



SOME USEFUL WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

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- to be considered as the time of foundation** — считаться временем основания
- to take one's name from** — брать свое название от
- to date from** — вести свое начало от; возникнуть, появиться в
- to become a political center of Russia** — стать политическим центром России
- to be moved to St Petersburg** — быть перенесенной в Санкт Петербург
- to be a residence of Russian rulers** — быть резиденцией русских правителей
- to have a good position on the map** — иметь хорошее географическое положение
- since long ago** — с давних времен
- moderately continental climate** — умеренно континентальный климат
- predominance of the western winds** — преобладание западных ветров
- practically free from natural disasters** — почти без стихийных бедствий
- mild hurricanes** — легкие ураганы
- strong thunderstorms** — сильные грозы
- to melt from the heat** — плавиться от жары
- to be far from ideal** — быть далеким от идеала
- to be an educational center** — быть центром получения образования
- to have a developed transport system** — иметь развитую транспортную систему
- chief commercial and financial centre** — главный торговый и финансовый центр
- to make a good living** — хорошо зарабатывать
- cultural time spending** — культурное времяпрепровождение
- to exhibit beautiful paintings** — выставлять красивые картины
- great historic events** — великие исторические события
- a UNESCO World Heritage Site** — объект всемирного наследия ЮНЕСКО
- to take a city stroll** — прогуляться по городу
- to be a great place (to do smth)** — является отличным местом
- view points** — смотровые площадки
- to host sport events** — проводить спортивные соревнования
- to get unforgettable emotions** — испытывать незабываемые эмоции

PRACTICE TASK

- Match the words with the definitions.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. viewpoint 2. to date from 3. to stream 4. to exhibit 5. predominance 6. to stroll 7. attraction 8. heritage 9. conqueror 10. convent 11. chapel 12. vendor 13. stunning 14. memorable | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. to have existed since a particular time b. to show something publicly c. to walk in a relaxed manner, especially for pleasure d. a place from which something is observed e. having more importance or power than others f. features belonging to the culture of a particular society g. likely to be remembered h. someone who has taken control of land by force i. a group of buildings where nuns live, work and worship j. a small church where people can go to pray k. someone who sells things, especially on the street l. to move continuously in one direction m. an event or location attracting visitors n. extremely beautiful or attractive |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. retain 2. sacred 3. bustling 4. eternal 5. memorable 6. truly 7. significance 8. comparable 9. indispensable 10. startling 11. gem 12. intersperse 13. commemorate 14. quaint | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. considered to be holy and deserving respect b. lasting forever or for a very long time c. being full of busy activity d. likely to be remembered or worth remembering e. to keep or continue to have something f. to put something among something else g. something that is very good h. attractive because of being unusual i. similar in size, amount, or quality to smth else j. to remember officially and give respect to a great event k. necessary, too important not to have l. very surprising, unusual and worrying m. importance n. very, particularly or deeply |
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- Fill in the blanks with the words below. Change the form if needed.

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predominance to host living obelisk comparable truly
vendors to stream to solve

1. Moscow _____ many international sport events.
2. The Gallery exhibits a _____ rich collection of paintings.
3. The _____ of the western winds is typical for Moscow.
4. A lot of tourists _____ into the Russian capital every year.
5. The Old Arbat street is full with souvenir _____.
6. Like many other cities of _____ size, Moscow has traffic jams.
The city authorities are trying _____ the problem.
7. Many people stream into Moscow to make a good _____.
8. Flowers are traditionally placed at the foot of the _____.

L 3-4

retained prominence memorable bustling indispensable
gems startling sacred quaint locals stunning memorable

1. Moscow is known to be a city of _____ contrasts.
 2. The city boasts many architectural _____.
 3. The streets of _____ Moscow were filled with sports fans.
 4. Some places around Moscow are considered to be _____.
 5. This place came to _____ during the war.
 6. New parking lots are _____ for the city.
 7. You can make _____ photos during the festival.
 8. The place is mentioned in _____ Russian chronicles.
 9. We took _____ photos of some _____ places.
 10. Our room has a _____ view of the city.
 11. They asked one of the _____ to recommend a café.
- Compare several Russian cities in terms of tourist attractions, historical events, people, residential buildings, greenery, cost of living and job opportunities, etc. Write a report about it.



- Use the verbs in brackets in the proper form.

