

# Vocabulary Activity



## The Russian Core

### Content Vocabulary

**Directions:** Respond to the questions or statements below using the vocabulary words shown in parentheses.

1. How do the concepts of Russification and satellite countries relate to Soviet expansion?

**(Russification, satellite)**

-(Russification)- is when the Soviet Union acted as a -(satellite)- by requiring everyone to speak Russian and become Christian

2. Describe the policies Mikhail Gorbachev proposed to strengthen the Soviet Union's role in the world.

**(perestroika, glasnost)**

Gorbachev used -(perestroika)- or restructuring to reform the economy and government. He also used Glasnost to provide openness in areas of politics.

3. What is privatization, and how did a shift to privatization affect the majority of the Russian people?

**(privatization)**

-(Privatization)- likely pooled most of the wealth to a select number of people.

4. How can the stockpiled by-products of nuclear weapons manufacturing threaten the environment in the Russian Core? **(nuclear wastes, radioactive materials)**

-(nuclear waste and radioactive materials)- are feared and can kill an entire ecosystem in large quantities they need to be stored in a way that won't compromise others.

**Directions:** Complete the following sentences, using the words from the word bank.

#### Word Bank

chernozem	permafrost
continentality	czar
black market	pesticide

5. Prior to the 1917 revolution, Russia was ruled by a czar, a title derived from the Latin word Caesar.

# Vocabulary Activity *cont.*

**networks**

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6. The interior of a landmass far from moderating ocean currents experiences extreme temperature variations and little precipitation in a climatic effect known as continentality.
7. Tundra regions often feature a permanently frozen layer of soil, or permafrost, beneath the surface of the ground.
8. A pesticide is used to kill insects and rodents that damage crops.
9. When goods are scarce, sometimes they are sold illegally for high prices on the black market.
10. The Northern European Plain is ideal for agriculture due to its rich, black topsoil, called chernozem.

## Academic Vocabulary

**Directions:** Match each description in the left column with the correct word in the right column. Write the letter of the answer in the blank at the left of each description.

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| <u>G</u> 11. to set off                                 | a. acquire       |
| <u>d</u> 12. to become less in amount or number         | b. stable        |
| <u>a</u> 13. to gain possession                         | c. corresponding |
| <u>f</u> 14. to stimulate by presenting difficulties    | d. decline       |
| <u>c</u> 15. showing a direct connection between things | e. radical       |
| <u>b</u> 16. not changing or fluctuating                | f. challenge     |
| <u>e</u> 17. fundamental or extreme; drastic            | g. trigger       |