Title: GLOSS: A Versatile Language-Teaching Tool
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Abstract:
GLOSS (Global Language Online System) is a database of lessons developed by teachers of the Defense Language Institute.

Each GLOSS lesson is an independent interactive unit developed around an authentic source. Lessons cover multiple topical domains and address proficiency levels ranging from 1 to 3+/4. There are currently 544 online Russian reading, listening, and video lessons. Each lesson comes with a written objective for the targeted proficiency level, and each objective defines the skills and knowledge students will acquire by the end of the lesson.

GLOSS lessons consist of five or six activities. Instructional scaffolding is an essential feature of these activities, guiding the learner from simple to more complex tasks. Additionally, each lesson includes a source page containing the full text and associated recordings, audio /video recordings with associated transcript and translation, a glossary, and a resource page with links to sources for further study.

GLOSS lessons address a variety of linguistic issues and real life tasks. Lessons raise awareness of listening-specific linguistic features, and they broaden topical vocabulary, advance cultural understanding, and draw parallels between reading and listening skills.

GLOSS's overall goal is to teach reading and listening strategies to help students become successful independent learners. Students will learn how to skim and scan for the main idea, separate fact from opinion, gather important details from secondary sources, distinguish the speaker's tone, and follow a conversation with multiple speakers.

GLOSS offers endless possibilities for independent language learners. It is also an ideal resource for teachers. GLOSS lessons can be assigned as homework, as a prerequisite for conversation class and discussion groups, or as the basis for a refresher course—to name just a few.

This presentation introduces GLOSS at https://gloss.dliflc.edu and showcases samples from GLOSS Russian reading, listening and video lessons.