

Fast Five

- 1) What are the continents Russia is in?
- 2) What is the capital of Russia?
- 3) Name a country which neighbours Russia.
- 4) Is Russia the biggest country in the world by population or land area?

Fast Five Answers

- 1) Europe and Asia
- 2) Moscow
- 3) Mongolia, China, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Belarus, Estonia or Finland
- 4) By land area

**Can I explore the culture and
traditions of other countries?**



Russia

Today you will learn a little about the language, art and food in Russia.

You can make a few notes as you go along.



Language

- Russian is the official language of Russia.
- Roughly 15% of the population can speak English, 16% speak German and 4% speak French.

Language

The Russian alphabet is different to ours: they use Cyrillic script and have 33 letters.

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			

Language

<https://translate.google.com/#view=home&op=translate&sl=auto&tl=ru&text=Hello>

Try saying ‘hello’ in Russian. It sounds like ‘privet’.

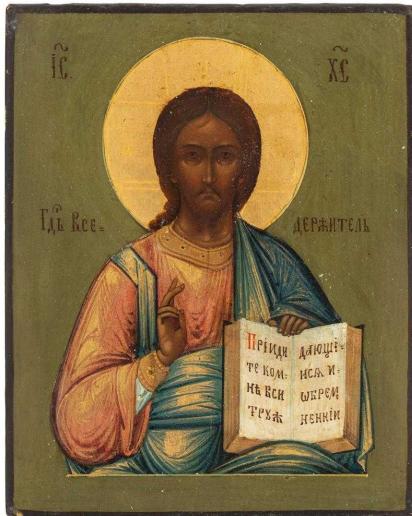
A screenshot of the Google Translate interface. On the left, the word "hello" is typed, with its phonetic transcription "helō,həlō" below it. On the right, the word "Привет" is displayed, with its phonetic transcription "Privet" below it. A large "X" symbol is positioned between the two language columns.

‘How are you’ sounds like ‘kak ty’.

A screenshot of the Google Translate interface. On the left, the phrase "how are you" is typed. Below it are three smaller options: "how are you", "how are you doing", and "how are you doing today". On the right, the phrase "как ты" is displayed, with its phonetic transcription "kak ty" below it. A large "X" symbol is positioned between the two language columns.

Art

Russia has many styles of art that have changed over the centuries. In the 18th century, much of the art in Russia focused on religious icons and was painted on wood.



Art

Wood painting was not exclusive to religious icons. ‘Khokhloma’ is a style of Russian wood painting that often uses red, black, green, yellow and orange on a gold background. The paintings often make items look metallic. Patterns are often floral.

Here are some examples...



Art

You could try drawing a small 'Khokhloma' pattern of your own.



Food

Like most countries, the types of food vary. In no country do people eat the same food. Think of the UK as an example of this.

We can, however, explore some different foods that are more common in Russia.

Food

This is called a ‘pirozhki’. Have you tried this before? What do you think is inside it?



Food

A pirozhki is a pastry filled with meat, potatoes, cabbage and/or cheese. They might remind you of a pasty.



Food

This is called ‘borscht’. Have you tried this before? What do you think is in it?



Food

Borscht is originally from Ukraine but popular across Russia. It is a type of beetroot soup and is filled with meats and vegetables.

