Why study a foreign language?

Read the following opinion about the Russian language. Who do you think expresses it: a native speaker or a foreigner? Fill in the gaps with the words from the box in the correct form. There is an example at the beginning (0) .

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available • borrow • dictionary • fluent • major
~~member~~ • native • practise • rank
recognise • throughout • vocabulary • widespread

Russian, also called Great Russian, is a (0) member of the Indo-European family of languages. As Russian is a (1) _____ language, it is considered to be one of the (2) _____ world languages. Knowledge of the Russian language opens the door to the study of Russia's rich tradition of literature, art and music. Russian literature (3) _____ among the most beautiful and exciting national literatures in the world. Russian is the (4) _____ language of the greatest people known (5) _____ the world: L. Tolstoy, P. Tchaikovsky, I. Pavlov, A. Sakharov, to name just a few. Russian (6) _____ as a very difficult language. If you speak Italian, French or German, you will learn Russian (7) _____ even more easily as many words (8) _____ in the 18th and 19th centuries from these languages. If you neither travel regularly to Russia nor have a Russian pen friend, you should (9) _____ your Russian in other ways. There is a lot of books and DVDs waiting for you, and many are (10) _____ at local Russian shops. If you study Russian one hour a day regularly, you will probably be (11) _____ in three years. Being able to read a newspaper article with a (12) _____ can be achieved in a year.

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