to continue learning the Russian language at Fox Valley Technical College.