

We live in Russia, (officially called the Russian Federation).



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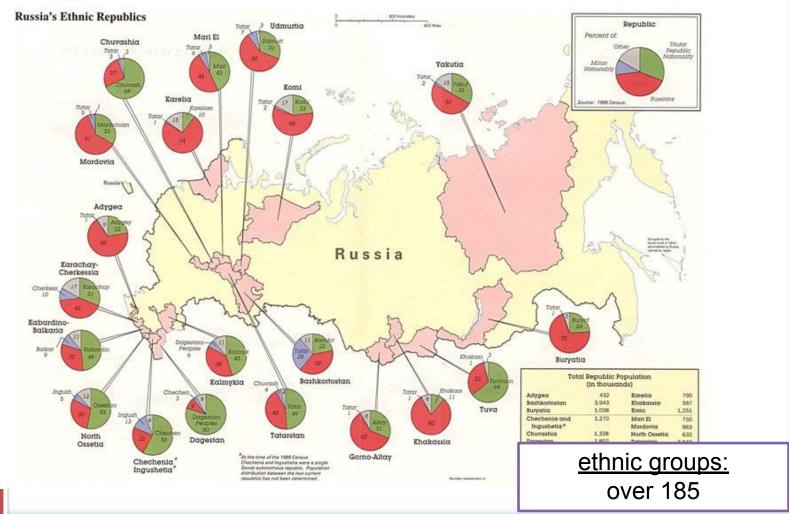


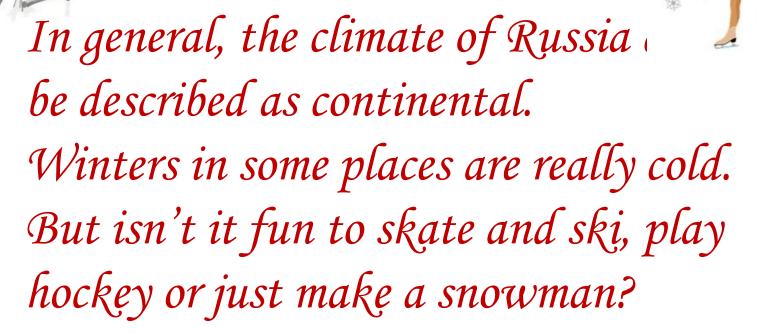
Russia is a big and beautiful country. It lies both in Europe and Asia.





People of more than a hundred nationalities live there.









The coldest region:

Jakutia below - 50°C



Our plant symbols are the birch tree and the chamomile.



Russia's animal symbol is the bear.
But don't be afraid of it! Most
Russians have seen bears only in the zoo.





Sochi 2014 Olympic Games mascots: the Hare, Polar Bear and Leopard



Our national flag comprises three equal horizontal stripes: the upper one white, the middle one blue, and the lower one red. These colours in Russia symbolise generosity, loyalty, and courage.



Flag Day in Russia is August 22



Now look at the National Coat of Arms of the Russian Federation. It reflects the different stages of national history. In its design, the two-headed eagle dates back to Peter the Great's epoch.



National Coat of Arms since December 2000





Moscow (Moskya)

is the capital of Russia. It is a major political, economic, cultural, financial, educational and transportation centre of the Russian Federation.





<u>The population : about</u> <u>11,980,000 (2013)</u>











You can also visit St. Petersburg, Volgograd, Kazan, Novosibirsk and other beautiful towns and cities of our country.







Number of towns and cities: 1100 (in 2010)



The Russians are patriots of their Motherland and are proud of its victories, history and culture. Victory Day is one of the most important holidays in Russia.





The Great Patriotic War: 1941-1945

Here is the list of Russia's Public Holidays:



vew Year's Day – January 1

Christmas Day – January 7

Defender of the Fatherland Day – February 23

Women's Day – March 8

Easter – Sunday between April and May

May Day – May 1

Victory Day – May 9

Russia Day – June 12

National Unity Day - November 4









Souvenirs from Russia traditionally include amber jewelry, Matryoshka dolls and items of Khokhloma, Gzhel and other fine Russian handicrafts.



Welcome to Russia!





Homework

Translate the text from page 3 (after page 104) about families.