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## Russia is Famous for its Teachers

### The teacher I admire



There were no teachers in my family, but when I entered the 1st grade, I immediately realized that teaching children is my future profession. I was lucky: I had wonderful teachers. They were dedicated and devoted to their children. In those years, a foreign language was studied from the 4th grade and I was looking forward to seeing a new subject in the schedule. I remembered my first

English lesson forever. It was so interesting and bright, and my teacher Lyudmila Borisovna Gmyrya was so charming and attractive that I caught every word she was saying in a language I didn't understand. All the way home, I tried to repeat the words and expressions I had remembered. When I got home, I immediately started doing my English homework. Since then, English lessons had become my favorite. A few years later, I had to go to Germany with my parents, because my father was a military officer. At new school, I was the best student, although the English lessons were not so exciting and interesting.

It was time to choose a profession, and without hesitation, I applied to the university at the Faculty of Roman and German Philology. I never saw Lyudmila Borisovna again, being the wife of a military man, she had also moved to another city. After 32 years, I remember with gratitude my first English teacher, Lyudmila Borisovna Gmyrya. Her love for her school subject and children, her enthusiasm and inexhaustible energy taught me a lot. Thank you, dear Lyudmila Borisovna, for my profession. In our time having a favorite job is a very big privilege. And I have it. I am a teacher!

#### Glossary

**Hesitation** – the act of pausing  
before doing sth.

**Immediately** – now or without  
waiting of thinking

**Inexhaustible** – that cannot be  
finished

#### DISCUSS

1. Why is it important for people to have a favorite job?
2. Do you think teens can choose their future profession at school?
3. Can the teacher influence the choice of your future profession?