

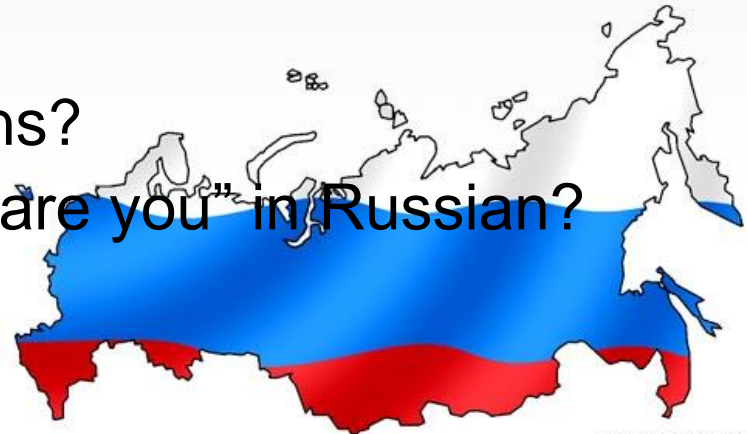
# LET US TALK ABOUT RUSSIA (РОССИЯ) and the Russian language



# QUIZ

Try and answer the questions and we will *discuss your answers after the Presentation*

- In how many countries Russian is a first language for many local people?  
1 - 3 – 5 – 15 – 25 ?
- Are there Russian words identical or similar to English ones?
- What are the Russian letters (Alphabet) called?
- What is the capital city and the second largest city in Russia?
- Who is the leader of Russia?
- Do you know any famous Russians?
- How do you say “hello” and “how are you” in Russian?

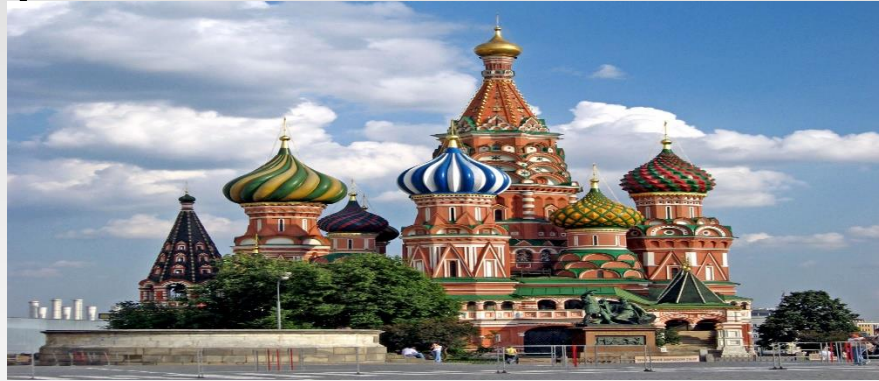


# Map of Russia and the neighbouring countries



# FACTS ABOUT RUSSIA

- The capital of Russia is Moscow (МОСКВА).



- St. Petersburg is the second largest city in Russia

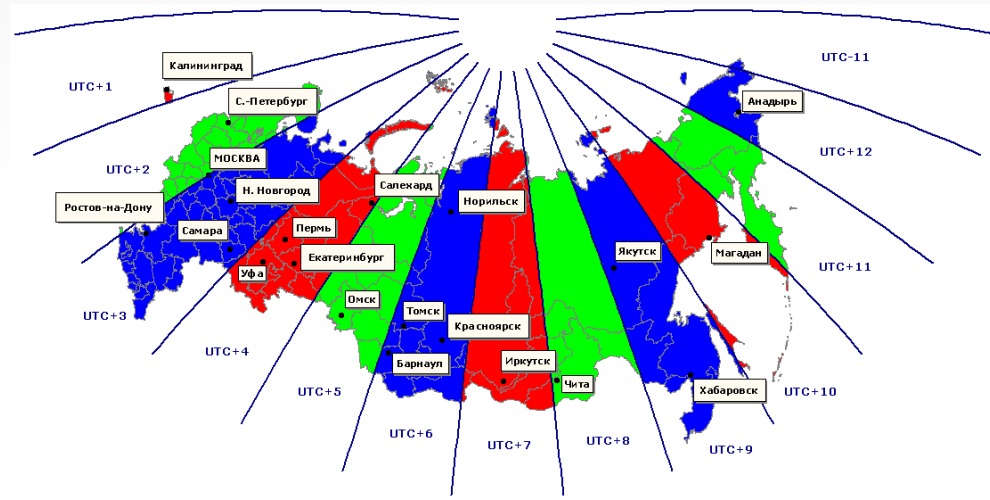


# География

- The biggest country in the world, where Europe meets Asia



- It spans 10 time zones.



The money used is the ruble  
(РУБЛЬ).



The language spoken is Russian.  
People write in cyrillic.

