



## АННОТАЦИЯ

Модуль “Yakutia is a unique place!” («Якутия – уникальное место!») предназначен для учащихся, изучающих английский язык на уровне Elementary (A2).

В модуле представлена общая информация о республике Саха (Якутия), крупнейшем по территории субъектом Российской Федерации: географическом положении и географических особенностях региона, об официальных и неофициальных национальных символах. Материалы представлены в разнообразных заданиях, направленных на развитие лексических и грамматических навыков, а также навыков аудирования и чтения. Модуль содержит четыре видеоролика. Пять заданий предлагается выполнить в интерактивном формате с возможностью самопроверки. Два задания содержат ссылки на статьи энциклопедий, что позволит учащимся получить более полную информацию по заинтересовавшим их вопросам. Одно задание содержит ссылку на вебсайт достопримечательности Якутии – «Сокровищницу республики Саха (Якутия)» (постоянную экспозицию) и предоставляет возможность посетить 3D-тур. Также предусмотрено задание, позволяющие развивать логику и нестандартное мышление учащихся. На заключительном этапе учащимся предлагается написать письмо о том, что они хотели бы посетить в таком уникальном месте – в Якутии.

Условные обозначения, используемые в модуле:

задание содержит видеоматериал



задание можно выполнить интерактивно



задание содержит ссылки на статьи энциклопедий



При создании модуля использованы следующие интернет ресурсы:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki>  
<https://youtube.com>

<https://todiscoverrussia.com/yakutia-russia/>  
<https://yandex.ru/images/>

## ANNOTATION

This Module “Yakutia is a unique place!” has been designed for students who learn English on Elementary (A2) level.

The Module contains general information about the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), the largest federal subject of the Russian Federation: geographical location and features of the region, official and non-official national symbols. All materials include various activities which provide the development of lexical and grammar skills, as well as listening and reading skills. The Module contains 4 video clips. 5 tasks are offered to carry out in an interactive format (in the form of interactive communication) with an option of self-control. 2 tasks include links to articles of the encyclopedias, which let the students get more information and extension. One task includes a link to a website of the attraction of Yakutia – “The Treasury of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia)” (permanent exhibition) and gives possibility to visit 3D-tour. There is also a task, which help students develop their logic and innovative thinking. The final stage of the Module includes a follow-up activity in the form of a letter, which offers students to write what they would like to visit in such a unique place as Yakutia.

A list of symbols that are used in the Module:

The task contains a movie

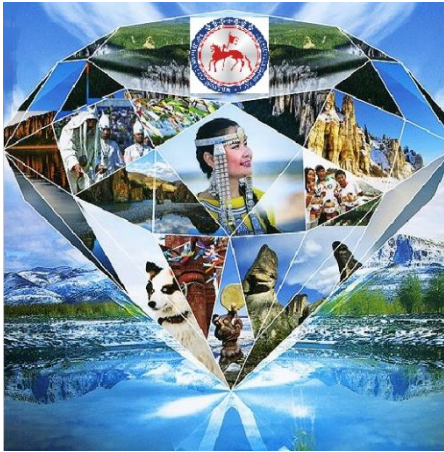
The interactive task

The task contains a link to the article of an encyclopedia

The following Internet recourses have been used to create the Module:

<http://www.expo-gx.ru/>

## *-Yakutia is a unique place -*



*Grow and be glorified, Yakutia.  
You are the beauty and pride of all of Russia,  
None are as vast and generous as you.*



*Do you know the largest republic of Russia? Have you ever heard about the coldest city in the world?  
Watch the video and discover the ultimate winter wonderland.*

### 1. Read five interesting facts about Yakutia.

#### FACT NO. 1.

If Yakutia was an independent state, it would make it to the top 10 list of the largest countries beating Argentina, Kazakhstan, Mexico and Indonesia! This region is among the most sparsely populated ones. Furthermore, the local population mostly lives in Yakutsk and its surroundings.

