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| Russia Exercises | about-the-world.org/3124 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (A) | Semi-presidential | (1) | Russian empire before 1917 |
| (E) | Tundra | (2) | Period of Mongol dominance in Russia |
| (E) | Duma | (3) | Combines president and prime minister |
| (M) | Steppe | (4) | Coldest inhabited place in Russia |
| (N) | Bashkirs | (5) | Treeless, frozen landscape |
| (S) | Tsarist Empire | (6) | Vast, grassy plain |
| (T) | Mongolian Rule | (7) | Russian legislative body |
| (T) | Oimjakon | (8) | Ethnic group in Russia |
| (T) | Ural Mountains | (9) | Divide Europe and Asia |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (E) | Moscow is the capital ... | (1) | ... two continents, Europe and Asia. |
| (E) | Tchaikovsky contributed greatly ... | (2) | ... and political center. |
| (I) | Russia was once part ... | (3) | ... of -50 degrees Celsius. |
| (L) | St. Basil’s Cathedral is ... | (4) | ... European and Asian Russia. |
| (P) | Oimjakon experiences temperatures ... | (5) | ... of Mongolian rule. |
| (R) | Russia stretches across ... | (6) | ... located in Moscow. |
| (T) | The Ural Mountains separate ... | (7) | ... to music. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What separates European and Asian Russia? |
| (R) | Siberian plains |
| (S) | Ural Mountains |
| (V) | Volga River |
| 2. | Who was a famous Russian composer? |
| (A) | Bach |
| (Q) | Tchaikovsky |
| (S) | Pushkin |
| 3. | What is the climate like in Siberia? |
| (N) | Temperate |
| (R) | Tropical |
| (U) | Very cold |
| 4. | What is the Kremlin? |
| (A) | A historical fortress in Moscow |
| (R) | A mountain range |
| (V) | A river |
| 5. | What was Russia a part of before becoming an empire? |
| (A) | Roman Empire |
| (R) | Mongolian rule |
| (S) | British Empire |
| 6. | What is the coldest place in Russia? |
| (E) | Oimjakon |
| (R) | Moscow |
| (V) | Siberia |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (S) | (V) | 1. Russia is the largest country in the world. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. China is to the west of Russia. |
| (R) | (L) | 3. Russia is a monarchy. |
| (M) | (R) | 4. The Volga is the largest river in Russia. |
| (O) | (T) | 5. Siberia is known for its extremely cold climate. |
| (A) | (N) | 6. St. Petersburg is the capital of Russia. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What is the capital of Russia?

What is the Volga?

Who is Pushkin?

What is Russia’s form of government?

What type of landscape is found in the north of Russia?

What is the ethnic diversity of Russia like?

What plays a major role in Russia’s economy?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Russia**

**Match terms**

Tsarist Empire = Russian empire before 1917

Mongolian Rule = Period of Mongol dominance in Russia

Semi-presidential = Combines president and prime minister

Oimjakon = Coldest inhabited place in Russia

Tundra = Treeless, frozen landscape

Steppe = Vast, grassy plain

Duma = Russian legislative body

Bashkirs = Ethnic group in Russia

Ural Mountains = Divide Europe and Asia

Keyword: STATEMENT

**Complete sentences**

Russia stretches across | two continents, Europe and Asia.

Moscow is the capital | and political center.

Oimjakon experiences temperatures | of -50 degrees Celsius.

The Ural Mountains separate | European and Asian Russia.

Russia was once part | of Mongolian rule.

St. Basil’s Cathedral is | located in Moscow.

Tchaikovsky contributed greatly | to music.

Keyword: REPTILE

**Questions**

What separates European and Asian Russia?

Ural Mountains

Who was a famous Russian composer?

Tchaikovsky

What is the climate like in Siberia?

Very cold

What is the Kremlin?

A historical fortress in Moscow

What was Russia a part of before becoming an empire?

Mongolian rule

What is the coldest place in Russia?

Oimjakon

Keyword: SQUARE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Russia is the largest country in the world.

4. The Volga is the largest river in Russia.

5. Siberia is known for its extremely cold climate.

wrong

6. St. Petersburg is the capital of Russia.

2. China is to the west of Russia.

3. Russia is a monarchy.

Keyword: SALMON

**Solution sheet 2**

**Russia**

**Questions and answers**

What is the capital of Russia?

Moscow is the capital of Russia.

What is the Volga?

The Volga is the largest river in Russia.

Who is Pushkin?

Pushkin was a famous Russian writer.

What is Russia’s form of government?

Russia is a federation with a semi-presidential system.

What type of landscape is found in the north of Russia?

The northern part of Russia has tundra landscapes.

What is the ethnic diversity of Russia like?

Russia’s population is ethnically diverse with many groups.

What plays a major role in Russia’s economy?

The energy sector plays a major role in Russia’s economy.