

THE VICTORY DAY LESSON

Task 1

Have a look at the picture. What do you think the text is about? Guess and choose the best title for the text:



- a) The Heroic Defense of Pavlov's House during WWII
- b) Yakov Pavlov and his Love for Buildings
- c) Soviet Cuisine during WWII

Task 2

Listen to the audio and answer the questions:

Audio

1. What was Pavlov's House?

- a) A museum
- b) A building in Stalingrad
- c) A German tank

2. Who was the commander of Pavlov's House?

- a) Yakov Pavlov
- b) Adolf Hitler
- c) Joseph Stalin

3. How long did the Soviet soldiers hold Pavlov's House against German attacks?

- a) 58 days
- b) 5 days
- c) 10 days

4. Why did the Soviet soldiers refuse to surrender?

- a) They wanted to keep fighting
- b) They knew the Germans would kill them all
- c) They were waiting for *reinforcements* (подкрепления)

5. How did the battle at Pavlov's House end?

- a) The Germans won
- b) The Soviet soldiers *surrendered* (окружены)
- c) The Germans *retreated* (отступили)

6. What is Pavlov's House today?

- a) A museum and a memorial to the soldiers who defended it
- b) A German military base
- c) A hospital

Task 3

Listen to the audio again and fill the gaps with the words below. There are 2 extra words:

fifty-eight, soldiers, take control, fight, defend, retreated, building, bravery

Pavlov's House was a 1 _____ in the city of Stalingrad during World War II. It was named after its commander, Yakov Pavlov. The building became famous because it was held by Soviet soldiers for 2 _____ days against German attacks.

The Germans wanted to 3 _____ of the city and they attacked Pavlov's House with tanks, grenades, and bombs. But the Soviet soldiers inside fought back with everything they had. They used rifles, machine guns, and even their fists to 4 _____ the building.

During the battle, the 5 _____ inside the house suffered from hunger, thirst, and exhaustion. But they refused to give up. They knew that if they surrendered, the Germans would kill them all.

Finally, after 58 days of fighting, the Germans gave up and 6 _____. Pavlov's House had become a symbol of Soviet resistance and bravery. Today, it is a museum and a memorial to the soldiers who defended it.

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