#### FACT NO. 2.

Less than 30% of the territory is occupied by plains. Yakutia is mostly a mysterious mountainous land and the world-largest region that is known for its breathtaking landscapes.

*It looks like  
a heart of  
Russia,  
doesn't it?*

Республика Саха  
(Якутия)



#### FACT NO. 3.

40% of the Yakutian territory lies within the Arctic Circle. It means that ways of travelling are limited and you can move along rivers only two or three months per year. It is also worth mentioning that there is no year-round transport connection on 90% of the region.

#### FACT NO. 5.

Permafrost is ground that does not thaw during summer. In other words, soil contains ice. Frost is considered permanent if it is stable from 2,000 years and more.

#### FACT NO. 4.

There are more than 700 000 (!) rivers and 800 000 (!) lakes in Yakutia. The total length of all the Yakutian rivers accounts for more than 2,000,000 km. By the way many of them are stunningly beautiful!

sparsely, plain, be worth, account, stunningly, permafrost, soil, stable

Check these  
words

**2. Read the texts again and match the headings (A-F) to the paragraphs (1-5). There is one extra heading.**

- A. 2/3 OF THE YAKUTIAN TERRITORY IS COVERED WITH MOUNTAINS AND HIGHLANDS
- B. YAKUTIA HAS THE WORLD-LARGEST RIVER SYSTEM
- C. YAKUTIA IS THE LARGEST FEDERAL SUBJECT
- D. THERE IS ONLY ONE YAKUTIAN LANDMARK THAT IS INCLUDED INTO UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE LIST
- E. THE BIGGER PART OF YAKUTIA IS COVERED BY PERMAFROST
- F. THE BETTER PART OF YAKUTIA IS LOCATED WITHIN THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

**3. Fill in:** stunningly, total, transport, ways of, the Arctic, mountainous, local, the largest.

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. _____ land       | 5. _____ population |
| 2. _____ travelling | 6. _____ countries  |
| 3. _____ beautiful  | 7. _____ length     |
| 4. _____ Circle     | 8. _____ connection |



**4. Watch the video and fill in the gaps in the sentences.**



1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the capital of the republic.
2. The territory of Yakutia makes \_\_\_\_\_ of Russia.
3. Yakutia is rich in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. International Sport Games – The Children of Asia are held \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Ysyakh is on \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The North-Eastern Federal University is the biggest University of \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. Look at the words in the word cloud. Use them to make up sentences about the republic of Sakha (Yakutia).**



Flag of  
Yakutia



Coat of arms  
of Yakutia

### *Гимн Республики Саха (Якутия)*

Якутия, ты светом зари  
К добру и счастью всех нас  
зовёшь,  
Алмазной радугой ты горишь  
И нас к победам грядущим  
ведёшь.

(Припев)

Цвети и крепни, родная земля,  
Расти и славься, Якутия.  
Краса и гордость России ты всей,  
Тебя раздольней нет и щедрей.

Привольно Лена наша течёт,  
Водой живой до края полна.  
Она согласие и силу несёт  
Дарует мир всем народам она.

(Припев)

Цвети и крепни, родная земля,  
Расти и славься, Якутия.  
Краса и гордость России ты всей,  
Тебя раздольней нет и щедрей.

Земля Саха, святыни твои  
С вершин веков напутствуют нас.  
Мы путь продолжили предков  
своих,  
И с честью мы их исполним наказ.

(Припев)

Цвети и крепни, родная земля,  
Расти и славься, Якутия.  
Краса и гордость России ты всей,  
Тебя раздольней нет и щедрей.

### *Anthem of the Sakha Republic*

Yakutia, thou art the light of the dawn!  
To goodness and 1\_\_\_\_\_ thou callest us.  
Thou shinest bright as a rainbow of  
diamond  
And lead us on to future victory.

Chorus:

Shine and grow stronger, native land!  
Grow and exult, Yakutia!  
Thou art the beauty and pride of all Russia  
Thou art free, and 2\_\_\_\_\_ in thy gifts.

Freely our Lena flows,  
with living water to thy wide borders.  
It carries harmony and 3\_\_\_\_\_.  
It grants all peoples peace.

