





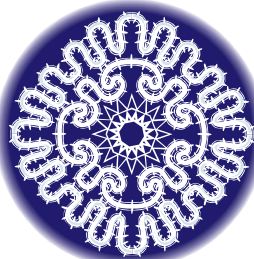
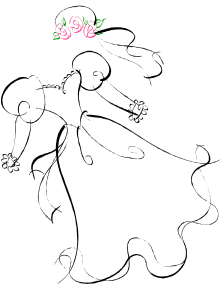




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### Activity

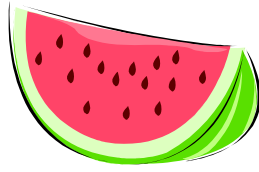
<b>Activity</b>	Describing the Russian painting: "The merchant's wife" from Boris Michailowitsch Kustodiev
<b>Language(s)</b>	English
<b>Level</b>	A2/B1
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn the vocabulary</li> <li>To improve the understanding for literature</li> <li>To learn analyzing painting's details, subject matters, formal quality, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Procedure</b>	<p>Previous to reading the text give the students the <i>domino</i> sheet</p> <p>Tell the learners that they are going to read a text about a famous painting</p> <p>Learners will now read the <i>text</i>, underline the unknown words</p> <p>In pairs discussion for global understanding</p> <p>Trainer should collect the text and hand out the <i>Cloze</i> activity about adjectives</p> <p>After filling the blanks, pair comparison</p> <p>Give the learners the <i>crossword</i> about substantives</p> <p>Hand out the <i>painting puzzle</i> – Learners will look for the details they've seen in the domino</p> <p>Learners should now choose 5 of the new words and use them to write single sentences.</p>
<b>Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to learners's level, trainer could offer the second text part for an activity, a new Cloze test, crossword, interpretation, etc. In this part students will go beyond the surface.</li> <li>A next painting related to the same theme could be distributed for discussion and comparison, in order to develop a better understanding for paintings and art related text.</li> </ul>

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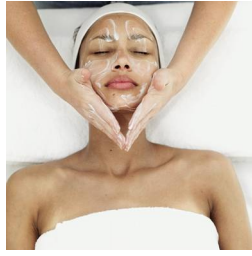
<p>church</p>		<p>woman</p>	
<p>Tea service</p>		<p>table</p>	
<p>goodies</p>		<p>dome</p>	
<p>dress</p>		<p>lace</p>	
<p>face</p>		<p>sign</p>	

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beauty



watermelon



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### Text describing the painting “*The Merchant’s Wife*” from Boris Michailowiitsch Kustodiev

*The young woman, dressed in a black dress with the magnificent lace and despair, sits at a table, covered with tea, face to the audience.*

*In the background is a Russian city scene with domes, church and trees.*

*Signs of abundance abound - the shiny samovar, the tea service, sliced watermelon, plates of lush fruit and baked goodies.*

*The woman apparently belongs to a rich merchant family. Her ample white physique, once a sign of feminine beauty, illuminates the table and the surrounding area. She is as round and as succulent as the fruit on the table. A cat nuzzles her indulgently.*

### Going beyond the surface

Recommendation for developing a further activity according to learner's level:

*She is not quite looking at the viewer, her mind appears to wander absently and she seems reflective and pensive. sipping tea from a saucer with a customary gesture; She is drinking hot tea from the saucer to cool it, pinkie pointing away from the steaming flavorful liquid Yet, as she sips her tea, the picture is one of peace and tranquility; apparently, she is enjoying her tea.*

*Puzzle to the painting „The Merchant’s Wife“ from Boris Michailowitsch Kostodiev*

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Cloze for the text to the painting „The merchant’s Wife“  
from Boris Michailowitsch Kustodiev

**Put the following words (or word parts) in the gaps:**

*abundance audience black city domes dressed feminine fruit goodies magnificent nuzzles physique rich round samovar service succulent surrounding table trees watermelon young*

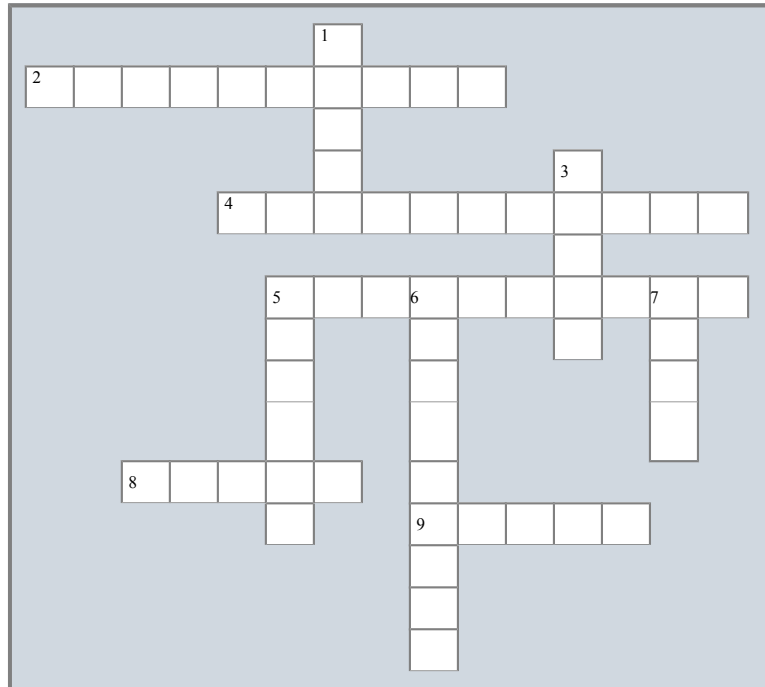
The Merchant's Wife at Tea

The \_\_\_\_\_ woman, \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ dress with the \_\_\_\_\_ lace and despair, sits at a \_\_\_\_\_, covered with tea, face to the \_\_\_\_\_. In the background is a Russian \_\_\_\_\_ scene with \_\_\_\_\_, church and \_\_\_\_\_. Signs of \_\_\_\_\_ abound - the shiny \_\_\_\_\_, the tea \_\_\_\_\_, sliced \_\_\_\_\_, plates of lush \_\_\_\_\_ and baked \_\_\_\_\_. The woman apparently belongs to a \_\_\_\_\_ merchant family. Her ample white \_\_\_\_\_, once a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ beauty, illuminates the table and the \_\_\_\_\_ area. She is as \_\_\_\_\_ and as \_\_\_\_\_ as the fruit on the table. A cat \_\_\_\_\_ her indulgently.

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Crossword based on the painting  
from Boris Michailowitsch Kustodiev

„The merchant’s wife“



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### Across

2. something that is behind an object or person
4. something wonderful
5. plain or clear, obvious
8. bright or glossy in appearance
9. large in size

### Down

1. someone being in the first or early stage of life
3. any view or picture
5. plentifully supplied
6. an extremely plentiful quantity
7. succulent

This crossword puzzle was created by Celia Dierl with [EclipseCrossword](https://www.eclipsecrossword.com/).

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### Key - Crossword

Across	Down
2. Background	1. Young
4. Magnificent	3. Scene
5. Apparently	5. Abound
8. Shiny	6. Abundance
9. Ample	7. Lush

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As exercise for concentration you could find here an interactive puzzle:

<http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=11ae560e716d>

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