

Lesson 7: Walking on the Street

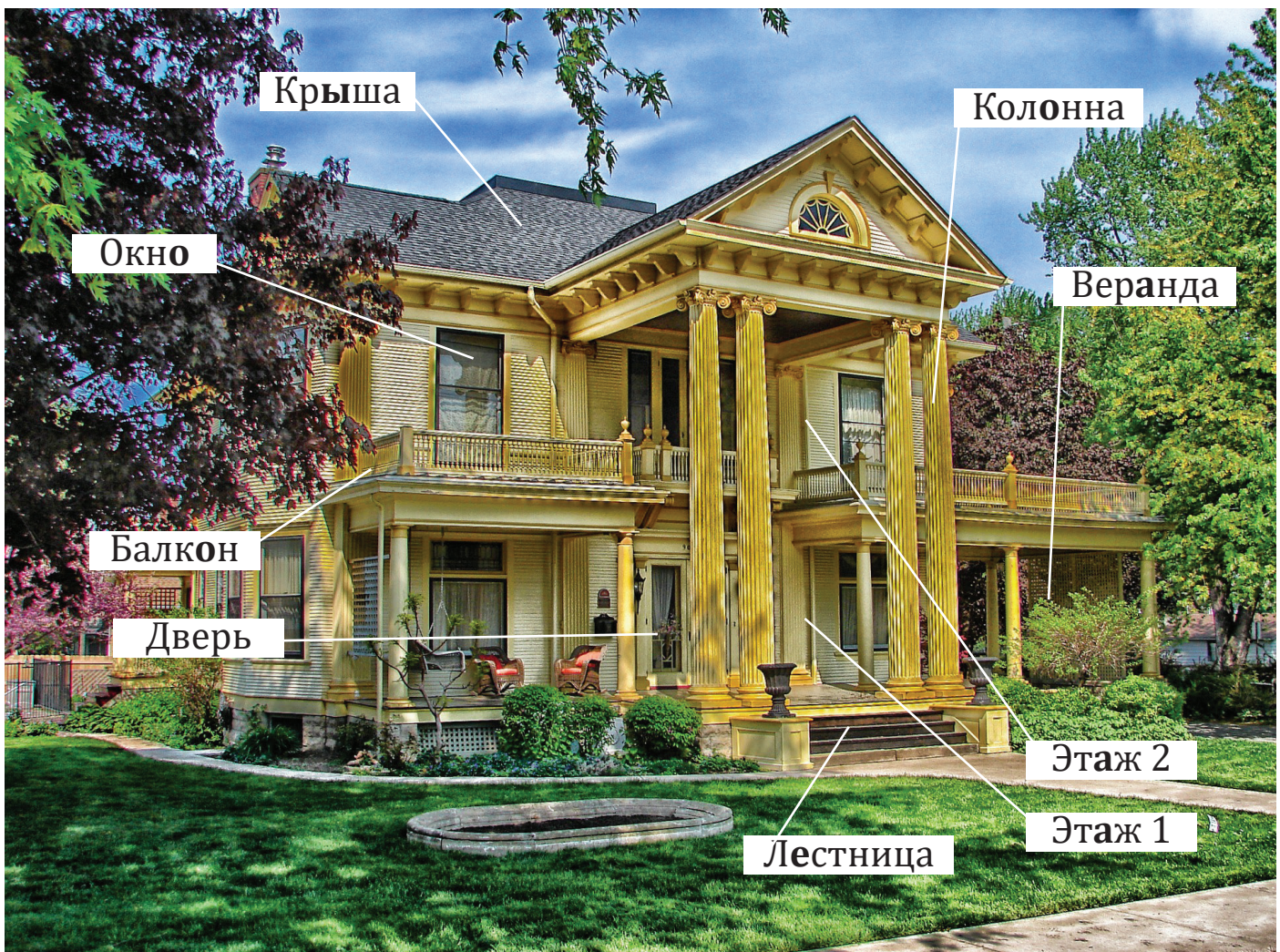
Building (здáние)

And now let's go outside and look around for new words.

Street in Russian is **у́лица**, but улица also means everything that's not inside the house. So to go outside will be '**пойти́ (выйти) на у́лицу**'. Or for example, in case of the rain – '**на у́лице дождь**'.

So, we walk outside the house (**дом**), if it is residential, or a building (**здáние**) for all buildings whether residential or not. If it is a multistory building, it is called **многoэтáжное здание** and the story is '**этаж**', and we walk out from the porch (**подъезд**).