Chorus:

Shine and grow stronger, native land!  
Grow and exult, Yakutia!  
Thou art the 4\_\_\_\_\_ and pride of all  
Russia  
Thou art free, and liberal in thy gifts.

Land of Sakha, thy sacred places  
From peaks of ages direct us.  
We continue the journey of our ancestors  
and with 5\_\_\_\_\_ fulfil their mandate.

Chorus:

Shine and grow stronger, native land!  
Grow and exult, Yakutia!  
Thou art the beauty and 6\_\_\_\_ of all Russia  
Thou art free, and liberal in thy gifts.

HAPPY

LIBERTY

STRONG

BEAUTIFUL

HONOURABLE

PROUD



6. Listen to the *Anthem of the Sakha Republic*, read the text and complete gaps 1-5 with the correct derivative of each word in capitals. Compare answers with a partner. [Click here to check your answers.](#)



The seven rhombic crystal-like figures of diamonds symbolize one of the natural resources of the republic. The amount of the diamonds also symbolizes the unity of the peoples living in Yakutia : Yakuts, Russians, Evenks, Evens, Chukchi, Dolgans, and Yukagirs.

**an image of an ancient rider**  
The image was one of the rock paintings found near the village of Shishkino in 1745 by members of the Great Northern Expedition of the Russian Academy of Sciences.



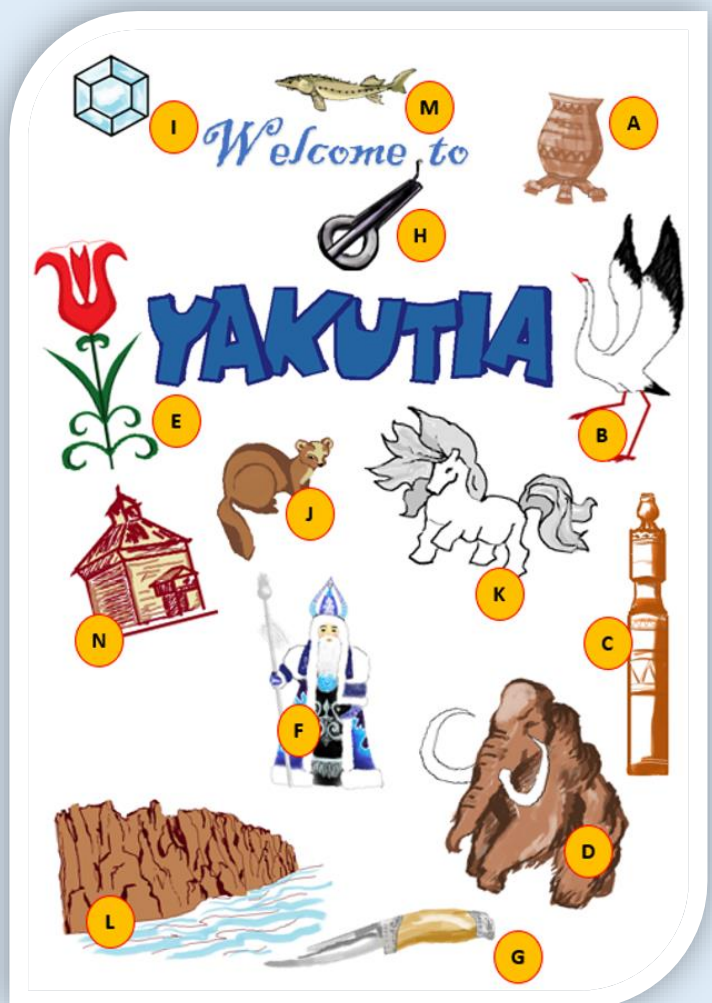
**The red banner in the image**  
It symbolized the unity and the strength of the Kurykan tribes.

## - Non-official symbols of Yakutia -



7. Look at the pictures. Here you can see non-official symbols of Yakutia. Label them with the words, then turn over the page and check. There are two extra pictures.

