

MOSCOW SKILLS I

In this module students will learn about the changes in the urban environment of Moscow and practise speaking and writing about it.

Exercise 1

Students' own answers.

Exercise 2

excessive building density – the situation when there are too many buildings in one area

sustainable use – the use that is able to continue without causing damage

visual integrity of the city – the state of being seen as a united complete unit

human welfare and health – the general health, happiness and safety of people

Exercise 3

All statements are applicable to Moscow.

Exercise 4

Students' own answers.

Exercise 6

1. reconstruction
2. international
3. historic
4. glorious
5. watering
6. ensure
7. additional
8. residents

Exercise 7

Suggested Answer Key

Spartak Moscow is one of Russia's most popular football clubs. Ever since it was founded in 1922, it hasn't had its own stadium. The club used to play home games at Moscow's Dynamo, Luzhniki and Lokomotiv stadiums or in other cities.

In spring 2010, on the site of Moscow's former airfield in the district of Tushino, Spartak started building its own 45,000-seater stadium. The venue hosted its first match on 5 September 2014, when Spartak drew 1:1 with Red Star Belgrade.

Spartak Stadium's appearance (another name is Otkrytie Arena) is a matter of great pride. Its façade has the form of a chainmail consisting of hundreds of diamond-shaped tiles representing the Spartak logo. The design of the façade can be changed depending on which team is playing. For Spartak matches, the arena becomes red-and-white; when the national team is in town, it switches to the colours of the Russian flag.

Exercise 8

Useful ideas and language

- participation in the Active Citizen Project; communication between the citizens and city government
- city transport and road network development respect for different nationalities and cultures to provide equal rights to all residents regardless of their nationality, language or religion
- to turn abandoned industrial heritage sites into modern exhibition halls, recreation areas, cultural and educational centres; create new business centres

Exercise 9

Suggested Answer Key

Flacon, Artplay Centre for Design, Winzavod, Krasny Oktyabr.

Visitors of Artplay can attend exhibitions, buy designer products, see performances, listen to lectures, attend workshops, take part in many performances etc.

Exercise 10

Students' own answers.

Exercise 11

Suggested Answer Key

I agree with Svetlana when she says that the transformation of old abandoned buildings into modern community spaces is a decision that many Muscovites will benefit from. Local residents have access to a wider range of art spaces and leisure facilities and it makes Moscow a safer place to live in. It is a city-wise decision.

Exercise 12

Useful link <https://stroimos.ru/renovaciya-promzon/proekt-planirovki>

The following will be available

- a new residential area
- a kilometer-long boulevard
- a wide quay along the Moskva River with cafes, benches and flower beds
- a city park
- new state-of-the-art schools
- the "Hermitage Moscow" contemporary art museum (Saint Petersburg's State Hermitage Museum Branch)
- multifunctional sports centre

Exercise 13

Students' own answers.

Exercise 14

Students' own answers.

Exercise 15

Suggested Answer Key

Zaryadye Park is situated on Moskvoetskaya embankment not far from the Kremlin.

There used to be a hotel and a concert hall in this place.

I think Zaryadye Park will be popular with Muscovites for many reasons. It is favourably situated in the very centre of Moscow. There has been a lot of publicity of this ambitious project, which will attract a lot of visitors. They will be able to enjoy unique architecture of a modern bridge from which visitors can see the beautiful views of the capital. They will also be able to visit a museum, attend workshops, listen to concerts, see films and many more.

Useful link <http://zaryadyepark.ru>

MOSCOW SKILLS 2

In this module students will learn about different Moscow festivals and practise speaking and writing about them.

Exercise 1

Students' own answers.

Exercise 2

Suggested Answer Key

I would like to visit the festival because I'll be able to try various kinds of food in one place. I might be able to learn about different dishes and how to cook them. I'm sure I'll have a good time there.

Exercise 3

Students' own answers.

Exercise 4

Suggested Answer Key

- Where exactly in Sokolniki is the Food Truck Festival going to be held?
- What safety regulations are in place at the Festival?
- What activities are there for children?
- Is entrance free of charge?
- What are the vegetarian options in the menu?

Exercise 5

Students' own answers.

