

Title: Teaching Russian Grammar at the Advanced Level: From Linguistic to Discourse Competence

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Abstract:

This presentation will discuss how to build linguistic and discourse competence at the Advanced level in order to help students develop lexical and grammatical accuracy as well as acquire the ability to narrate, describe, discuss, and argue. The presenter will address the following questions: what grammar, vocabulary, and cohesive devices need to be taught and what strategies for building extended paragraph-length discourse should be introduced for students to gain advanced level proficiency.