

Gorky Park

Gorky Park is a bright spot on the entertainment map of modern Moscow. It is one of the most interesting places to 13 _____ your leisure time. There are bike rental stations, a 14 _____ business area with Wi-Fi, an outdoor movie theatre in Gorky Park.

There are also several different sports options in the indoor sports centre or on the park's grounds: you can 15 _____ volleyball, handball, football and hockey or go jogging, or cycling around the park. If you find that you are hungry, you can stop and 16 _____ a tasty break at one of Gorky Park's many cafés. Many 17 _____ events such as exhibitions, Christmas and Easter fairs, concerts, theatre shows and environmental and charity events take place in Gorky Park. These events have become very 18 _____ among Moscow citizens.

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- 1) comfortable
- 2) cultural
- 3) enjoy
- 4) play
- 5) popular
- 6) see
- 7) spend
- 8) take

Pluto

The ninth planet of the solar system was 13 _____ not long ago. It happened in 1930. Scientists had been hunting for the planet for a 14 _____ time. They had calculated its probable position but there was no proof that the planet really 15 _____. It was too 16 _____ away for the telescopes of that time to find it. It's worth mentioning that the first photos of the planet were taken by a very young researcher. He was only twenty-four and had no formal education in astronomy. However, he was deeply involved in the search for the ninth planet. The planet at the edge of the 17 _____ system was called Pluto, after the Roman god. The name for the planet was 18 _____ by an 11-year-old British girl.

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Scientists had been hunting for the planet for a 14 _____ time.

- 1) discovered
- 2) long
- 3) launched
- 4) solved
- 5) solar
- 6) existed
- 7) suggested
- 8) far

Alternative power

Nowadays solar energy is widely 13 _____ as an alternative form of power. Solar panels transform the energy from the sun into 14 _____. The first plane that does not need fuel was constructed in France, in 2015. It uses only the sun's energy. The panels are placed on the huge wings of the plane. It doesn't fly very 15 _____. Solar energy can make the plane move at only 140 miles an hour. However, the plane is able to travel round the world. It is safe and can successfully 16 _____ areas of bad weather. In the future, engineers hope to construct a model that people can 17 _____ in. Our dream of environmentally friendly transport may 18 _____ true very soon. Would you like to take a flight on the solar plane?

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Solar panels transform the energy from the sun into 14 _____.

- 1) fly
- 2) electricity
- 3) near
- 4) used
- 5) cross
- 6) fast
- 7) come
- 8) explore

Paste

We are always told that we should 13 _____ our teeth regularly to keep them healthy and to have fresh breath. It is believed that people 14 _____ using a kind of paste to clean their teeth around 5000 years ago. However, the ingredients of these tooth powders were very 15 _____ from ours. For example, the people of 16 _____ Egypt used salt, mint, dried flowers and pepper to create tooth powder. Later, in the 18th century, in some countries in Europe, people brushed their teeth with burnt bread. The first toothpaste 17 _____ in 1890, in Great Britain. At first it was sold in jars. Then special tubes were 18 _____ to make the toothpaste more comfortable to use.

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- 1) suitable
- 2) clean
- 3) appeared
- 4) ancient
- 5) replaced
- 6) different
- 7) designed
- 8) started

Temperature

Do you know why it is 13 _____ in the summer and cold in the winter? Most people believe that it is because the Earth is closer to the Sun in the summer and 14 _____ from it in the winter. But it is not like this at all! In fact, the distance between the Earth and the Sun is largest in July and smallest in January! Scientists 15 _____ that the reason for different summer and winter temperatures is the angle of the Sun's rays. In the summer, the rays 16 _____ the Earth almost at a right angle. Due to this, the rays are not spread out and a smaller area of the planet's surface gets the energy. In the winter, the angle 17 _____ and the Sun's rays are spread out over a larger area. Besides this, the long nights and short days do not give 18 _____ time for the land to warm up.

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- 1) changes
- 2) reach
- 3) enough
- 4) replaced
- 5) serious
- 6) farther
- 7) hot
- 8) suggest

A robot

A robot is a machine that does work for people. The word 'robot' 13 _____ in the 1920s and it was first used in a science fiction story. In real life, the robot was invented later, in 1954. There are different kinds of robots which are used in 14 _____ industries. Most of them are operated with the help of a 15 _____ program. Instead of humans, robots do hard and boring work in unpleasant or dangerous environments. They usually work faster and more 16 _____ than people. They never get 17 _____ and do not make mistakes. Nowadays robots are often used for domestic needs – to clean houses or to look after sick and elderly people. Scientists say that soon robots will 18 _____ a normal part of our life, like mobiles and computers today.