Exercise 6

Useful link http://pk33.mskobr.ru/info_edu/education/

Suggested Answer Key

They offer training in the following vocational training programmes:

- Merchandising and expert quality report of consumer goods

- Production technology of bread, pastry, confectionery and pasta
- Pastry cook
- Baker
- Shop assistant, cashier
- Organization of service in public catering
- Machine set up operator in food production

Exercise 8

1. biannual (including local, regional, international events and Abilympics)
2. abilities
3. nominees
4. national
5. expectations
6. excellent
7. simultaneously
8. awareness
9. attractive
10. equipment
11. safely

Exercise 9

Suggested Answer Key

Flower Festival, Jam Festival, Easter Gift, Moscow Maslenitsa, Moscow Ice Cream, Moscow Spring A-Capella Festival, Moscow cinema Festival, the Circle of light and others.

Exercise 10

Students' own answers.

Useful language:

- promote diversity and bring people together
- a good way to learn about
- make the city more attractive for Muscovites and guests of the capital

Exercise 12

1. projection(s)
2. sensational
3. paintings
4. various
5. colourful
6. pleasure
7. captivating
8. glorious
9. projected

Exercise 13

Useful link <https://www.mos.ru/city/seasons/>

Useful information

Journey to Christmas: December-January, activities – street performances and workshops, excursions and free language classes

Moscow Maslenitsa: February – March, activities – a

chance to try 120 kinds of pancakes, traditional games and activities, culinary workshops

Moscow Spring: April- May, activities - street festival, performances, exhibitions, lectures, workshops, Victory day celebration

Easter Gift: April, activities - lectures and performances, charity activities and concerts

Moscow Ice Cream: June- July, activities - table tennis tournaments, workshops on cooking fruit salads and cakes, excursions around the ice cream factory

Moscow Jam: July – August, activities – a chance to try unusual kinds of jam, workshops and excursions, lectures

The Circle of Light – September, activities – light show performances

Exercise 14

Students' own answers.

Exercise 15

Students' own answers.

Suggested Answer Key

It's true that traffic might be heavy during festivals, but the public transport system is usually very reliable. Besides, the Moscow Metro prolongs the working hours during some holidays.

Exercise 16

Students' own answers.

Exercise 17

Students' own answers.

MOSCOW SKILLS 3

In this module students will learn about Moscow places of interest and make up their own Moscow Quiz, they will also read about Moscow metro and learn about *Music in the Metro* project.

Exercise 1

- 1 G
- 2 H
- 3 I
- 4 C
- 5 F
- 6 A
- 7 E
- 8 D
- 9 B
- 10 J

Exercise 2

Students' own answers.

Exercise 3

Sarah, 35 – The Peoples Friendship Fountain

Robert, 26 – the Tzaritzino Estate

Barbara, 50 – the Monument to Minin and Pozharsky

Kelly, 23 – the Monument to Peter the Great

Osman, 35 – The Botanical Garden of Moscow State University "Apothecary garden"

Exercise 4

Suggested Answer Key

The reviews are written in informal style.

Useful words and phrases: the best surprise, an awesome sight, elaborately carved, worth seeing, simply a must, absolutely struck by, the hustle and bustle of a busy city, a perfect place to escape and simply walk, lovely monument, carry historic significance, an iconic view, main attraction, splendid cathedral, majestic, a truly remarkable piece of sculpture, a pleasant destination, easy to get, fantastic and well-tended garden, flamboyant variety of plants, amazing photos.

Exercise 5

Students' own answers.

Exercise 6

Students' own answers.

Exercise 7

Novoslobodskaya – photo B

Ploshchad Revolyutsii – photo D

Mayakovskaya – photo C

Komsomolskaya – photo A

Exercise 8

- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 d
- 4 a
- 5 c

Exercise 9

Students' own answers.

Exercise 10

Useful link <http://music.mosmetro.ru/>

Suggested Answer Key

1. Musicians who want to take part in the project must register for it and send an application form, then have an audition.
2. Musicians are allowed to play in certain places which are chosen taking into account safety requirements.
3. Musicians taking part in the project get a chance to perform in the metro during a year. They reserve a place and time for their performances themselves.

Exercise 11

Suggested Answer Key

Benefits for the passengers: raise the level of music culture,

broaden music outlook.

Benefits for music bands: perform in front of huge audiences without expenses characteristic for big concerts, find devoted listeners, become known, popular with people of different ages and from different groups.

Exercise 12

1. illegal
2. thefts
3. enjoyable
4. commuting
5. choice
6. followers
7. promotional

Exercise 13

Students' own answers.

Exercise 14

Students' own answers.

Exercise 15

Useful link <https://stroi.mos.ru/metro>

Suggested Answer Key

New metro stations

2017 – 19 new stations

2018 – 14 new stations

2019 – 15 new stations

2020 – 12 new stations

MOSCOW SKILLS 4

Exercise 1

Students' own answers.

