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Police in Russia's western Belgorod region are imposing fines on people who swear in public - and local officials say the campaign is very popular.

The officials say young people have been minding their language since the ban was introduced in July.

Any person caught uttering profanities in public can face fines of up to \$50.

The authorities have launched anti-swearing poster competitions, TV ads and comics in their campaign to clean up the Russian language.

"We want Russian to remain as pure as in the great classics," said Valentina Trunova, deputy head of Belgorod's department of youth affairs.