

## WORD FORMATION

Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию из группы 29–34

Russia is a large country with great diversity in flora and fauna. There are several large \_\_\_\_\_ parks in Russia. NATION

A lot of different animals live there. Wolves are probably the best known, and are very well studied animals, so we have enough  about their diet and behaviour. INFORM

The wolf is a good  They usually hunt wild HUNT animals like deer and hares, but sometimes they can attack sheep, goats, and cows. The wolf tries to avoid people and only goes into villages when he is  hungry. REAL

In some  tales, the wolf is often represented as a clever animal that helps the main character, Ivan. RUSSIA

The wolf is usually direct and  and helps Ivan CREATE to cope with many difficult problem





- 1 Where does the name Lena come from?
- 2 What role does the Lena River play in the economy?
- 3 When is the Lena River navigable?
- 4 What is the most serious ecological problem for the Lena River basin?
- 5 What is the fauna of the Lena River region like?
- 6 Why does the Lena River attract tourists?
- 7 Are there any events that celebrate the great river?

**A.** The beauty of Siberia, the Lena River, is frozen for almost eight months of the year. Ice usually appears in late October and remains until May. The water is icefree only during the summer months, which allows ships to travel, and makes the

Lena a busy waterway for transporting timber, gold, and industrial products. The traffic is heavy, which sometimes raises ecological issues. In summer, the river also becomes a popular tourist route for steamship excursions.

**B.** The Lena River is more than just a natural wonder – it is also an economic resource and a cultural symbol of the free spirit of Siberia. In 2013, July 2 was officially declared Lena River Day – a holiday dedicated to protecting the river and its unique ecosystem. On this day, the local communities arrange clean-up campaigns and cultural and educational events. Cruise tourists are also happy to take part in those festivals.

**C.** The Lena River may be covered with ice for most of the year, but it is a paradise for nature lovers, who enjoy cruises from Yakutsk down the river in summer. The river goes through taiga forests, spectacular mountain ranges, and valleys. Many tourists go there to see the Lena Pillars, massive natural stone towers along the river. Together with Lake Baikal, the Lena boasts crystal-clear water and is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**D.** Due to long distances and short navigation periods, the Lena is not as well-known to tourists, fishermen, and bird and animal watchers as European rivers. Meanwhile, it supports a rich variety of fishes, including salmon, sturgeon, and lenok. Its wetlands and delta serve as nesting grounds for unique bird species, such as the Siberian crane. The area is also home to bears, wolves, reindeer, arctic foxes, and even polar bears.

**E.**

The Lena River is about 4,400 km long, which makes it one of the longest rivers in the world. It flows entirely through Siberia, starting near Lake Baikal and travelling northeast for thousands of kilometers, until it reaches the Laptev Sea in the Arctic Ocean. Its name is believed to come from a word in the language of northern peoples, meaning great river. This name reflects both its impressive size and its importance for life in the region.

**F.** For centuries, the cold waters of the Lena River have been important for transportation. For a few navigable months, the river connects distant Siberian cities and villages. Due to the enormous volume of water, several hydro-power plants generate electricity there, which means renewable energy without much pollution. In addition, the region is rich in minerals, gold, and diamonds that are highly important for Russia's economy.

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**You have 30 minutes to do this task. You have received an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Max:**

**From:** Max@mail.uk

**To:** Russian\_friend@sdamgia.ru

**Subject:** Dear friend

*...My new school looks OK. I felt a bit stressed during my first days there, but my new classmates were quite friendly. I hope I'll make new friends here and everything will be alright...*

*...What does your school building look like? What sports facilities can you use there? Would you feel upset if you had to change your school and why?...*

**Write a message to Max and answer her 3 questions. Write 100–120 words. Remember the rules of letter writing.**

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