

1. What did you learn about London? Decide if the following sentences are true, false or unstated according to the story.

- 1) The Romans founded London two centuries ago.
- 2) The Romans began London as a fortress.
- 3) Later London became a town.
- 4) Very good masters restored the city again and again.
- 5) The magnificent building of Westminster Abbey houses rare paintings and unique books.
- 6) Christopher Wren designed Westminster Abbey.
- 7) St Paul's Cathedral is a big church.
- 8) There are a lot of masterpieces in the National Gallery and in the British Museum.

2. Listen to the text and match

I think/I know Prince Yuri Dolgoruky founded Moscow in the twelfth century.

Prince Yuri Dolgoruky*

Russian masters

The Russian architect Konstantin Thon*

Andrei Chokhov, a skilful master, Barma and Postnik

Pavel and Sergei Tretyakov*

The architect Nikolai Zhukov

designed and built the Moscow Mosque in 1904.

designed and built St Basil's Cathedral.*

designed the Grand Kremlin Palace.*

founded Moscow in the twelfth century.

redecorated the Uspensky Cathedral in 1642—1643.

designed and made the Tsar Bell.*

founded one of the best galleries of Russian

paintings.

3. 1) What can you tell your foreign friends about Moscow? Use the words from the box.

buildings • masters • cathedrals • churches • design • fortress
founded • galleries • house • later • magnificent • masterpieces
paintings • rare • restored

Yuri Dolgoruky* founded Moscow in 1147. Russian Tsars made Moscow a fortress to protect it. After wars and fires the Muscovites built new homes for themselves. There were a lot of buildings and galleries in old Moscow. Moscow Tsars asked Italian architects to design them. Italian and Russian architects created beautiful cathedrals and painters decorated them with wonderful frescos.* The building of the Uspensky Cathedral is magnificent.

Today Moscow museums and galleries have rare things: Russian and Western European masterpieces, ancient books and metal works of famous masters. The famous Pushkin Museum* and the Tretyakov Gallery are world famous. Moscow is famous for its sights.