

# Rainbow Readers

## Title: Privyet, Moscow

### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

holidays	ice	slide	sports	face
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1. When water freezes it turns to ice.
2. Please slide your chair over here.
3. He didn't want to face his team after missing the easy goal.
4. My older brother is really good at sports.
5. We get the day off from school on national holidays.

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Moscow is the biggest country in the world. T / **F**
2. Easter is the most important holiday in Russia. **T** / F
3. Russia is very well-known for a kind of dance called ballet. **T** / F
4. The Soviet flag was changed back to the Russian flag in 1991. **T** / F
5. Each station in Moscow's subway looks the same. T / **F**

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Moscow has short (**summers** / winters).
2. The old rulers of Russia were called (kings / **czars**).
3. One and four children in Moscow stay in school for (**more than** / less than) ten years.
4. Russians have won (**hundreds** / thousands) of gold medals at the Olympics.
5. The communists (fixed / **destroyed**) many churches when they were in power.

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. How does the book describe Moscow's winters?

- a. Long and cold
- b. Short and warm
- c. Hot and rainy
- d. Wet and long

2. According to the books, what do people in Russia do on Easter morning?

- a. Go to church
- b. Sing songs
- c. Eat a big dinner
- d. Paint eggs

3. Which winter sport is NOT mentioned in the book?

- a. Ice Hokey
- b. Snowboarding
- c. Skiing
- d. Ice skating

4. What is the most famous sight in Russia?

- a. The Russian flag
- b. St. Basil's Cathedral
- c. Red Square
- d. The czars' old fortress

5. What is so interesting about Moscow's subway stations?

- a. They are underground.
- b. They are very modern.
- c. They are full of artwork.
- d. They are very busy.

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

snow	fortress	subway	communist	flag
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Russia is the world's largest country. Its capital, Moscow, is its largest city. Russia is a cold place most of the year. It gets a lot of snow. The city is very old and many people living there are poor. It used to be ruled by people called czars. In 1917 they were thrown out of power. Then Russia became communist and was called the Soviet Union. As the Soviet Union, life got worse for the poor. In 1991, the Soviet Union ended. The old Russian flag was raised again. Easter is the most important holiday in Russia. People in Russia enjoy winter sports a lot. They eat simple foods, including many soups. Moscow has beautiful buildings. One is the big fortress in the center of the city. It is next to Red Square. Moscow also has many beautiful subway stations. Each station has a lot of art in it.