

# BASIC RUSSIAN KNOWLEDGE QUIZ



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1> In what year did Lenin die?

- a. 1938
- b. 1904
- c. 1887
- d. 1924

2> Which country did Russia invade in 1979?

- a. Afghanistan
- b. South Korea
- c. Nepal
- d. Poland

3> What colors are currently (2013) displayed on the Russian flag?

- a. Red, white and blue
- b. Red and yellow
- c. Blue, yellow and white
- d. Red, yellow and white

4> What is the capital of Russia?

- a. St. Petersburg
- b. Stalingrad
- c. Moscow
- d. Leningrad

5> What is the approximate size of Russia (2013)?

- a. 21,500,000 km<sup>2</sup>

- b. 17,098,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- c. 15,930,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- d. 12,070,000 km<sup>2</sup>

6> When do Russians celebrate Defender of the Fatherland Day?

- a. March 11
- b. October 19
- c. August 7
- d. February 23

7> What is the national animal of Russia?

- a. Musk ox
- b. Wolf
- c. Russian Bear
- d. Snow Leopard

8> When did Russia hold the Summer Olympic Games?

- a. 1972
- b. 1996
- c. 1980
- d. 1988

9> How many time zones does Russia span?

- a. Nine
- b. One
- c. Five
- d. Eleven

10> As of 2008, how many "federal Subjects" does Russia have?

- a. 48
- b. 97
- c. 83
- d. 56

11> What is the national flower of Russia?

- a. Chrysanthemum
- b. Daffodil
- c. White Rose
- d. Chamomile

12> Which ruler was the first to wear the Great Imperial Crown?

- a. Alexander the Great
- b. Peter the Great
- c. Catherine the Great
- d. Ivan the Terrible

13> What is the Orlov?

- a. A church
- b. A breed of horse
- c. A theatre
- d. A diamond

14> When did Ivan the Terrible begin his rule?

- a. 1786
- b. 1309
- c. 1547
- d. 1672

15> What is the longest river in Russia?

- a. The Vilyuy
- b. The Kolyma
- c. The Lower Tunguska
- d. The Volga

16> What is the highest mountain in Russia?

- a. Gora Uilpata
- b. Pik Pushkina
- c. Mount Elbrus
- d. Gora Gistola

17> What is the name of Russia's largest island?

- a. Ayon
- b. Iony
- c. De Long
- d. Sakhalin

**Answers:**

- 1> 1924 - Lenin was the leader of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic.
- 2> Afghanistan - The Russian war with Afghanistan lasted nine years.
- 3> Red, white and blue - The red, white and blue flag was adopted in 1993.
- 4> Moscow - Moscow is the largest city in Russia.
- 5> 17,098,000 km<sup>2</sup> - Russia is 17,098,242 km<sup>2</sup> or 6,592,800 square miles.
- 6> February 23 - This day was first celebrated in 1919.
- 7> Russian Bear - The Russian Bear was a symbol of the Olympic Games.
- 8> 1980 - These games were boycotted by many western nations.
- 9> Nine - Russia is the largest country in the world.
- 10> 83 - These subjects include republics, krais and oblasts etc.
- 11> Chamomile - The chamomile resembles a daisy.
- 12> Catherine the Great - Ektrat and Jeremia Pauzie designed the crown for Catherine's coronation in 1762.
- 13> A diamond - The Orlov Diamond is set in the royal sceptre, which is part of the crown jewels.
- 14> 1547 - Ivan ruled from January 16, 1547 to March 28, 1584.
- 15> The Volga - The Volga is 2,290 miles long. It empties into the Caspian Sea.
- 16> Mount Elbrus - Mount Elbrus is 5,642 meters high.
- 17> Sakhalin - Sakhalin is 72,492 km<sup>2</sup>.