

# Moscow, hello!

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What do you know about Moscow?  
Can you answer the questions?

1. Who founded Moscow?
2. Was Moscow always the capital of Russia?
3. How did Moscow get its name?

Read the text and check your answers.



Coat of Arms  
of Moscow



Anthem  
of Moscow

Moscow is an old city. Prince Yuri Dolgoruki founded it in 1147. He was Prince of Kiev and it was the capital of the country called Kievan Rus. Many years passed. Prince Yuri was an old man and he decided to visit his son in Vladimir. The journey was long and difficult. One day, when Prince was in the dark forest, he suddenly saw a white large cloud. The cloud slowly turned into a huge animal with three heads. Then it disappeared. "It is a sign!" - thought Prince. "This is the place for a great city".

A few hours later Prince reached a small village on the bank of the Moskva river. The ruler of the place was boyarin\* Stepan Kuchko. He didn't open the gates and a fight began. Prince Yuri and his men won the battle. It was then that the Prince said, "This is a place for a new town. I will build it here and call it Moskva."

Today, Moskva or Moscow, is the capital of Russia and one of the most famous cities in the world.

\*boyarin - a member of a class of higher Russian nobility.

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Read the text again and mark the sentences True or False.

1. Moscow was founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> century.
2. Yuri Dolgoruki ruled in Kiev.
3. Prince Yuri set off to Vladimir to visit his brother.
4. The white cloud Yuri saw in the sky had four heads.
5. There was a small village next to the Moskva river.

True	False

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Look at the picture. What landmarks do you know?

**It's interesting to know!**

- ✓ Red Square, the main square of Moscow, is located in the very heart of the city. You can find many historically and culturally important landmarks on this square.
- ✓ The Russian word "красная" (krasnaya), which means "red", had a different meaning many years ago. It originally meant "beautiful", making the original name of the square "beautiful square".
- ✓ Red Square is a unique place which combines churches, defensive walls and towers, museums, a cemetery with a mausoleum and a huge department store in a single space.



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Read the definitions and match them with the pictures. Then do two online tasks. ➡



1. **Red Square** - is a city central square in Moscow, Russia. It's got its name in the 17th century. In old Russian the word "red" means beautiful. Now Red Square is the official residence of the President of Russia.

2. **Kremlin Senate** - is a building within the grounds of the Moscow Kremlin which houses the Russian presidential administration and is a highly secured and restricted area closed to the public.

3. **Lenin's Mausoleum** - is an external free-standing building constructed as a monument enclosing the interment space or burial chamber of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. He was a Russian revolutionary, politician, and political theorist. He served as head of government of Soviet Russia from 1917 to 1924.

4. **St. Basil's Cathedral** (The Cathedral of Vasily the Blessed) - is a church in Red Square in Moscow and is one of the most recognizable symbols of the country. Now it is a museum.

5. **Spasskaya Tower** - is the main tower on the eastern wall of the Moscow Kremlin. It's 67,3 metres high. The tower is famous for its clock, the Kremlin clock, made in the 16th century.

6. **State Historical Museum** - is a museum of Russian history. The total number of objects in the museum's collection comes to millions.

7. **State Department Store (GUM)** - is the main department store in Moscow. It offers a wide range of consumer goods in different product categories known as "departments".

8. **Monument to Minin and Pozharsky** - is a bronze statue on Red Square in Moscow, Russia, in front of Saint Basil's Cathedral. The statue commemorates Prince Dmitry Pozharsky and Kuzma Minin. They were heroes in the war against Poland in 1612. It was the first monument built in Moscow.



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Match the parts of the sentences.

1. Kremlin clock was made in the
2. Spasskaya Tower is
3. War against Poland was in
4. Red Square got its name in the

- a) 17<sup>th</sup> century
- b) 67,3 metres high
- c) 16<sup>th</sup> century
- d) 1612