

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

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