

hello

A wide-angle photograph of St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, Russia. The cathedral's colorful, onion-shaped domes in shades of blue, green, and gold are prominent against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, a large, paved square is filled with people walking. To the left of the cathedral, there is a bronze statue on a pedestal. In the background, other city buildings and a tall spire are visible.

Moscow



Red square



The Kremlin



Old Arbat



Aquarium



Yuri kuklachev cat theatre



Moscow Metro



guide book



guest



map



receptionist



luggage



tourist



Visitor



- 1** Look at the photos of Moscow. Do you know any of these places? Read the text quickly and find out who visited which place.



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MONIQUE

Moscow is great for sightseeing! I took photos everywhere I went. The only problem was that I don't speak Russian, so it was hard to get a taxi, and I hate walking. My advice is to take some Russian lessons before you go. I went to the aquarium on my first day. I enjoyed it, but there were a lot of tourists. I preferred the quieter streets with little shops selling postcards and presents. After I got gifts for my friends, I didn't have much money left!

CARLA

The underground, or metro, is a great way to travel around, but too crowded for me. My favourite place was Red Square. The buildings are amazing. But don't spend all your time taking photos – I didn't. I bought postcards from the little shops. You don't need Russian. Everyone speaks English. Oh and I loved the street food and ate lots of it, but it wasn't cheap! The aquarium is fantastic. If you only go to one place, go there.

OLIVIA

My favourite place was Old Arbat, one of the oldest streets in Moscow. I wanted to get presents for my mum and dad, but all the shops had the same presents, so I didn't buy much. I mostly ate street food because it didn't cost much, and it was delicious. I went to the metro to look at the amazing stations, but I didn't travel on it. I went everywhere on foot. You see so much that way.





PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading Part 2

2 For each question, choose the correct answer. Write *M* for Monique, *C* for Carla or *O* for Olivia.

- 1** Who thinks walking is the best way to travel around Moscow?
- 2** Who found the street food in Moscow expensive?
- 3** Who says it's important not to miss the aquarium?
- 4** Who spent a lot of money on presents?
- 5** Which person enjoyed visiting the metro?
- 6** Who says you should learn some Russian before going?
- 7** Who said it was better to buy postcards than to take photos?

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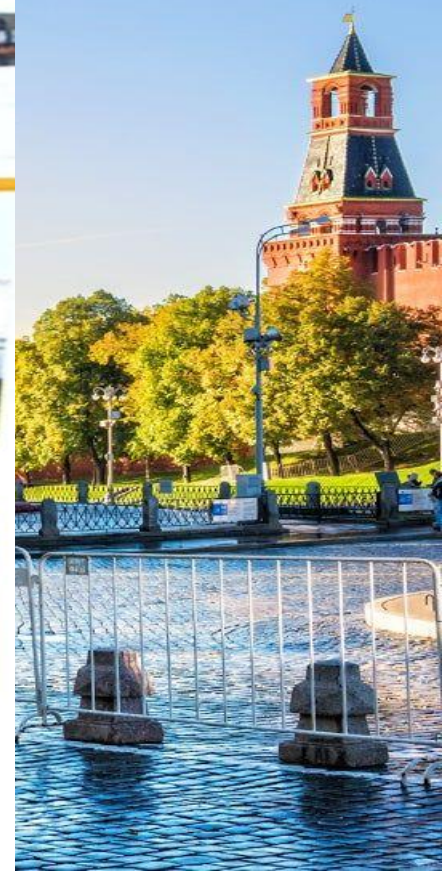


VOCABULARY

Holiday vocabulary

- 1** Match the words in the box to the things in the photo A–E. There are three words for A. There are two words for D.

guest guidebook luggage map
receptionist suitcase tourist visitor



2 Now complete the sentences with the words from the box in Exercise 1.

- 1 You can find the names of streets on a _____ of the city.
- 2 Millions of _____ visit Moscow every year.
- 3 It's always a good idea to buy a _____ to help you plan activities for your holiday.
- 4 I've only got one small _____ for all my clothes. I hope I can get everything in it.
- 5 We stayed in a really small hotel in Moscow. It only had room for eight _____.
- 6 We put all our _____ in the back of the taxi. We didn't want to have the bags on the seats.
- 7 When we arrived at the hotel, the _____ gave us our room key.
- 8 The Space Museum in Moscow has lots of _____ every year.

3 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- 1 How much luggage do you take with you on holiday?
 - 2 Who packs your suitcase?
 - 3 What do you put in your suitcase when you go on summer holidays?
 - 4 Do you or your parents usually buy a guidebook when you go on holiday?
 - 5 Do you use maps? When was the last time you used a map?
 - 6 Do many tourists come to visit your town? What do they like to see?
 - 7 What does a receptionist do?
 - 8 Did you stay in a hotel on your last holiday? Did you like it?
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LISTENING



1 Look at the photo in Vocabulary Exercise 1. In pairs, discuss the questions.

- 1 What can you see?
- 2 Who are the people?
- 3 What are they doing?



2 Listen to the conversation between John, a student on holiday in Moscow with his parents, and the hotel receptionist and check your ideas.

Why is John speaking to the receptionist?



3 Listen again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 John is an only child.
- 2 John wants to look around the city in the afternoon.
- 3 The tourist information centre is a long way from the hotel.
- 4 The receptionist hasn't got an underground map.
- 5 John thinks taxis are faster than the underground.
- 6 John forgot his bag.
- 7 The guest before John had several suitcases.
- 8 There is a lift in the hotel.



SPEAKING



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John phones the tourist information centre for some more information. Listen to his conversation. What are John and his family going to do that day?



2

Listen again and repeat the phrases from the conversation.

John: Can you give me some information about the space museum, please?

Clerk: Yes, certainly. The museum's near the centre, and you can book online. You'll really enjoy it.

John: That's perfect. Thanks.

Clerk: It's the best way to learn about the history of our country.

John: That's a really good idea. Oh, by the way, have you got any information about the Kremlin?

Clerk: Yes, of course. It's all on our website. Have a good day.



3 In pairs, choose a city you both know. What four places would tourists like to visit in this city? Role-play a conversation at a tourist information centre. Use phrases from Exercise 2 to help you.

4 Make questions. Then in pairs, ask and answer them using the information below.

- 1 address?
- 2 open every day?
- 3 what time / close?
- 4 how much / drinks?
- 5 web address?

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Monday – Saturday

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