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Thread: [Q - Learn Serbian Or Russian first \(the basics, much differences/similarities?\)](#)

d4rkj4y - August 22, 2016, 1:37 am

Guys, I am looking to invest time into learning a Slavic language.

I am potentially looking to move to Serbia in around 6 months, for how long I am not sure, potentially a few months to a year.

Basically, 8.6million speakers (Serbian) versus 260 million Russian speakers. I equally am fond of both cultures and in the future will visit/work in both.

I feel Russian will be of more use in the long term, but I need to decide which one to learn first - due to the fact I go to Serbia soon. Should I just focus on Serbian even though it's far less applicable than Russian?

Any native Russians/Serbians/linguists could offer some advice would be much appreciated.

Truth - August 22, 2016, 1:43 am

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d4rkj4y - August 22, 2016, 1:54 am

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OK thanks for the advice, I'll go with the Russian for now!

Steki - August 22, 2016, 2:02 am

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Undefined - August 22, 2016, 2:02 am

Russian>Serbian. However, if you decide to do Serbian as a side language, I can teach you for free (when I have free time).

adrielgolabek - August 22, 2016, 2:21 am

Both Serbian and Russian Languages are similar with words.

I could suggest you learn Russian first, as there are more options in learning the language. Then, once you feel confident in speaking and reading/writing Russian, learn Serbian. Piece of Cake.

d4rkj4y - August 22, 2016, 4:13 am

(Aug 22, 2016 02:02 AM)Undefined Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Russian>Serbian. However, if you decide to do Serbian as a side language, I can teach you for free (when I have free time).

Hey man thanks I appreciate it!

What I plan to do is look into Russian intensely these first few months then get into beginner Serbian.

I feel it will be easier once I understand Russian basics!

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Thanks a lot for the advice man! I respect your culture!

noEint - August 22, 2016, 3:29 pm

My mom is serbian and my father is from Macedonia but we live in Macedonia but i know Serbian fluently if you want to talk with me about anything to practice the language tell me :D its good country to live in if you have some savings but salaries are not good and stuff