

Learning foreign languages as a way to improve the national security of the country

In the 21st century the world has almost completely moved into the era of information technology. Now we have the opportunity to freely communicate with a resident of any country. Such communication should not cause difficulties, that's why there is a need to learn foreign languages. How closely is military activity connected with the use of foreign languages?

English language proficiency requirements have increased recently. This growth is largely the result of such factors as the changing of the role of military and changes in the defense attitude. Russia is conducting an active foreign policy. The main associates of the Russian Federation are countries of the BRICS Union. They are Brazil, India, China and South Africa. Each of the countries got into this group not by chance. BRICS members are defined as the fastest developing large countries. The advantageous position of these countries ensures that they have a powerful and developing economy, a great amount of important resources for the global economy.

These partner countries have armed forces. It follows that there is a need to maintain ties between countries and, consequently, knowledge of foreign languages. In the armed forces representatives of many nations have to work together and interact effectively. Today a lot of military services of most countries are involved in humanitarian assistance and peacekeeping missions.

Thus, there is an increased demand for effective military communications in English. It's not a secret, respectful and accurate communication is an essential component of military operations. If you can speak a foreign language fluently, especially English,



you are a valuable member of the national guard. You can use your abilities to protect the interests of your native country around the world. National security directly depends on the way of communication between countries.

KEY WORDS

Defense attitude – оборонительная позиция

Foreign policy – внешняя политика

Partner countries – страны партнёры

Interact – взаимодействовать

National security – национальная безопасность



PROJECT

Do a project. Give a 3-5 minute talk on the topic “The importance of a foreign language in the professional training of a Russian officer”. Tell the group about:

- how important a foreign language is as part of a future professional’s business communication;

DISCUSSION

Discuss in pairs:

1) Why are these 5 countries in BRICS Union? What can you say about each of them (their economy and position in the world)?

2) Why is it important to speak English during a humanitarian operation? What questions should be solved during such a kind of procedure?

3) What can problems in communication lead to during military operations?

- how an officer can use a foreign language at work (mention: military exercises, translation of instructions, expanding global military cooperation and other situations)