

Sport in our life

Sports and games

7. This is a page from a *Travellers Guide Book* about sports in Moscow. Complete the text with the missing headlines from the box.

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| a) Horseracing and Horse-riding, | b) Ice Hockey, |
| c) Football (Soccer), | d) Cross-country Skiing, |
| e) Ice-skating, | f) Tennis. |

As one of the world's greatest sporting nations, Russia has a lot to offer sports fans. You can enjoy first-rate football and ice-hockey matches, go skiing and skating or even hunting.

1) ... Russia is mostly a flat country, so downhill skiing is not widespread but cross-country skiing is very popular. Go to any of the outlying parks in winter. Skis can be bought at most sports shops.

2) ... Risk a few roubles on buggy racing at the Hippodrome. And remember that it's hard to beat the charm of riding through birch forests in springtime or taking a horsedrawn sleigh ride after a fresh snowfall.

3) ... When it's too cold for football, people turn their attention to ice hockey played to world standard in Russia's two big cities. International matches are advertised in the local press. Tickets at stadiums.

4) ... You can skate in the ice lanes of Moscow's Gorky Park in winter or visit one of many covered rinks. Some places offer skates but you must bring extra pairs of socks in case your size isn't available.

5) ... Russians adore the game. Fortunately you seldom see acts of European-style hooliganism at stadiums. Tickets are always available for local matches on the day. The season is from March to October.

6) ... This is a boom sport in Russia and the country's best compete against foreign stars in Moscow's Kremlin Cup, held each autumn. See local press for details.

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Downhill skiing

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1. соревноваться 2. обожать 3. хоккей на льду

4. беговые лыжи 5. ледяные дорожки

6. местные матчи 7. обожать 8. верховая езда

9. катание на коньках 10. горные лыжи

11. катки 12. скачки на лошадях

13. поездка на запряженных санях

14. спорт, интерес к которому растет