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- 1) visit
- 2) different
- 3) appeared
- 4) tired
- 5) become
- 6) computer
- 7) accurately
- 8) called

Refrigerator

Nowadays people can't 13 _____ their kitchen without a refrigerator. The first refrigerators appeared at the end of the 18th century. They looked different: they were just iceboxes. The refrigerators of the past were just 14 _____ boxes, sometimes lined inside with metal. People put ice into the box and then placed the food inside to 15 _____ it cool. The refrigerator, 16 _____ to the one that we have now, was produced by General Electric in 1911, in France. It was very 17 _____. In those days, with the same money you could 18 _____ two cars. Today, in developed countries almost every family has enough money to buy a refrigerator for their kitchen. It's hard to imagine how difficult and uncomfortable our lives would be without a refrigerator.

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The refrigerators of the past were just 14 _____ boxes, sometimes lined inside with metal.

- 1) expensive
- 2) wooden
- 3) see
- 4) expensive
- 5) imagine
- 6) keep
- 7) buy
- 8) similar

The Sun

Without the energy from the Sun, the Earth would have no life at all. Nowadays everyone 13 _____ that the Sun is a star. Like all stars, the Sun is a great burning ball of gases. To us, it 14 _____ large and red. The other stars look white or light blue because they are much 15 _____ from us than the Sun. In the past, many people 16 _____ that the Earth was the centre of the universe. They thought that the Sun and the stars went 17 _____ it. Only in 1543, a great Polish scientist published a book in which he 18 _____ to prove a different point of view. According to him, the Earth and the other planets moved round the Sun. Those people who supported the scientist were often imprisoned and even killed.

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To us, it 14 _____ large and red.

- 1) visit
- 2) tried
- 3) believed
- 4) round
- 5) enough
- 6) knows
- 7) farther
- 8) seems

The carrot

The carrot is a 13 _____ vegetable which consists mostly of water and sugar. The carrots that we eat today originated from the wild ones which grew in Europe and Asia. The vegetable 14 _____ sweet and the people began to use it as food.

There are two main types of carrots. There are 15 _____ carrots that have dark purple roots and western carrots with orange roots. In fact, orange carrots first appeared in Europe in 1721. Dutch farmers 16 _____ orange carrots because orange is the colour of the Dutch Royal Family. Now orange carrots are 17 _____ grown all over the world. In modern households carrots are cooked and eaten in different ways. The vegetable is 18 _____, fried, baked and eaten raw. People also make juice from it.

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The vegetable 14 _____ sweet and the people began to use it as food.

- 1) selected
- 2) root
- 3) tasted
- 4) boiled
- 5) eastern
- 6) natural
- 7) widely
- 8) brightest

High-speed trains

Since 2007 high-speed trains have become a 13 _____ type of transport in Europe. They 14 _____ it possible to cut travel times by hours. The trains travel at 350 kilometres an hour, and this is not the limit! The only problem for the engineers is the 15 _____ noise the trains produce. People living in the areas the trains travel through suffer from the noise 16 _____. For the passengers, the situation is different. For their comfort, all the carriages are 17 _____ sound-proof from the inside. Travelling on high-speed trains is comfortable and pleasant. In the future, a high-speed railroad network could 18 _____ most of Europe. For example, a trip from Paris to Rome could take only 3 hours!

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They 14 _____ it possible to cut travel times by hours.

- 1) made
- 2) common
- 3) loud
- 4) cover
- 5) greatly
- 6) make
- 7) thin
- 8) unofficial

Venus

Venus is one of the 13 _____ planets in the Solar system. The temperature on its surface is 482 degrees. This 14 _____ place looks much the same as the Earth 4 billion years ago. Both planets were 15 _____ from the same gas cloud but Venus lost most of its water and atmosphere. This happened because the planet 16 _____ very slowly. As a result, now it has no magnetic field to 17 _____ it from the Sun's winds. The planet has turned into a lifeless desert. Most space modules that were sent to Venus, could not work on the planet more than two hours. The acidic clouds and high pressure quickly 18 _____ them absolutely useless.

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This 14 _____ place looks much the same as the Earth 4 billion years ago.

