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CEMb CUMEOHOB – is as a documentary film about Ovechkin family and their unsuccessful attempt to hijack the plane in 1988 in the USSR. You can scan the code below and watch this documentary film on YouTube with Russian subtitles.





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CONTENT WARNING

This book has been carefully designed for adult learners of Russian as a Foreign Language. Therefore, the language used in this short story has been adapted to help students revise and consolidate their knowledge of Russian vocabulary and grammar at level B.

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LEARNING VOCABULARY WITH THE STORY

In this story, I have created vocabulary lists for each chapter so readers can learn new words right away as they appear in the text. There is no need to spend time looking up new words in the dictionary since a list of the most difficult words is presented below. This is very convenient and saves a lot of time. With the help of these vocabulary lists, one may read without interruption.

LEARNING GRAMMAR WITH THE STORY

Throughout the story, I have employed a method of coloring which is intended to help one naturally learn and understand grammatical cases while reading. Words and endings are specifically colored so readers can immediately see and distinguish which case is being used without having to check this information separately. This method effectively familiarizes the learner with the correct grammatical case endings by highlighting them in context. I have marked not only the case endings, but also the prepositions or words that go with the certain case. This aids the learner in memorizing which prepositions govern which cases.

The following color coding is used in this book.

Black – (Nominative case)

Red – (Genetive case)

Blue – (Dative case)

Green – (Accusative case)

Purple - (Instrumental case)

Orange – (Prepositional case)

Grammar examples:

The sentence «Ма́ма и па́па хотя́т пое́хать в ию́ле на мо́ре, а я́ хочу́ к ба́бушке» uses different colors to illustrate which cases have been used here.

«в июле» - the word «July» - «июль» is used in Prepositional case because it talks about location. That is why the ending of

the word is changed and the new ending is colored with orange. Preposition «B» is also colored to tell the reader that the Prepositional case was formed due to its presence.

The sentence «Мне нра́вится приро́да» uses blue color for the word «мне» which is the personal pronoun used in Dative case as well as the verb «нравится» that shows that this verb governs the Dative case.

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ГЛАВА 1

В САМОЛЁТЕ

8

(восьмое) марта 1988 (тысяча девятьсот

восемьдесят восьмого) года. 12:18 (двенадцать восемна́дцать). Идёт поса́дка на самолё́т ре́йсом Иркутск — Курган — Ленинград (теперь это Санкт-Петербург). Сего́дня праздник. Все улыбаются. Мужчины **поздравляют** женщин. В Советском Союзе 8 (восьмое) Марта – всегда особый день для всех же́нщин, ба́бушек, матере́й, дочере́й. В аэропорту́ Ирку́тска обы́чный день. Лю́ди е́дут домой в Ленинград или в гости к родственникам. На борту́ самолёта ТУ-154 (сто пятьдеся́т четы́ре) примерно 50 (пятьдесят) человек, сего́дня Это немного. половина самолёта. Бортпроводники улыбаются, у них хорошее настроение. Особенно – Ирина и Тамара, потому что они женщины. Почти каждый пассажирмужчина сего́дня говори́т им: «С пра́здником!» Пассажиры проходят и садятся самолёте. В Сего́дня в Ленингра́д из Ирку́тска лети́т о́чень популярная музыкальная джазовая группа «Семь Симео́нов». Это семе́йная гру́ппа из семи́ бра́тьев, ста́ршему бра́ту Васи́лию 26 (два́дцать шесть) лет, а мла́дшему бра́ту Серге́ю 9 (де́вять) лет. Они́ бы́ли о́чень популя́рной музыка́льной гру́ппой не то́лько в Ирку́тске, но и во всём Сове́тском Сою́зе. Их конце́рты собира́ли большо́е коли́чество зри́телей, они́ выступа́ли не то́лько в СССР, но и за рубежо́м, представля́я там Сове́тский Сою́з. Они́ вы́играли не́сколько музыка́льных ко́нкурсов и получи́ли широ́кую изве́стность. Фами́лия семьи́ Ове́чкиных ча́сто попада́ла в пре́ссу, о них писа́ли в газе́тах и да́же сня́ли документа́льный фильм.

То, что это музыканты, было понятно, потому что большая семья поднималась на борт с большим музыкальным инструментом – контрабасом, который был в чехле. Семья ехала в полном бы́ло хоро́шее, весёлое них настроение. Они поздравили бортпроводниц с 8 (восьмым) Марта и заняли свой **места**, мать и мла́дшие де́ти се́ли в пере́днем, пе́рвом сало́не, а старшие братья — в заднем, втором салоне. 12:18 (двена́дцать восемна́дцать) ПО московскому времени. Полёт начинается.



VOCABULARY

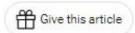
- 1) Поса́дка boarding,
- 2) Поздравлять/ поздравить to congratulate,
- 3) **Особый** special,
- 4) **Ро́дственник** relative,
- 5) **Полови́на** half,
- 6) Бортпроводник flight attendant,
- 7) **Hacтpoéниe** mood,
- 8) **Ста́рший** older,
- 9) **Мла́дший** younger,
- 10) Собирать/ собрать to gather, collect,
- 11) Зри́тель audience,

- 12) Представля́ть/ предста́вить (here) represent,
- 13) Музыка́льный ко́нкурс musical competition,
- 14) **Извéстность** fame,
- 15) Снимать/ снять фильм to make a movie,
- 16) Подниматься / подняться to go up,
- 17) **Чехо́л** case, cover,
- 18) **Ме́сто** seat,
- 19) Сало́н compartment,
- 20) **Полёт** flight.

This is a true story that happened in the USSR in the late 80s was also covered by all major newsapers in the world.

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Soviet Reports 9 Died in Hijacking of Jet by Family







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Bloody Hijacking Staged by Soviet Family of Musician

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MOSCOW — The bloody airline hijacking attempt that left at least nine people dead and 20 wounded was staged by 11 members of a musical Siberian family, the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia said Thursday in an unusually detailed report on such an event.

Among the hijackers was a jazz band made up of seven brothers, famous in their hometown of Irkutsk as "the Seven Simeons," and their mother. Apparently planning to defect to the West, they had boarded the flight Tuesday in the southern Siberian city of Irkutsk, carrying their musical instruments as well as concealed shotguns and explosives.

The flight ended hours later in a blood bath at a military airfield near Leningrad,

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(Basic level). Able to communicate in everyday situations. Knowledge of basics of Russian grammar (cases, cnojugations, etc)





(1st and 2nd certification level). Rather high level of the Russian language, which allows you to communicate at working, educational and professional fields. Very good grammar.



(3rd and 4th certification level). This level is comparable with the native speaker's level.

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