1.	<u>YAKUTIAN KNIFE</u>	
2.	CHYS KHAN	
3.	CHORON	
4.	SIBERIAN CRANE	
5.	<u>KHOMUS</u>	
6.	SERGE	
7.	<u>SARDAANA</u>	
8.	SABLE	
9.	DIAMOND	
10.	MAMMOTH	
11.	<u>YAKUTIAN HORSE</u>	
12.	THE LENA PILLARS	



1G, 2F, 3A, 4B, 5H, 6C, 7E, 8I, 9I, 10D, 11K, 12I



To learn more about some of the symbols click on the underlined words



**8. Complete the sentences with the symbols from ex.7. There is one extra symbol.**

1.	_____ is used for working with wood, hides, skins, fish and meat or for combat.
2.	_____ is a fairy-tale character, the Coldness Lord. He's like half-man, half-bull. He looks like an old man with a long beard. He wears a blue fur coat and a hat with two long horns, which symbolize the incarnation of the Bull of Winter.
3.	_____ is a national Yakut bowl.
4.	_____ is also known as the Siberian white crane or the snow crane. It is a sacred bird associated with sun, spring and kind spirits ajyy. In Yakut epics shamans and shamaness transform into white cranes.
5.	_____ is an important traditional musical instrument. The jew's harps were shamanic tools.
6.	_____ is a hitching post. It is a symbol of prosperity and fertility, is a protective totem for the home and the land.
7.	_____ is a kind of lily daurskoy. It has the same meaning as Sakura in Japan, peony in China. This is the most luxurious flower that contrasts sharply with the harsh northern nature. It is devoted many folk songs and poems. It's also a popular female name in Yakutia.
8.	_____ is a symbol of the richness of the people and natural resource wealth. According to legends, the owner of the stone is protected against all diseases.
9.	Earlier _____ was a symbol of the satanic, shaman world, the world of the dead, but after the 1990s the animal becomes the region's brand and its image promotes tourism to Yakutia.
10.	_____ is a native horse breed from Yakutia. It survives without shelter in temperatures that reach -70 °C (-94 °F).
11.	_____ are a sacred place for the Yakut people, a place of communication with nature and higher powers. They symbolize strength, power and energy.



To learn more about one of the attraction of Yakutia – “THE TREASURY OF THE SAKHA REPUBLIC (YAKUTIA)” PERMANENT EXHIBITION, click and visit 3D-tour

# YAKUTIA

in rebuses



\_\_\_ is a traditional dish consisting of raw, thin, long-sliced frozen fish. It is made with nelma, muksun, chir, omul or sturgeon.



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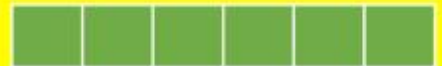
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\_\_\_ is the Yakut spirit of forests, animals and patron of hunters. He is portrayed as a joyful old man.



Republic of Sakha Yakutia



These people were believed to possess the ability to communicate with the gods, spirits and ghosts. Their role was to protect own clan from evil spirits.



Try delicious whipped cream



2

T=K



Click here to check your answers.





## - Miracle of Yakutia -



**9. Yakutia is a unique place with its own legends, fairy-tale characters, natural attractions, and miracles. Watch the video and decide if the statements are true or false. Put V or X in the box.**

1.	According to the legend about Lot's wife, she turned to get a glimpse at Sodom and turned into a pillar of ice.	
2.	Mount Sodom is situated 2 000 miles away from Yakutsk.	
3.	Amazing geological wonder in Yakutia is called "Granite Town".	
4.	These formations of the Ulakhan-Sis mountain range were sculpted by humans hands.	
5.	Some travelers think that the rock formations remind warriors.	



**10. You recently got the opportunity to visit the republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Send email to your friend Sardaana from Yakutia and tell her what places you would like to visit and why. In you email (120-150 words) you also should ask 3 questions about one of the options in the list below:**

- a legend about the Bull of Winter
- a Kingdom of Eternal Frost
- the Mammoth museum