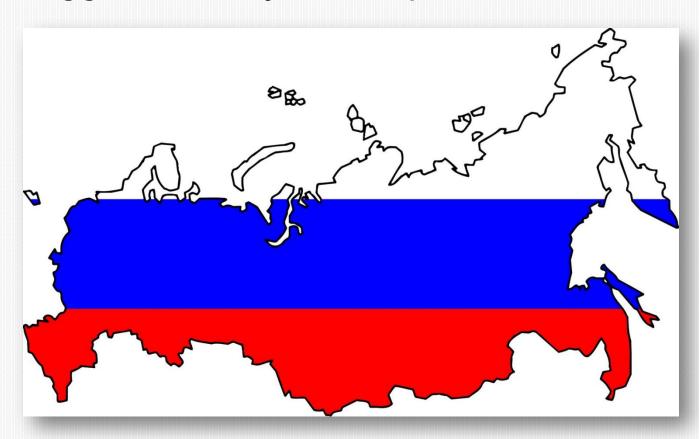
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The Russian Federation is a country in Eurasia. It is the largest country in the world. It occupies the eastern part of Europe and the northern part of Asia.



The total area of the country is 17 million sq km! It is really amazing! That's why it's the biggest country on our planet.





The official or political name of this country is the Russian Federation. And the official language is ,of course, Russian.



Russia borders China, Mongolia, Korea, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Norway, Finland, the Baltic States, Belarussia, the Ukraine and the USA (a sea border).

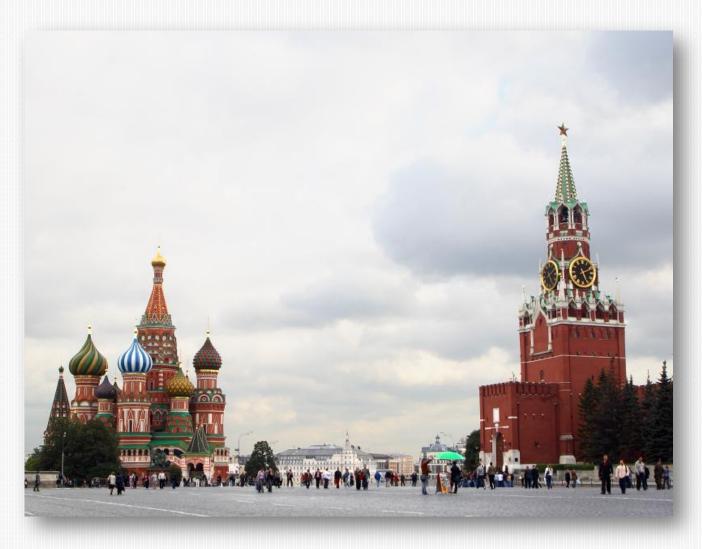


The population of Russia is above 147 million people. We call the Russian Federation a multinational country, because it consists of different nations, like Russian, Tatar, Ukrainian, Chuvash, Bashkir, Belarusian, Mordva and other.

The Russian Federation is made up of 21 republics,
 territories (krai), 49 provinces (region), 10 autonomous areas (okrug) and 1 autonomous region.



The capital of this country is Moscow.



The largest cities are St Petersburg, Nizhni-Novgorod, Rostov-on-Don, Samara, Tver, Volgograd, Omsk, Novosibirsk, Chelyabinsk, Perm.



If we look at the map we can see different lowlands and highlands. The lowlands are in the western and northern parts of the country. The highlands are in the south.



The highest mountain is Elbrus. It's located in the Caucasus.



The longest river is the Lena. The deepest lake is Lake Baikal and the longest lake is the Caspian sea.





THE IMPERIAL FLAG

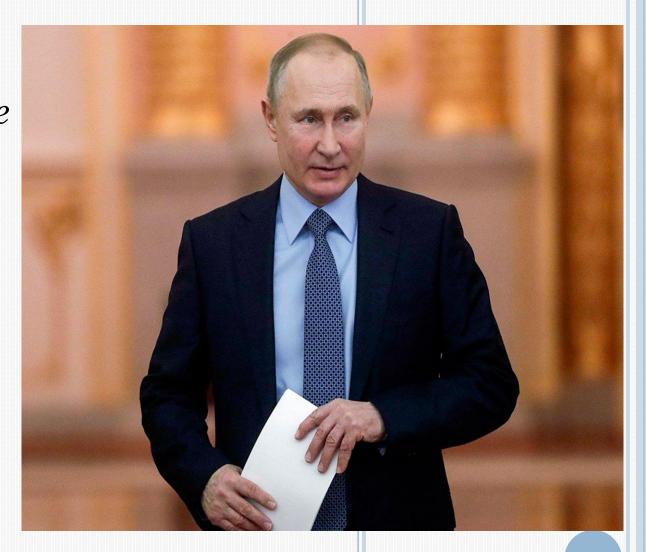
- The flag of the Russian Federation is called the Imperial flag because earlier our country was an empire with a monarch.
- It consists of three equal stripes of white, blue and red. The colours of the flag symbolise:
- white frankness and generosity;
- blue honesty and wisdom;
- \square red courage and love.



THE RUSSIAN NATIONAL EMBLEM

- It's the golden DOUBLE-HEADED EAGLE with a horseman (St. George) on a shield on the eagle's breast with a red background. Above the two heads of the eagle, there is an historical crown.
- Now the crown is a symbol of the sovereignty of the Russian Federation (as a while) and of its parts (subjects of the Federation)

President of the Russian Federation is Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.



The Russian Federation is one of the beautiful countries all over the world. There are so many amazing places, wonderful landscapes, nice nature and other. We should proud of our country!

