1. **Перепишите текст в тетрадь. Переведите текст на русский язык письменно.**

**St Petersburg**

St Petersburg is the second largest city in Russia and one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It was founded in 1703 by Peter the Great as the "Window on the West". Thousands of workmen were brought from all parts of Russia to build a new city on the swampy land at the mouth of the Neva River. Peter the Great was in a hurry. The work was fast and hard, and workmen dropped dead by the hundreds. But the work went on.

Peter the Great moved the capital to St Petersburg in 1712. The new capital of the Russian Empire grew rapidly in wealth and beauty. Architects were brought from western Europe to lay out the city in harmonious squares. Buildings were constructed of grey and rose-colored granite. The Hermitage Palace and the Winter Palace, the homes of the tsars, were equal to any in Europe.

When the First World War began in 1914, St Petersburg was changed to Petrograd. After the October Revolution the city was renamed after Lenin – Leningrad and Moscow became the capital of Russia again.

During the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945) the city suffered a great deal. The German armies laid siege to it in 1941, and for the next year and a half it was cut off from the rest of the country. No food could be brought in, and people died of starvation. Daily shelling and air raids destroyed parts of the city. Thousands of people were killed. Rebuilding took years.

Now St Petersburg is an important industrial, cultural and educational center. The population of the city is over 5 million.

St Petersburg is indeed a wonderful city: at every turn there's something to catch your eye. The Winter Palace, the Hermitage, the Russian Museum, St Isaac's Cathedral, the Peter-and-Paul Fortress, the Admiralty building attract thousands of tourists from every corner of the world.

Petersburg's many museums house some of the world's most famous art collections. The Hermitage, for example, contains the richest collection of pictures in the world.

The city is called the Northern Venice because there are 65 rivers, arms and canals there with artistically decorated bridges. It's also famous for its beautiful White Nights in summer.

1. **Найдите соответствия в тексте на английском языке, запишите и выучите наизусть.**
2. второй по величине город России; 2) один из самых красивых городов в мире; 3) он был основан; 4) новый город на болотистой земле; 5) в устье Невы; 6) перенес столицу в Санкт-Петербург; 7) быстро росла в богатстве и красоте; 8) равный любому в Европе; 9) снова стала столицей России; 10) город сильно пострадал; 11) отрезан от остальной части страны; 12) люди умирали от голода; 13) восстановление заняло годы; 14) важный промышленный, культурный и образовательный центр; 15) на каждом шагу есть на что обратить внимание; 16) привлекают тысячи туристов со всего мира; 17) хранятся самые известные в мире коллекции произведений искусства; 18) содержит самую богатую коллекцию картин в мире; 19) город называют Северной Венецией; 20) знаменит своими красивыми Белыми Ночами летом.