Exercise 3

1. magnificence
2. interaction
3. gardening
4. visitors
5. encourages
6. generally

Exercise 4

Students' own answers.

Exercise 5

Students' own answers.

Exercise 6

Students' own answers.

Exercise 7

Students' own answers.

Exercise 8

Students' own answers.

Exercise 9

Suggested Answer Key

I would choose to live in the North-Eastern or South-Western district of Moscow because these districts have more parks and eco trails. The air must be cleaner there and I'll be able to go for a run in the park or go for long walks in my own district at the week-end.

Exercise 10

Suggested Answer Key

Air pollution index in Moscow was the lowest in 2013, then it grew and now it is slowly going down. This information makes me think about ecological situation in Moscow and ways of improving it.

Exercise 11

Suggested Answer Key

Popular, birch, maple, spruce, linden/lime, elm, chestnut, oak, ash-tree, rowan.

Exercise 13

- 1 B
- 2 A
- 3 D
- 4 B
- 5 A
- 6 A
- 7 D
- 8 C

Exercise 14

Students' own answers.

Exercise 15

Students' own answers.

Exercise 16

Students' own answers.

MOSCOW SKILLS 5

In this module students will practise speaking about the most promising jobs in Moscow in the next 10 years. They will also learn about Moscow libraries and and practise speaking about them.

Exercise 1

Students' own answers.

Suggested Answer Key

In my opinion the jobs of a nurse and a doctor are vital for a metropolitan area. Big cities also need drivers and different kinds of workers and engineers.

Exercise 2

Suggested Answer Key

It seems likely that the jobs of web-designers and IT-specialists are the most promising jobs in the next 10 years.

Exercise 3

- A 5
- B 4
- C 6
- D 2
- E 1

Exercise 4

Students' own answers.

Exercise 5

Students' own answers.

Exercise 6

Students' own answers.

Exercise 7

Students' own answers.

Exercise 8**Useful language**

Improve/ worsen students' academic performance, significantly affect, make studying and school more attractive and comfortable, inspire students to study, make students be proud of.

Exercise 9**Suggested Answer Key**

To shape one's overall educational experience, only to remind of handing the books in on time, digital age challenging role, look outdated to contemporary Moscow teenagers, exist for storage and distribution, for inspiring young people, invite children to interact and explore using different resources, let students build, assemble, and experiment; push one's creative selves, offer assistance in online searching, be welcome, have access to online collections of student and reference books, a meeting room, work together on interdisciplinary projects, prepare for exams.

Exercise 10

Students' own answers.

Exercise 11**Useful information**

There are more than 500 libraries in Moscow.

Suggested Answer Key

The nearest library in my area is the library named after Turgenev. It is situated in Bobrov lane and it's the oldest public library in Moscow. (<http://www.turgenev.ru/start>)

Exercise 12

Useful links <http://www.rsl.ru>
<http://pushkinmoslib.ru/index.php/o-biblioteke>

Useful information

Russian State Library

Address and buildings: Moscow, Vozdvizhenka street, 3/5. Founded in 1862, it is the largest public library in Russia and Europe. It occupies several buildings in the centre of Moscow including the famous Pashkov's House. There is also a department in Moscow region in Khimky. It has a unique collection of Russian and foreign documents in 247 languages.

Target audience: any citizen of Russia or any other state aged over 14

Services. The library provides resources to a wide range of readers: scholars and students, practical specialists and fundamental theorists. The library hosts regular educational and cultural events, public talks and concerts.

Library named after Alexander Pushkin

Address and buildings: Spartakovskaya street, 9. The library is situated in the former estate of the Mukhins family who were merchants. The library and its building have a long history. The building dates back to the first half of the XIX-th monument.

Target audience:

Services include : borrowing books and periodicals to read in the library and at home in Russian and 6 foreign languages, a variety of clubs, courses and lectures, digital literacy courses for beginners and many others.

Exercise 13

Students' own answers.

Exercise 14**Suggested Answer Key**

I.

1. Can I sign up online?
2. Have you got 'To kill a Mocking bird' in the library?
3. Is there wi-fi access in the library?
4. What time does the Reading Club meet?
5. Have you got books in foreign languages?

II.

1. When does Biblio Night take place?
2. What are the addresses of the libraries which take part in the project?/ Where does the Library Night take place?
3. What time does it start?
4. What activities can teenagers take part in?/ What activities for teenagers are there?
5. Is it necessary to register for the project?