

Title: Freedom Rings in Moscow

Word Study

A. Fill in the blanks using the words.

democratic	<i>babushka</i>	bass	communism
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1.



It was a big moment for Peter's babushka.

2.



Russia would have a democratic government.

3.



It was common under communism to wait a long time to buy things.

4.



Peter wanted to ring the bass bell.

Reading Comprehension

B. Circle Yes or No.

1.



Peter was studying to be a bell ringer.

Yes

No

2.



Babushka gave Peter boots for Christmas.

Yes

No

3.



Babushka cried when she saw the Russian flag.

Yes

No

4.



In the USSR, *babushka* could not vote for the leaders.

Yes

No

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Why was Peter going to meet his *babushka*?



a. They were going to go shopping.

b. They were going to go home to watch President Gorbachev's speech on television.

c. They were going to watch men put up the Russian flag.

d. They were going to go to the Kremlin's Savior Tower to hear the bells ring.

2. Why was Peter's *babushka* late to meet him?



a. She was stuck in a long line.

b. She was listening to the President's speech.

c. She was making bread for Peter.

d. She was talking to an officer.

3. What important event was happening in their country?



a. Mr. Gorbachev was becoming the president.

b. The country was changing from Russia to the USSR.

c. The USSR was dividing into two countries.

d. Communism was ending.

4. What type of leader would their government have in the new year?



- a. A king
- b. A president
- c. A prime minister
- d. A queen

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

bell tower	independent	bell ringer	USSR
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Peter was supposed to meet his *babushka* at Red Square. They were going to go home and watch President Gorbachev's speech on television. Peter looked at the clock on the Kremlin's Savior Tower. He had been studying to be a 1) bell ringer. He hoped to ring the bass bell in the 2) bell tower tonight. Finally, his *babushka* arrived. She was late because she got stuck in a long line. She missed the President's speech. It was an important day for their country. The 3) USSR was ending. Russia would become and 4) independent nation with a democratic government. Boris Yeltsin would be the prime minister. Democracy would change the unfair laws of communism. Men took down the Soviet flag and put up the Russian flag. Peter's *babushka's* eyes fill with tears. The bells of the Kremlin's Savior Tower began to ring. They rang out for freedom.