In lesson 1, we already talked about **крыша**, **гараж**, **подвал**, **дверь**, so you can check yourself. The balcony is **балкóн**, and many old buildings have a column (**колóнна**) on their front side (**фасáд**). The open or glazed premise built onto the house is a veranda (**верáнда**). Stairs is **лестница**.



Street (у́лица)

The street is usually divided into road (**доро́га**) and sidewalk (**тротуа́р**). On the road you usually see cars (**автомобиль** or **машина**), buses (**авто́бус**), unless this street is for pedestrians (**пешехо́д**) only. The place where pedestrians can cross the road is a pedestrian crossing (**пешеходный переход**). The traffic is regulated by traffic lights (**светофо́р**) and road signs (**доро́жный знак**).

The road is lit up with street lights (**фона́рь**) when it is dark which are placed on the sidewalks along with the trees (**де́рево**).



Yard (двор)

The place between houses for playgrounds (**дéтская площа́дка**), resting, BBQ under the open sky (**не́бо**) is called a yard (**двор**).

The yard often has benches (**скамейка**), so you can sit (**сиде́ть**) there. Some urns (**у́рна**) for the litter (**му́сор**) and lampposts (**фона́рный столб**) to light when it's dark or just to keep electric wires (**прóвод**) away from the ground.

A playground is usually fenced around with a fence (**забо́р** or **огра́да**), and has a swing (**качели**). Children play games (**игра́**) on the ground (**пiazzáдка**) while their parents watch them from a bench.



