

Russia Journey



Russia is the largest country of the world.

It is situated in Europe and in Asia. Its total area is over 17 million km². It is bordered by Norway and Finland in the north-west, Estonia, Latvia, Belarus and the Ukraine in the West, Georgia and Azerbaidzhan in the south-west, and Kazakhstan, Mongolia, China along the southern border.



The Russian Federation is washed by 12 seas and 3 oceans - the Pacific, the Arctic und the Atlantic.



**The population of Russia is over 146 million people.
In Russia there are people of different nations and nationalities with
their languages and culture: Russians, Tartars, Ukrainians, Chuvashes,
Baskirians, Belorussians etc.**

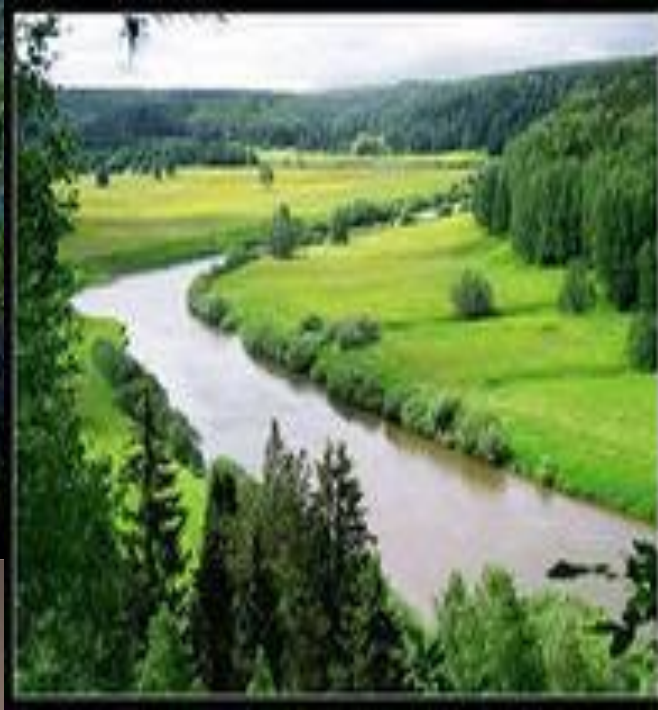


There is hardly a country in the world where such a variety of scenery and vegetation can be found. We have steppes in the south, plains and forests in the midland, tundra and taiga in the north, highlands and deserts in the east.

There are two great plains in Russia: the Great Russian Plain and the West Siberian Lowland.



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 south to north. The Amur in the Far East flows into the Pacific Ocean.



There are several mountain chains on the country's territory: the Urals, the Caucasus, the Altai and others. The largest mountain chain, the Urals, separates Europe from Asia. The Caucasus contains Mount Elbrus, Russia's and Europe's highest point at 5,633 m.



Russia is rich in beautiful lakes. The world's deepest lake is Russia's Lake Baikal. It is much smaller than the Baltic Sea, but there is much more water in it than in the Baltic Sea. The water in the lake is so clear that if you look down you can count the stones on the bottom.



The Russian Federation is extremely rich in natural and mineral resources. It has deposits of oil, gas, iron, gold, non-ferrous metals and many other minerals. Russia is heavily dependent on export of oil, gas and timber, while its industrial and farming sectors are still weak as compared with those of the developed countries, but the rate of economic growth of the country is very high.



Russia is a parliamentary republic. Head of State in the country is President, directly elected for a six-year term, who has considerable executive power and is head of the executive branch of the government. The government consists of three branches: legislative (the Federal Assembly, consisting of the Federation Council and the State Duma), executive (the government, or the Cabinet of Ministers) and judicial (the system of courts, including the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and other courts). The national flag of Russia is a white-blue-and-red banner. The national language of the Russian Federation is Russian. The Orthodox Church is the dominant religion in Russia.



Гимн Российской Федерации (гимн России)

1-й куплет:

Россия — священная наша держава,
Россия — любимая наша страна.
Могучая воля, великая слава —
Твое достоянье на все времена!

Припев:

Славься, Отечество наше свободное,
Братских народов союз вековой,
Предками данная мудрость народная!
Славься, страна! Мы гордимся тобой!

2-й куплет:

От южных морей до полярного края
Раскинулись наши леса и поля.
Одна ты на свете! Одна ты такая —
Хранимая Богом родная земля!

The capital of Russia is Moscow. It is the country's largest political, scientific, cultural and industrial center and is one of the oldest Russian cities. Moscow is called the port of five seas, as the Volga Canal links Moscow with the Baltic, White, Caspian, Black sea and the Sea of Azov. The heart of Moscow is Red Square. The Kremlin and St. Basil's Cathedral are masterpieces of ancient Russian architecture.



The main cities of Russia are Moscow, St. Petersburg, Krasnoyarsk, Ufa, Perm, Rostov-on-Don, Vladivostok. Many villages in Russia are famous for their specific crafts: painted boxes in Palkn, wooden tableware in Khokhloma, and toys in Dymkovo. The old Russian towns and cities are famous for their ancient architecture. The Golden Ring of Russia is a name for a loop of very old towns located north-east of Moscow. The Golden Ring includes several ancient Russian towns - Vladimir, Suzdal, Kostroma, Yaroslavl, Rostov the Great, Pereslavl Zalesky, Sergiev Posad, Moscow, Gorokhovets, Murom, Alexandrov, Uriev Polsky, Gus Khustalny, Plios and Bogolubovo. Geographically they make a big ring.



