

## Some Russian holidays

1. Listen and mark **T (True)** or **F (False)**

1. Russian people have a lot of traditional holidays.
2. The New Year day is a family holiday.
3. Children decorate fir trees with toys, flags, sweets and nuts.
4. Children often find their New Year presents under their beds.
5. Russian people celebrate a women's day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.
6. Russians don't celebrate Easter in spring.
7. In old Russia people didn't celebrate Maslenitsa.
8. We celebrate Victory day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.
9. On the ninth of May we remember those who died in the Second World War.

2. Match

<b>The New year's Day</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>1</b> a special day for people who defend their Motherland
<b>The 23<sup>rd</sup> of February</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>2</b> a special day to remember people who died in the Second World War
<b>Maslenitsa</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>3</b> the first holiday of the year
<b>The 8<sup>th</sup> of March</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>4</b> people cook or buy "kulitchi" and paint eggs
<b>Easter</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>5</b> depends on the church calendar
<b>The 1<sup>st</sup> of May</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>6</b> people eat pancakes and have snow battles outdoors
<b>Victory day</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>7</b> people listen to the Kremlin Clock and count to twelve
	<b>8</b> you can see fir trees (ёлки) practically in all homes
	<b>9</b> women look wonderful and get flowers and presents
	<b>10</b> men and boys try to be kind, polite and helpful
	<b>11</b> people go to cemeteries (кладбища) to remember the dead
	<b>12</b> veterans meet in Moscow near the Bolshoi Theatre

3. Read the text "Russian Traditional Festival" and answer the questions after it.

### Russian Traditional Festival

People in Russia celebrate Easter, Christmas and New Year too but they have their own special traditions. One of them is Maslenitza (Shrovetide). Russian people celebrate it at the end of winter or in the first month of spring. For some people it is a religious tradition. This is the last week before Lent. But some people think it is just a festival to say goodbye to winter. People celebrate it for a week. This is a very happy time for those who love pancakes, because they are the traditional food of "Maslenitza week". People cook pancakes at home but they can buy them in shops too. On "Maslenitza Sunday" people go out. They have a lot of fun. They walk in the parks and squares, dance and sing songs, they have fires and sometimes burn straw figures of winter. They eat hot pancakes, drink hot tea in the streets of their towns and cities. Children love this holiday very much.

1. When do Russian people celebrate Shrovetide?
2. How long is it?
3. Is Shrovetide a festival or a holiday?
4. What is the traditional food of "Maslenitza week"?
5. What is Maslenitza famous for?