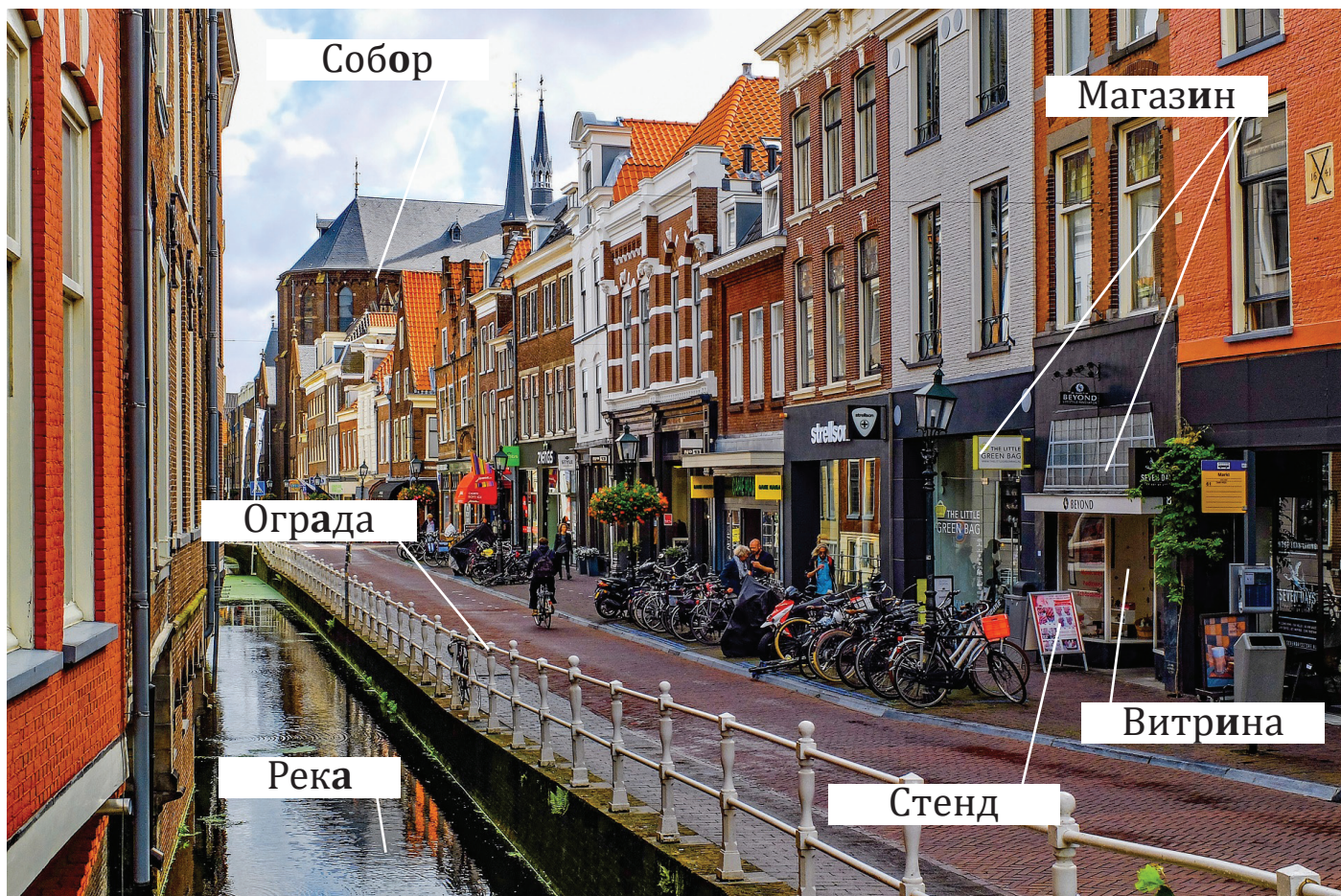
Walking on the street

Let's take a walk along the street.

The street along the river (**река́**) or on the seaside is called an embankment (**набережная**). On the first floor (Russians do not have ground floor, so the story on the ground is the first) is usually used by shops (**магазин**) which you can easily distinguish by their show cases (**витрина**), cafés (**кафе**), barbershops (**парикма́херская**), pharmacies (**апте́ка**) etc.

Some shops use stands (**стенд**) and other advertisement (**рекла́ма**) to attract customers' (**клие́нт**) attention or to show their goods. A sign with the name of the shop or other organizations is called '**вы́веска**'.

There are some special buildings in the city, for example, churches (**це́рковь**), cathedrals (**собо́р**), mosques (**мечеть**) or synagogues (**синого́га**).



Weather (погода)

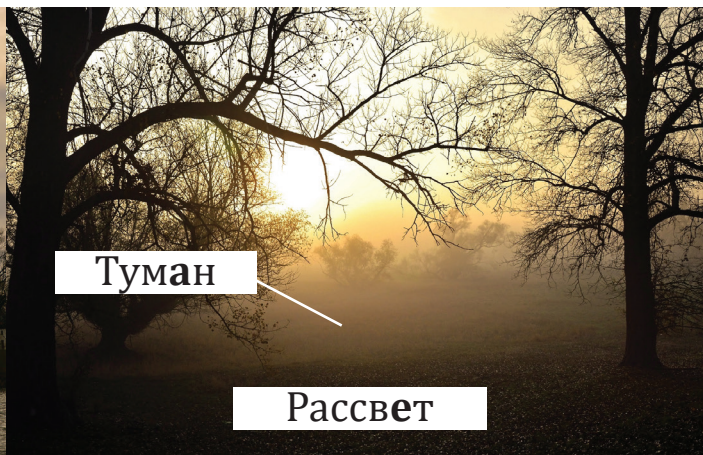
Let's talk the weather!

The sun is '**сoлнце**'. If the sun is covered with clouds (**oблако**), we call such weather cloudy (**oблaчнo**). When clouds are too dark, we call them '**тyчa**' and most likely there will soon be rain (**дoждь**) maybe with thunder (**гpoзa**) if it is warm, mostly in the late spring (**вeснa**) or snow (**cнeг**) in winter (**зимa**). Sometimes you can see a rainbow (**paдyгa**) during the rain. When the snow is falling we call it '**cнeгoпaд**'. If there are no clouds, we call such weather '**яcнo**'.

The daily cycle is as follows: when the sun has just appeared, it called 'dawn' (**pacсвeт**), and the morning (**yтpo**) starts. The fog (**тyмaн**) usually appears that time in late summer (**лeтo**) or early autumn (**oceнь**). The day is '**дeнь**'. When the sun starts to decline, the evening (**вeчep**) comes, and it ends with the sunset (**зaкaт**). So the night (**нoчь**) begins. At night you can see plenty of stars (**звeздa**) and the moon (**лyнa**) or crescent (**мeсяц**). And if the weather is really good, you can even see a milky way (**млeчный пyть**).



Облачно



Туман

Рассвет



Радуга



Луна

Звезда

Ночь



Облако

Ясно



Солнце

Закат



Дождь



Снегопад

Упражнения по произношению (Pronunciation practice)

Здание, улица, пойти (выйти) на улицу', на улице дождь, многоэтажное здание, этаж, подъезд, балкон, колонна, фасад, веранда, лестница, дорога, тротуар, автомобиль, машина, автобус, пешеход, пешеходный переход, светофор, дорожный знак, фонарь, дерево, детская площадка, небо, двор, скамейка, сидеть, урна, мусор, фонарный столб, провод, забор, ограда, качели, игра, площадка, река, набережная, магазин, витрина, парикмахерская, аптека, стенд, реклама, клиент, вывеска, церковь, собор, мечеть, синодга, погода, солнце, облако, облачно, туча, дождь, гроза, весна, снег, зима, радуга, снегопад, ясно, рассвет, утро, туман, лето, осень, вечер, закат, ночь, звезда, луна, месяц, млечный путь.