The role of Russian scientists, writers, musicians, painters and other outstanding people in the development of modern world is undeniable. They have influenced almost all human spheres of life. Today everybody knows such names as Gagarin, Pushkin, Tolstoy, Lomonosov, Tchaikovsky, Tereshkova, etc.



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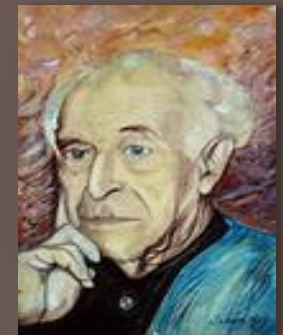
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What do you know about Russia?

1. Russia is.....
 2. The total area of the country is.....
 3. Russia is bordered by.....
 4. Our country is washed by....
 5. There live people ...
 6. The main rivers are....
 7. The Russian nature is.....
 8. 40 % of the land is ...
 9. The Baikal sea is
 0. Russia is rich in...
 1. The capital of the Russian Federation is...
- a. 17 million square kilometers.
 - b. the largest country of the world.
 - c. North-Corea and China, Mongolia and Kazakhstan, Azerbaidzhan and Georgia, Poland, the Ukraine and Belorussia, Lithuania and Estonia, Finland and Norway.
 - d. 12 seas and 3 oceans.
 - e. the Ob, the Yenisei, the Wolga and the Lena.
 - f. oil, coal, iron, natural gas, zinc, lead, nickel, gold, aluminium and other mineral resources...
 - g. Moscow.
 - h. of different nationalities.
 - i. very picturesque.
 - j. the deepest lake of the world.
 - k. woody.

Answer the questions:

- 1. Where is the RF situated?*
- 2. What countries does Russia border on?*
- 3. How is the nature of Russia?*
- 4. What are the longest rivers of Russia?*
- 5. Which mountains are there in Russia?*
- 6. What is Russia rich in?*
- 7. What is the capital of Russia?*
- 8. Which lake is the deepest in the world?*
- 9. What sights can you describe?*
- 10. Are you proud of your country?*

The English proverb is „A picture is worth a thousand words“, do you agree?

Which sights would you like to see?

I would like to see ... because...

Which cultural and historical places of interest would you advise to visit?

I advise you to visit (to see) ... because...

Find the equivalents for:

country

city

border

capital

to be rich in

travel

lake

wash

wood

world

natural resources

to be proud of

mountain

город

путешествовать

столица

граничить

озеро

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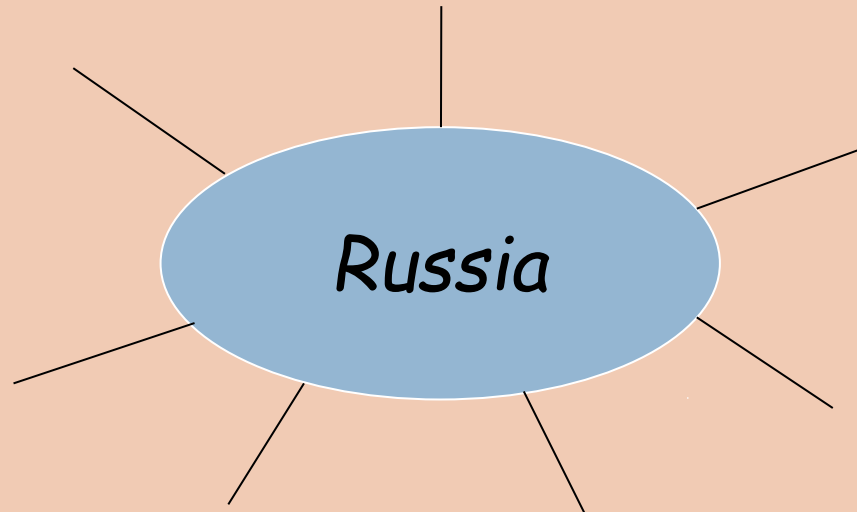
Find the equivalents for:

1. *There's no place like home.*
2. *Home is home though it be never so homely.*
3. *The wider we roam, the welcome home.*
4. *Dry bread at home is better than roast meat abroad.*
5. *An Englishman's house is his castle.*
6. *He has no home whose home is everywhere.*
7. *Every bird likes its own nest.*
8. *Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.*
9. *Every dog is a lion at home.*
10. *East or West — home is best.*

- a. *Своя земля и в горсти мила.*
- b. *Всяк кулик свое болото хвалит*
- c. *Всякому мила своя сторона.*
- d. *Дома и солома съедобна.*
- e. *Чужие стены не греют*
- f. *Всяк кулик на своем болоте велик.*
- g. *Мой дом — моя крепость.*
- h. *Нет места подобного дому*
- i. *В гостях хорошо, а дома лучше.*
- j. *Не указывай на чужой двор пальцем, а по укажут на твой вилами.*

Tasks:

1. Give some reasons for visiting Russia:



2. Write an essey beginning with:

- Russia is for me ...

- I think tourists come to Russia to see/to visit/to... ...

3. Make the project «Russia with my own eyes».