

# RADICAL RUSSIA

Selected Key words and definitions	
<b>Climate zone</b>	A large area with roughly the same climate throughout, so usually has the same natural vegetation, and animals too.
<b>Corruption</b>	Dishonest conduct by people in official positions, usually to make themselves richer; for example they may accept bribes.
<b>Foreign policy</b>	How a country deals with other countries.
<b>Oligarchs</b>	Very wealthy Russians
<b>Settlement</b>	A place where people live; it could be a hamlet, village, town or city.
<b>Social</b>	About people and society.
<b>Steppe</b>	A large flat area of treeless grassland.
<b>Taiga</b>	Region of coniferous forests which lies between the tundra and steppes.
<b>Tundra</b>	A cold region where the ground is deeply frozen; only the surface thaws in summer, allowing small plants to grow.
<b>Urban population</b>	Living in towns and cities
<b>Rural population</b>	Living in the countryside

Key Concepts
Where is Russia and what are its physical features?
What are Russia's climate zones and biomes?
What are Russia's human features?
Why are Russia's natural resources so important?
What happened in Chernobyl?
What does the future hold for Russia?



**PLANTS & ANIMALS**  
 Russia is home to many rare animals such as polar bears, snow leopards and but it is best know for the Siberian Tiger.

**CLIMATE**  
 Because Russia is so large, the climate varies greatly. There are deserts, frozen coasts, marshes and plains.

**CULTURE**  
 Chess is important part of the Russian culture. Children begin learning in Kindergarten and begin competing by age ten. Russians love ballet and are known for its elaborate choreography and stages.



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