

Лексическая тема «St.Petersburg»

St. Petersburg is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It was founded by **Peter the First** in 1703. It is situated on 42 islands. **The river Neva** runs through the city. It runs from **Lake Ladoga** into **the Baltic Sea**. At night the bridges are raised over the Neva. In



May and June, the sun shines very late in the evening. People call these nights the White Nights.



Many Russian and foreign architects took part in the construction of the city. The first building was **the Peter and Paul fortress**. It was designed by D.Trezzini.

The magnificent building of **the Winter Palace** is a masterpiece of another great Italian architect B.Rastrelli. **The Admiralty** of the Russian architect Zakharov also evokes the admiration of Peterburgers and their guests.

St. Isaac's Cathedral is the greatest cathedral in Russia. It belongs to the best works of the court architect, Auguste de Montferrand. The cathedral is the heaviest building in the city, and its dome is the largest in Russia. The monument to Nicholas I, that is in **St. Isaac's Square** in front of the cathedral, was designed by this architect too and created by the sculptor P.Klodt.



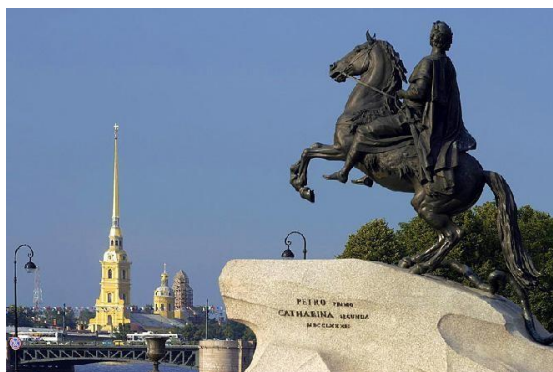
The Kazan Cathedral is connected with the name of the architect Voronikhin. The grating near the Cathedral is also called **the Voronikhin Grating**. There are two monuments, to Kutuzov and Barclay de Tolly, in front of the cathedral which are the symbols of Russian weapon. They were created by the sculptor B.Orlovsky.

The other masterpiece of world architecture is **the Church of the Saviour on Spilt Blood**. It was built on the place where Alexander II had been killed. The architect is A. Parland.

There are many architectural ensembles near Lesgaft University. The "**New Holland Archway**" is one of the highest achievements of Sergey Chevaskinsky and Vallen de Lamont. Many people say it's the most beautiful place in the city.

The St. Nicholas Cathedral and **the Belfry** also demonstrate the talent of the outstanding Russian architect Sergey Chevaskinsky.

The Mariinsky Theatre brought fame to the architect A. Cavos.

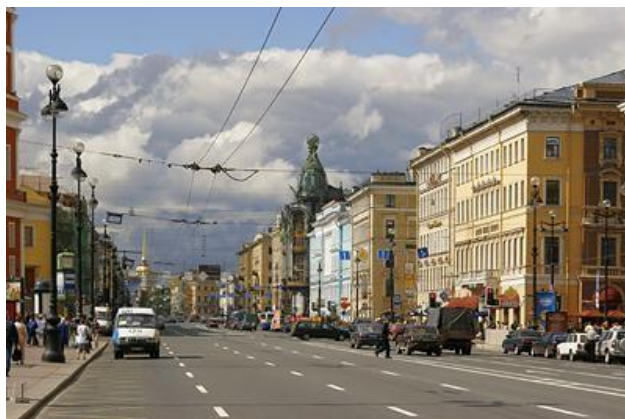


One of the most famous monuments is **the Bronze Horseman**. This name was given to the monument to Peter I by A.Pushkin. The author of the monument is Etienne Falconet.

There are many museums in St. Petersburg. **The Hermitage** is the biggest Museum of art in our country. **The Russian State Museum** is the second largest one in St. Petersburg.

The main street is **Nevsky Prospect**, and the largest square is **the Field of Mars**.

After Moscow, St. Petersburg is the second largest and the most important centre of science and culture in Russia. We are very proud of it.



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