

The Bolshoi Theatre





The Bolshoi Theatre is one of the oldest and biggest theatres in Russia. It is also one of the most renowned opera and ballet theatres in the world.



People sometimes call it shortly "The Bolshoi" and it is situated in the central part of Moscow. Originally it was an Imperial theatre.



The architect who designed the building of The Bolshoi was Joseph Bove. It was built between 1821 and 1824. Since then, the building was renovated and rebuilt several times. However, it kept its original imperial decorations.

The neoclassical view of The Bolshoi can be seen on the Russian 100-ruble banknote.





Today, it's not simply the building of the theatre but it is also an outstanding landmark of Moscow.



























People like to go to the theatres to see interesting performances, to enjoy beautiful architecture. A theatrical performance is always a mystery.

The theatre is always associated with opera and ballet. It has been the site for many notable premiers.



Ballet repertoire includes Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake", Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet", Adam's "Giselle" and several others.





HOMETASK

- I. Read the text (p.9 “Spotlight on Russia”) and make a plan of it.
- II. Answer the questions in written form:
- Would you like to visit the Bolshoi? Why?/Why not?
- Would you like to be a ballet dancer? Why?/Why not?