- 1) formed
- 2) selected
- 3) hottest
- 4) made
- 5) protect
- 6) unfriendly
- 7) turns
- 8) technical

Studies of the atmosphere

Studies of the atmosphere first received 13 _____ support in 1912. Equipment to 14 _____ temperature and pressure was invented in Germany. But the question was how to 15 _____ it high into the air. In 1921, Russian engineers suggested using planes. The special equipment was put on planes that made 16 _____ flights. Thanks to this, scientists got a lot of new information about the structure of the atmosphere. Nowadays scientists use modern flying laboratories to 17 _____ the structure of clouds at different levels. Unlike the first planes, these laboratories can work in any weather and are able to 18 _____ climate changes.

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Equipment to 14 _____ temperature and pressure was invented in Germany.

- 1) study
- 2) loud
- 3) protect
- 4) regular
- 5) measure
- 6) raise
- 7) predict
- 8) technical

Wombats

Wombats are exotic animals that only live in Australia. They have become an 13 _____ symbol of the country. In 1974 a wombat appeared on an Australian stamp for the 14 _____ time. Since then it has been regularly used on different Australian stamps and coins. Wombats 15 _____ like little bears and prefer grass to meat. They also love eating berries, plant roots and mushrooms. Like camels, wombats drink little water because there is enough water in 16 _____ grass. Wombats 17 _____ most of their life in holes under the ground. With their strong arms and long nails they are able to dig very long and complex tunnels. Fortunately, wombats 18 _____ few enemies in the animal world. Most wombats live around 15 years.

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In 1974 a wombat appeared on an Australian stamp for the 14 _____ time.

- 1) rises
- 2) first
- 3) have
- 4) fresh
- 5) make
- 6) unofficial
- 7) spend
- 8) look

Tsunami

The word ‘tsunami’ can be 13 _____ from Japanese as ‘big wave’. It describes a 14 _____ process that can be dangerous for people and their homes. Most of the huge waves appear after earthquakes. Most waves are 15 _____ in the Indian and the Pacific Oceans where volcanoes are active. The mass of water 16 _____ from the bottom of the ocean and moves to the shore. It moves at the speed of a plane and can be up to 40 meters high. The wave is very 17 _____ and dangerous. In 2004, a tsunami happened in the Indian Ocean. It was one of most terrible natural disasters in history. It 18 _____ 14 countries bordering the Indian Ocean. Thousands of people were killed or went missing.

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It describes a 14 _____ process that can be dangerous for people and their homes.

- 1) natural
- 2) rises
- 3) translated
- 4) hit
- 5) loud
- 6) spend
- 7) powerful
- 8) born

Snowdon

Snowdon is the highest mountain in Wales. It is 13 _____ in a national park. It stands at 1085 metres 14 _____ sea level, and it is often described as the busiest mountain in Great Britain. Snowdon is very popular with tourists. If you are strong and brave 15 _____ to get to the top, you can enjoy wonderful views from there. On a clear day, you can see as far as Ireland! During the summer months there is a café at the top. There, tourists can 16 _____ a welcome cup of tea, or soup if the weather is cold. If you 17 _____ too tired to walk back, you can always take the train down the mountain. The mountain railway was 18 _____ in 1896. It is safe, and there have never been any accidents on this route.

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- 1) selected
- 2) above
- 3) feel
- 4) built
- 5) get
- 6) formed
- 7) enough
- 8) located

The Moon

Most people enjoy watching the night sky. And the 13 _____ object in the sky is the Moon. Every night the Moon rises in the East and sets in the West. It takes about 27 days to go around the Earth, and it's an interesting fact that we always 14 _____ the same side of the Moon. The Moon is the 15 _____ object to the Earth. It would take us only 13 hours to get to the Moon by rocket. If we were able to 16 _____ at the speed of light, it would take a bit less than two seconds.

There is a very 17 _____ atmosphere on the Moon. Life is not possible there. In spite of this, the Moon can be used as a base for space exploration and even for space tourism. Some space companies say that they will be able to 18 _____ tourists to the Moon as soon as in 2020.

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It takes about 27 days to go around the Earth, and it's an interesting fact that we always 14 _____ the same side of the Moon.

- 1) thin
- 2) brightest
- 3) travel
- 4) see
- 5) round
- 6) take
- 7) closest
- 8) cover

The oceans

People have always wanted to discover new things and new worlds. We have built spaceships to go to other planets and are planning to 13 _____ other galaxies one day. Meanwhile, we know very 14 _____ about our own planet. The oceans, which cover 70 percent of the planet, are an unknown world to us. The Pacific Ocean is the largest one. The 15 _____ point on the Earth is also there. It is 16 _____ Challenger Deep and it was discovered in 1875. The Pacific Ocean 17 _____ from the Arctic Ocean to the coast of Antarctica. But most of its water is in the warm tropics, which 18 _____ it warm. A lot of fish and animals live in the Pacific Ocean. The place is still waiting for researchers to discover its secrets for us.

