

# The Russian Federation



- The Russian Federation is the largest country in the world. It occupies about one-seventh of the earth's surface. It covers the eastern part of Europe and the northern part of Asia. Its total area is about 17 million square kilometres. The country is washed by 12 seas of 3 oceans: the Pacific, the Arctic and the Atlantic.





- There's hardly a country in the world where such a variety of scenery and vegetation can be found.







- We have steppes in the south, plains and forests in the midland, tundra and taiga in the north, highlands and deserts in the east.







- There are over two million rivers in Russia. Europe's biggest river, the Volga, flows into the Caspian Sea. The main Siberian rivers - the Ob, the Yenisei and the Lena - flow from the south to the north.





- Russia is very rich in oil, coal, iron ore, natural gas, copper, nickel and other mineral resources







- Russia is a parliamentary republic. The Head of State is the President. The legislative powers are exercised by the Duma







- The capital of Russia is Moscow. It's its largest political, scientific, cultural and industrial centre. It's one of the oldest Russian cities







- At present, the political and economic situation in the country is rather complicated. The industrial production is decreasing. The prices are constantly rising, the rate of inflation is rather high. People are losing their jobs because many factories and plants are going bankrupt







- But in spite of the problems Russia is facing at present, there are a lot of opportunities for this country to become one of the leading countries in the world. I'm sure that we the younger generation, can do very much to make Russia as strong and powerful as it used to be.