**Russia is my homeland**

**1.What you know about the geographical position of Russia**

***Start with “I’m going to give a talk about*** the geographical position of the Russian Federation …”

-Russia is my native country

- It’s situated on the two continents. They are Europe and Asia

- the Urals form a natural border between the continents

- is washed by 12 seas and 3 oceans /The Pacific, the Arctic and the Antarctic

- the total area- 17million square km

- the population – more than 147 million people

-because of the territory – many nationalities

- the land of Russia varies greatly (thick forests, vast plains, high mountains, deep valleys

- the largest mountain chains – the Caucasus, the Urals, the Altai

-Russia is rich in rivers and seas /the longest river in European territory is the Volga

-the Siberian rivers – the Ob, the Yenisei, the Lena

-the deepest Lake – Lake Baikal

- a wide variety of wildlife

**2. What the climate in our country is**

- every possible climate from arctic in the north to subtropical in the south /climate is rater various because of the territory

- in the west- mild and wet

- the southern parts of the country – warm temperatures

-northern parts – cold winters

-in the middle of the country – continental (winters –cold, windy and snowy, summers are hot and dry

-the taiga zone – climate is severe

**3. Speak about the political system of Russia**

- according to the Constitution – a presidential republic

- three branches of power – legislative, executive and judicial

- the Federal Assembly represents the legislative branch/The main function is to make laws

- it’s made up of two houses – the Federal Council and the State Duma

-they both make laws

-they are headed by chairmen/ called speakers

- every law must be approved by the State Duma and the Federation Council and then signed by the president

-the Federal Government represents the executive branch of power

(consists of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet of Ministers )

-The President is the head of state in Russia/is elected by people/the term –six years

- the guarantor of the Constitution

- the Constitution –the main law of Russia /it guarantees the rights and freedoms of Russian citizens

**4. What places of interest in Moscow you know**

-first of all tourists visit our capital

-economic, cultural, political and industrial center

- Red Square –is called the heart of Moscow /the most ancient monument – St. Bazil’s Cathedral /beautifully painted cupolas – a real masterpiece of ancient Russian architecture

-the Kremlin-very impressive /on the territory of the Kremlin you can see old cathedrals, the Bell Tower of Ivan the Great, the State Kremlin Palace, the Tsar Cannon and the Tsar Bell

-the Spasskaya Tower – the symbol of the country

-one of the famous sights is the Metro/unforgettable/unique architecture /artistic design of the stations ,which are more like palaces

**5. If Moscow is the cultural part of our country** (more than 80 museums (the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts , whose collection include works of the ancient Orient and ancient Egypt,The State Tretyakov Gallery, the State History Museum, the all –Russian Museum of Decorative

- lots of theatres (The Bolshoi Opera House/ The Mali Theatre)

-Drama theatres /studious /puppet theatres

- a very interesting place – the All-Russia Exhibition Centre /is situated in a beautiful park /a large commercial and cultural complex where different international exhibitions and fairs are held