

KEY VOCABULARY

Balkan countries

south of the Danube are the Balkan countries, along the Balkan Peninsula: these include **Croatia, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Kosovo**

Baltic countries

countries located on the Baltic Sea: **Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia** (this term sometimes includes Poland)

Cyrillic

the **alphabet used in Russia**, named after St. Cyril who translated the Bible

human geography

the geographical study of **people and their communities, cultures, economies and interactions with the environment**

physical geography

the geographical study of **processes and patterns in the natural environment**

steppe

flat grassland with few or no trees



Moscow	St. Petersburg
Russia	Russia

Warsaw	Kiev
Poland	Ukraine

example of Cyrillic alphabet:

А Б В Г Д Е
Ж З И Й К
Л М Н О П
Р С Т У Ф
Х Ц Ч Ш Щ
Ы Э Ю Я

Eastern European seas:

Caspian Sea
Black Sea
Adriatic Sea
Baltic Sea

Russia

- population 144,463,451
- capital city Moscow
- main language Russian (РУССКИЙ)
- currency Russian ruble (₽)(RUB)