

Текст для аудирования

Script

Part 1

Listen to five people talking about Moscow. What kind of atmosphere they prefer. Chose from A to F. There is one extra statement. You will hear the speakers twice.

Now you have 30 seconds to read the task.

Speaker 1 It is impossible to sum up Moscow in just a few words. Different parts of Moscow seem like different cities and each one has its own name. I am greatly impressed by the wealth and variety of Moscow's architecture. As well as magnificent palaces and cathedrals, such as those in the Kremlin, there are also small churches and chapels, classical mansions and some beautiful municipal buildings. Early 20th century Constructivist buildings, such as Stalinist-Gothic skyscrapers, are a great contrast to this older architecture.

Usually, I don't like big cities because of their crowds, noise and poor public transport. I prefer small towns with their homely atmospheres, small cafes and shadowy parks. But I do like Moscow's architecture and the hospitality of Muscovites.

Speaker 2 Moscow is huge, surreal and exciting! It's colourful and warm. Before I came here I thought that it was always cold, and it rained and snowed all the time. It's not true. My friends who live in Moscow are very hospitable and kind. They always show me around the city and we find new interesting sights to explore. I like to visit Moscow in July and August, when the weather is fine and you can walk around a lot and enjoy the beauty of Moscow parks and gardens. But unfortunately some of the theatres and concert halls are closed and the city's orchestra and theatre companies perform elsewhere in Russia and abroad.

Speaker 3 What strikes me most when I am in Moscow is the pace of life. Moscow is a world business centre. People are always hurrying somewhere. Transport is very convenient in Moscow. Getting around is easy and relatively cheap. You can get around on the subway or use buses, trolleybuses, trams or taxis. But Moscow is huge and the traffic is so heavy that it takes a lot of time to get to your destination. To my mind, the Moscow Metro is one of the best subways in the world. There are more than 150 metro stations – some of them with amazing architecture. You don't have to wait long for a train. I like Moscow because there I feel the pulse of life of a great city.

Speaker 4 Well, Moscow is a wonderful city. I like its lively atmosphere. I love the entertainment in Moscow and I never get bored. The theatres are great and the Bolshoi ballet is fantastic. If you are fond of classical music you can go to the Moscow conservatory. There are a lot of interesting museums and art galleries and many of them are world famous like the Tretyakov Gallery and the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts. And the shops are terrific too. You can get anything in Moscow!

Speaker 5 Most visitors come to Moscow to see Red Square, the Kremlin, the State Armoury and St. Basil's Cathedral. My favourite place in Moscow is Arbat. It reminds me of Soho in London and Montparnasse in Paris. Arbat is the home of artists, musicians, poets, writers and intellectuals. It is lined with antique shops, boutiques, souvenir stalls, cafes and pubs. There are museums and theatres here as well. It's very popular and there are always a lot of tourists from different countries. They watch artists painting portraits of passers-by and actors playing different instruments. There's something different going on all the time. I like the music, the crowds of people, small cafes and small shops. It's a great place to hang out.

Now you have 30 seconds to fulfil the task.

Pause 30 seconds.

Now listen again.

This is the end of Part 1.