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1. 1147 (*to consider*) the official date of the foundation of Moscow.
2. Moscow (*to have*) a good position on the map. It (*to become*) the Russian capital in 1389. But in 1712 the capital (*to move*) to St Petersburg. In 1918 Moscow (*to become*) the center of Russia again.
3. My friends and I (*to stroll*) in Zaryadye Park last weekend. We (*to get*) unforgettable emotions there.
4. Moscow (*to be*) the chief commercial and financial centre since long ago.
5. The Pushkin Fine Arts Museum (*to exhibit*) beautiful paintings.
6. In 2019 Moscow (*to launch*) a large rail project: the Moscow Central Diameters (MCD). The MCD, based on surface railway lines, (*to offer*) new cross-city rail routes.
7. Once Moscow (*to start*) to revive its legend and cultural gem, the number of visitors to VDNKh rapidly (*to increase*).

- Use the verbs in brackets in the required finite or non-finite form.

L 3-4

1. The Rostokinsky Aqueduct in Moscow is a miracle of 18th century. Catherine the Great (*commission*) the engineer, Friedrich Bauer, to build this white stone bridge. Stone from the recently-demolished walls of the White City (*to recycle*) into the 21 arches of the aqueduct. The final cost (*to be*) incredible, (*earn*) the structure the nickname Millionny Most.
2. The Spasskaya Tower and its gate always (*be*) the main entrance to the Kremlin. Pietro Antonio Solari (*build*) it in 1491. It initially (*call*) Florovskaya because it (*stand*) near the Flor and Laur Church. The tower (*rename*) Spasskaya only in 1645 in honor of two Vernicle Icons (*place*) over the gate from both sides.

- Comment on one of the following statements.

1. Moscow hasn't changed much for the last 20 years.

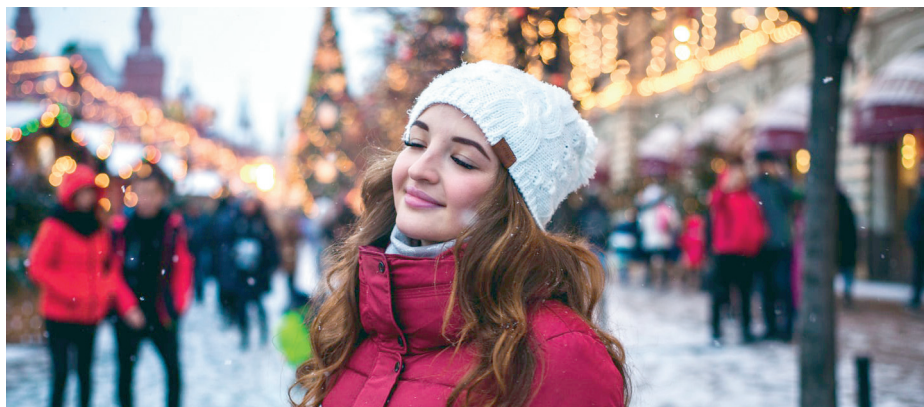
2. Foreign tourists should be shown only the historical center of Moscow.

What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?

Write 200–250 words.

- Read the text and explain the words and phrases in bold (see page 177). Create a plan to retell the text. Do the tasks after the text.

THE MOST POPULAR MOSCOW SIGHTS ACCORDING TO INSTAGRAM USERS



Every year, Moscow is growing more popular with tourists. As the number of tourists increases, the number of photos of Moscow in social networks grows as well. In the end of 2017, Moscow ranked second among the most photographed cities in the world according to Instagram social network. Based on user opinions, the Committee for Tourism has prepared a list of the most popular Moscow sights.

Red Square

Once in Moscow, tourists usually go to see the Kremlin and Red Square first. Photos of the **Kremlin's Red Towers with Chimes**, St Basil's Cathedral, the Kremlin Wall published on Instagram is proper evidence that you are in the Russian capital now. These are the same landmark symbols as the Eiffel Tower, the Taj Mahal or Big Ben.

There is a Museum of History on the north side of Red Square, with St. Basil's Cathedral on the south. Previously, Upper Trading Rows occupied almost all the area opposite the Kremlin. Now it houses GUM, the State Department Store. Next to St. Basil's Cathedral you will find the first monument set up in Moscow — the monument to Minin and Pozharsky.

From Red Square you may **proceed** to Nikolskaya Street, which became world-famous during the 2019 FIFA World Cup. Fans from different countries gathered on this street to celebrate victories and **experience defeats** of their national teams. Now it offers improvised performances of street artists, and numerous cafes and restaurants.

- Speak about Moscow. Describe, compare and contrast the following pictures. Listen to a sample answer.

