

**1. What can you tell your foreign friends about the Russian Holiday Year?  
Use the words from the box.**

anniversary, atmosphere, connected, Easter, fireworks,  
follow, ~~includes~~, includes, introduced, marks, occasion,  
preserve, religious, unite, widely.

The Russian Holiday Year (0) includes old and new holidays. We (1) \_\_\_\_\_ our customs and traditions and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrate holidays which were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ during the Soviet period of Russian history; Victory Day, for example. The end of the Second World War is still an important (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for many people in Russia. In 2005 on the 60<sup>th</sup> (5) \_\_\_\_\_ millions of people enjoyed the parade and beautiful (6) \_\_\_\_\_. More and more people today (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the tradition of celebrating (8) \_\_\_\_\_ holidays: Christmas or (9) \_\_\_\_\_. A new holiday was introduced on the 4th of November (the Day of People Unity). It is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with Russian history and is thought to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the peoples of Russia. It (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the Time of Troubles (Смутное время). For Russians the New Year is the most favourite holiday and many people like the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of the day. Today it (14) \_\_\_\_\_ long New Year holidays for all.

**2. Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with an appropriate tag.**

- 0) You are British, aren't you?
- 1) You were born in England, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2) You haven't got any brothers or sisters, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Your parents must be kind and friendly, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 4) You play sports, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ It is a tradition to play sports in your family, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas is a more important holiday than Easter in your family, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ You and your parents will go to Russia next year, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 8) You don't speak Russian, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 9) You visited this summer camp last year, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ This summer camp is one of the biggest ones in Britain, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 11) The weather in this part of Britain isn't always rainy, \_\_\_\_\_?

**3. Match some things, places and people with their definitions. One definition is extra.**

1. Manchester United, 2. Jane Austen, 3. Speaker's Corner, 4. the Emerald Isle, 5. the Chinese New Year, 6. Independence Day, 7. a bank holiday, 8. Gaelic, 9. the Notting Hill Carnival
- 12) a village green

A - very successful and popular English football team.

B - a British writer

C - a place in Hyde Park where any person can make a speech

- D** - an *official* public holiday, not a Saturday or Sunday when banks and most businesses are closed
- E** - an ethnic holiday celebrated in early February
- F** - any of the Celtic languages *still* spoken in some parts of Scotland and Ireland
- G** - the most important American public holiday when people celebrate the birthday of the USA
- H** - a street carnival that takes place every August in London and involves people who came to London from the Caribbean
- I** - a city in the northwest of England
- J** - an area of grass in the centre of an English village for the use of all the people who live there
- K** - a name for Ireland

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**4. Read the following information about sport clubs in the University of East Anglia (Norwich).**

*Match the paragraphs (1-5) with the headings (A-F). There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. Write your answers in the table below, (reading for the main idea)*

- A Cycling Club      B Netball Club      C Gymnastics Club      D Judo Club  
 E Athletics and Cross-Country Club      F Canoe Club

1 The University is situated right by the river, so we can train regularly (we also have the use of a swimming pool in winter). We run day trips to the coast for surfing throughout the year and usually a longer trip once a term, for example this year we have been to the Lake District for White Water.

2 Do you enjoy touring or prefer the more energetic racing side? This is the club to join. The weekly Sunday rides are very popular. They are taken across the Norfolk countryside. Members are also offered the free use of a well equipped workshop and can find friendly and expert advice on all the aspects of bike repairing.

3 We are a large and friendly Club which trains twice a week. We have 2 teams taking part in the UAU Championships, and during the Spring Term play matches against local teams. There is also a Challenge Tournament towards the end of the season and the chance to buy our exclusive club sweatshirts and T-shirts.

4 We have a 400 m grass track, field event equipment and one of the finest middle-distance coaches around. Also, an international standard synthetic track has been built next to the University recently. The Club competes all year round, taking part in cross-country, road running, track and field and some fell-running; we are one of the most successful University teams.

5 It is a modern Olympic combat sport developed from the ancient arts of jujitsu. What is special about it? It is considered to be more than just a sport. It can help the individual to overcome day-to-day problems. It can be good therapy for students and can get them away from the worries and pressures of studying.

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