

I. Read the text.

Our Motherland.

1. Our Motherland is the Russian Federation, Russia.
2. - Russia is situated in Euro-Asia.
3. Russia covers the territory of 17 million square km.
4. The population of Russia is 150 million people.
5. Russia is rich in natural resources: oil, iron-ore, gas, coal, copper, non-ferrous metals and so on.
6. 'There is a great number of lakes, rivers.
7. The longest rivers are the Ob, the Volga.
8. There are many big industrial centres such as St. Peterburg, Yekaterinburg, Nizhnii Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Kemerovo, Samara.
9. Moscow is the capital of our country.
10. The name "Moscow" had appeared in the oldest Russian Chronik at first in 1147.
11. It is the largest political, economical, cultural and scientific centre of the country'.
12. Our flag is white-blue-red.
13. In June of 1991 the first president B. Yeltsin was elected.
14. In May of 2000 V. Putin was elected.
15. The highest organ is the State Duma.

II. Learn the poem.

Oh, Russia, I'm in love with you!
Remember, Russia, you are great
Not in the field of battles past
But in the lush green fields of wheat
And forests, gardens, free of dust.
I love you deeply, dear land,
Your lakes with shores of fine sand,
Your rivers, valleys, hills and seas;
Your songs and dances; birds in trees;
Your sunrise is a splendid sight
Which always gives me such delight!

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III. Pronounce correctly and give Russian equivalents to the following words and word combinations.

The Russian Federation, Russia, Motherland, Euro-Asia, situated, covers, the population, natural resources, oil, iron-ore, gas, coal, copper, non-ferrous metals, a great number, lake, river, the longest rivers, the Ob, the Volga, industrial centres, St. Peterburg, Yekaterinburg, Nizhnii Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Kemerovo, Samara, Moscow, the capital, political centre, economical centre, cultural centre, scientific centre, flag is white-blue-red, president, highest organ, the State Duma.

IV. Give English equivalents to:

1. Я живу в Российской Федерации.
2. Наша Родина - Россия.
3. Население нашей страны 150 млн. человек.

4. Россия занимает большую территорию в Евразии.
5. Россия богата природными ресурсами.
6. В России много культурных центров.
7. Столица страны - Москва.
8. Наш флаг белый, синий, красный.
9. Первым президентом был Б. Ельцин.
10. Сейчас президентом страны является В. Путин.
11. Главным органом управления является Государственная Дума.

V. Answer the questions.

1. Where is the Russian Federation situated?
2. What territory does Russia cover?
3. What is the population of Russia?
4. What natural resources is our country rich?
5. What are industrial centres of the country?
6. What is the capital of our country'?
7. What are centres of the country?
8. What colour is our flag?
9. Who was the first president of Russia⁹
10. When was V. Putin elected?
11. What is the highest organ of Russia⁹