Quiz 1. Shop Story

Зима, дорога, подъезд, качели, магазин, светофор, набережная, скамейка, лестница, выйти на улицу. двор, утро, река, пешеходный переход, собор.

I needed to (go outside) _____ to get some food. It wasn't cold though it was (winter) _____ (morning) _____. I walked down the (stairs) _____ and walked out on the (porch) _____ to the (yard) _____.

I recalled (a shop) _____ was near the (river) _____, so I needed to walk to (an embankment) _____. I waited for the green light on (traffic lights) _____ and crossed the (road) _____ by the (pedestrian crossing) _____. I passed the (cathedral) _____ and found out it was too early in the morning and the shop was closed.

So I returned to my yard sitting on the (bench) _____ and watching children playing on a (swing) _____.

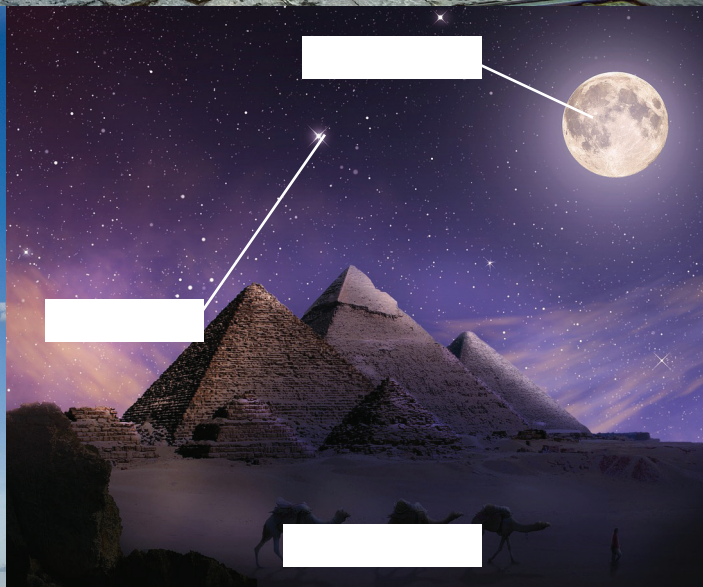
Quiz 2. Fill in the blanks

Лето, вечер, реклама, дерево, колонна, солнце, машина, закат, радуга, дорожный знак, снегопад, тротуар.

1. Are you free this _____?
2. I love _____, it is very warm and sunny!
3. This time of the year the _____ are so colorful!
4. Too many _____ on this street. You really need to be careful.
5. A _____ covered all the streets with snow.

6. _____ melted all the snow on the _____.
7. A _____ appeared after the rain.
8. There are too many annoying _____ on this street.
9. _____ obstructs the _____, so many drivers got fined.
10. I love old buildings with _____, I think they are so beautiful.

Quiz 3. Fill in the blanks



Keys to the Quiz 1. Money Story

I needed to (go outside) выйти на улицу to get some food. It wasn't cold though it was (winter) зима (morning) утро. I walked down the (stairs) лестница and walked out of the (porch) подъезд to the (yard) двор.

I recalled (a shop) магазин was near the (river) река, so I needed to walk to (an embankment) набережная. I waited for the green light on (traffic lights) светофор and crossed the (road) дорога by the (pedestrian crossing) пешеходный переход. I passed the (cathedral) собор and found out it was too early in the morning and the shop was closed.

So I returned to my yard sitting on the (bench) скамейка and watching children playing on a (swing) качели.

Keys to the Quiz 2. Fill in the blanks

1. Are you free this вечер?
2. I love лето, it is very warm and sunny!
3. This time of the year the закат are so colorful!
4. Too many машина/автомобиль on this street. You really need to be careful.
5. A снегопад covered all the streets with snow.
6. Солнце melted all the snow on the тротуар.
7. A радуга appeared after the rain.
8. There are too many annoying реклама on this street.
9. Дерево obstructs the дорожный знак, so many drivers got fined.
10. I love old buildings with колонна, I think they are so beautiful.

Keys to the Quiz 3. Fill in the blanks