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Meanwhile, we know very 14 _____ about our own planet.

- 1) expensive
- 2) little
- 3) makes
- 4) called
- 5) stretches
- 6) tasted
- 7) lowest
- 8) visit

The Arctic region

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean of the world. It covers the 13 _____ polar region of the Earth. The Arctic region is a very cold place. The lowest 14 _____ temperature there is minus 68 degrees. In spite of the cold, a lot of animals live on the Arctic ice. The polar bear is one of them. Now, due to global warming, the polar bear is in a 15 _____ trouble. The thing is that polar bears 16 _____ seals and they need ice to do this. The bears wait for seals on the ice, hunt them in the water and go back to the shore. If the ice is too thin, it 17 _____ under the bears' heavy bodies and they may drown. The situation is getting 18 _____ and some researchers say the ocean may become ice-free as soon as 2050.

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The lowest 14 _____ temperature there is minus 68 degrees.

- 1) serious
- 2) northern
- 3) appeared
- 4) worse
- 5) recorded
- 6) tried
- 7) breaks
- 8) hunt

The first calculator

In 1642 a French student invented the first 13 _____ calculator. He was only 18 and the counting machine was a present for his father. The father worked as a tax collector and the young man wanted to make his job 14 _____.

The talented inventor made several machines but nobody 15 _____ interested. The young man was ahead of his time. Many years passed before people 16 _____ how useful these machines could be and started mass producing them.

Today most mechanical calculators have been 17 _____ with electronic models. These small devices can 18 _____ a lot of mathematical operations. You just need to enter the numbers by pressing the keys and you'll see the final result on the screen in no time.

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The father worked as a tax collector and the young man wanted to make his job 14 _____.

- 1) realized
- 2) easier
- 3) perform
- 4) mechanical
- 5) was
- 6) replaced
- 7) farther

Water skiing

One day a young man who lived 13 _____ the lake in a small American town asked himself, "Why can't people ski on water if they can ski on snow?" With his brother's help he constructed several models of skis to test his ideas. He 14 _____ on the local lake for a few days and created skis 15 _____ for the water. This happened in 1922. The young man, who was only 18 at that time, didn't 16 _____ his invention. However, he performed a lot of shows 17 _____ the country that made him and the sport of water skiing popular. Later, he was 18 _____ as the creator of a new sport – water skiing.

Water skiing equipment has been greatly improved since that time, and the number of people who enjoy this sport is growing in many countries.

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With his brother's help he 14 _____ several models of skis to test his ideas.

- 1) hot
- 2) across
- 3) near
- 4) constructed
- 5) recognized
- 6) different
- 7) patent
- 8) suitable

The telescope

The telescope is the oldest and probably the most effective tool to 13 _____ space. It has been used by astronomers since the 16th century and it has tremendously changed our knowledge of the universe. Certainly, the telescope itself has changed a 14 _____ since that time too.

The most famous telescope nowadays, the Hubble Telescope, works in space, in 15 _____ Earth orbit. It works from above the atmosphere of the Earth and that is why it 16 _____ fantastically clear photos. The Hubble was 17 _____ into space on 24th April, 1990 from the Space Shuttle Discovery and is still in operation. Scientists say its information could help them to 18 _____ the mystery of the black holes and to understand how they form.

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- 1) serious
- 2) explore
- 3) fast
- 4) produces
- 5) solve
- 6) low
- 7) launched
- 8) lot

Kuznetsky Most

Kuznetsky Most is one of the oldest streets of Moscow. It is located in the very center of the city and has always been a street with the most 13 _____ shops in the capital. Many of those shops belonged to French families and had French names. This was the reason why the street survived the Fire of Moscow in 1812 — Napoleon's army 14 _____ the shops of their compatriots. Today, the name of the street, which can be translated into English as Smiths' Bridge, may sound 15 _____ to those who do not know its history because there is no real bridge anywhere close to it, nor is there any river or lake nearby where a bridge might be 16 _____. But in reality the river exists. It is 17 _____ the Neglinka and it flows under the ground in canals that were created for it in the early 19th century. When the river was 18 _____ under the ground in 1819 and the bridge was turned into a road, many people found it funny that the street preserved its name.

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1. strange
2. fashionable
3. hidden
4. useful
5. new
6. called
7. believed
8. protected