*Russian Alphabet*

**А Б В Г Д Е Ё Ж З  
И Й К Л М Н О П  
Р С Т У Ф Х Ц Ч  
Ш Щ Ъ Ы Ь  
Э Ю Я**



# Russia is famous for Матрёшки



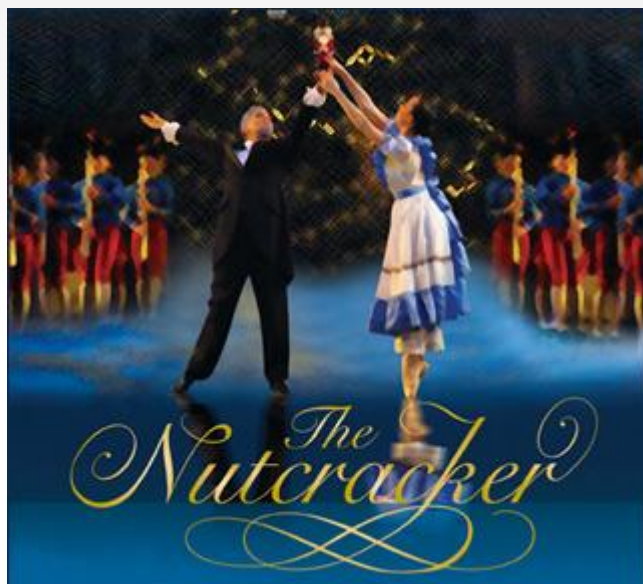


# Samovar and чай

## САМОВАР ЧАЙ



# Ballet (БАЛЕТ)



# Some famous Russians

ГАГАРИН



ПУТИН



ПУШКИН



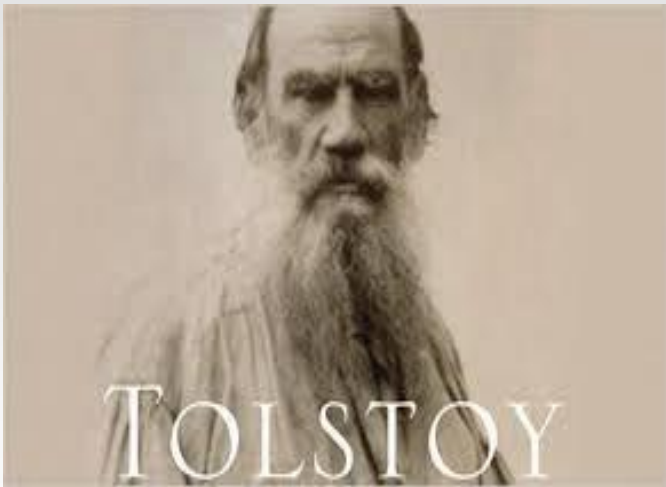
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ШАРАПОВА



# BBC epic adaptation of 'WAR AND PEACE' by TOLSTOY, January 2016



# Mary Hobson:

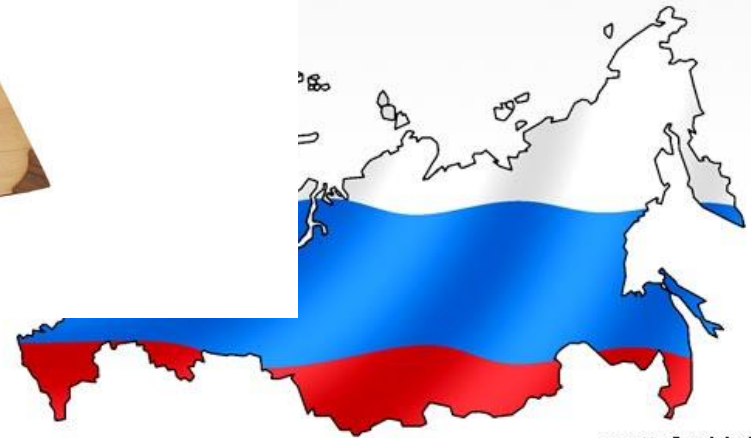


‘It took me about two years to read 'War and Peace'. I read it like a poem, a sentence at a time.’

English writer and translator Mary Hobson decided to learn Russian at the age of 56, graduating in her sixties and completing a PhD aged 74. Now fluent in Russian, Hobson has translated “Eugene Onegin” and other poems by Pushkin, “Woe from Wit” by Griboyedov, and has won the Griboyedov Prize and Pushkin Medal for her work.



# Валалаіка БАЛАЛАЙКА



# Vodka ВОДКА



# Easter eggs





# MEALS

*Bleenee*- thin pancakes served with different stuffing,

*Peeroshkee*- pastries filled with meat.

*Borshch*- Russian soup (СУП)

CHAI- tea



# СПОРТ

## ФУТБОЛ

is the most popular sport in Russia.



## ТЕННИС

is very popular too.



Can you read Russian?

**АЙРН-БРЮ**

**ПЕПСИ-КОЛА**

**МЕТРО МОСКВА**

**МАКДОНАЛЬДС**



# Can you Read in Russian? ;-)



## МЕТРО МОСКВА



# Answers

- 15 countries of the former Soviet Union
- Original English words in Russian  
(over 1,000)

Sports (ТЕННИС-ТЕННИС, FOOTBALL-ФУТБОЛ, etc)

Exotic animals and plant (ПАНДА- ПАНДА,  
БАНАНА-БАНАН etc)

Technical, computer terms (ПРИНТЕР-ПРИНТЕР etc)

Politics and Business (БАНК-БАНК etc)

- Original Russian words in English

cosmos, sputnik, borsch etc



# Guess the meaning

- НОС (nos)
- БРАТ (brat), СЕСТРА (sestra),  
МАМА (mama), ПАПА (papa),  
БАБУШКА (babushka)
- ВОДА (vada), СОЛНЦЕ (sontse)
- ВИНО (vino), МОЛОКО (moloko)
- ШКОЛА (shkola), ЭКЗАМЕН (examen)
- КОТ (kot)



# **‘KISS’ rule in reading and writing** **‘Keep it Simple and Sound’**

**In majority of cases**

**every letter is read in only one way**

*e.g. ‘A’ as in ‘art’ (not as in ‘apple’ or ‘table’)*

*‘C’ as in ‘cinema’ and never as in ‘car’ or in ‘chair’*

*Sometimes 2 letters are expressed by 1 letter in Russian, e.g. sh=Ш ch=Ч*

*Or 1 letter - ‘G’ or ‘J’ as in George or John is expressed by 2 Russian letters ‘ДЖ’*

*If a letter is not pronounced you do not write it in Russian (like ‘e’ in ‘Jane’).*



***'Well, just you wait!'***

Novii god. Ded Moroz i Snegurochka

