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1. What is the Defender of the Fatherland day?
2. Why do you think this holiday is important?
3. Do you congratulate men in your family on this day?



b_a_e

_t_o_g

**What should
a defender of the
fatherland be
like?**

_o_r_g_o_s

_a_r_o_i_



Match the words to their Russian equivalents

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| 1. defender | a. Вооруженные силы |
| 2. the Armed Forces | b. служить |
| 3. serve | c. отметить |
| 4. authorities | d. обязательный |
| 5. obligatory | e. защитник |
| 6. mark | f. государственный |
| 7. public holiday | праздник |
| | g. власти |

Solve the crossword puzzle. Use dictionary if necessary.

ACROSS

[2] someone who has been in the armed forces during a war

[5] a person who is in an army and wears its uniform

[6] a powerful group of Communist republics including Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, and 11 others

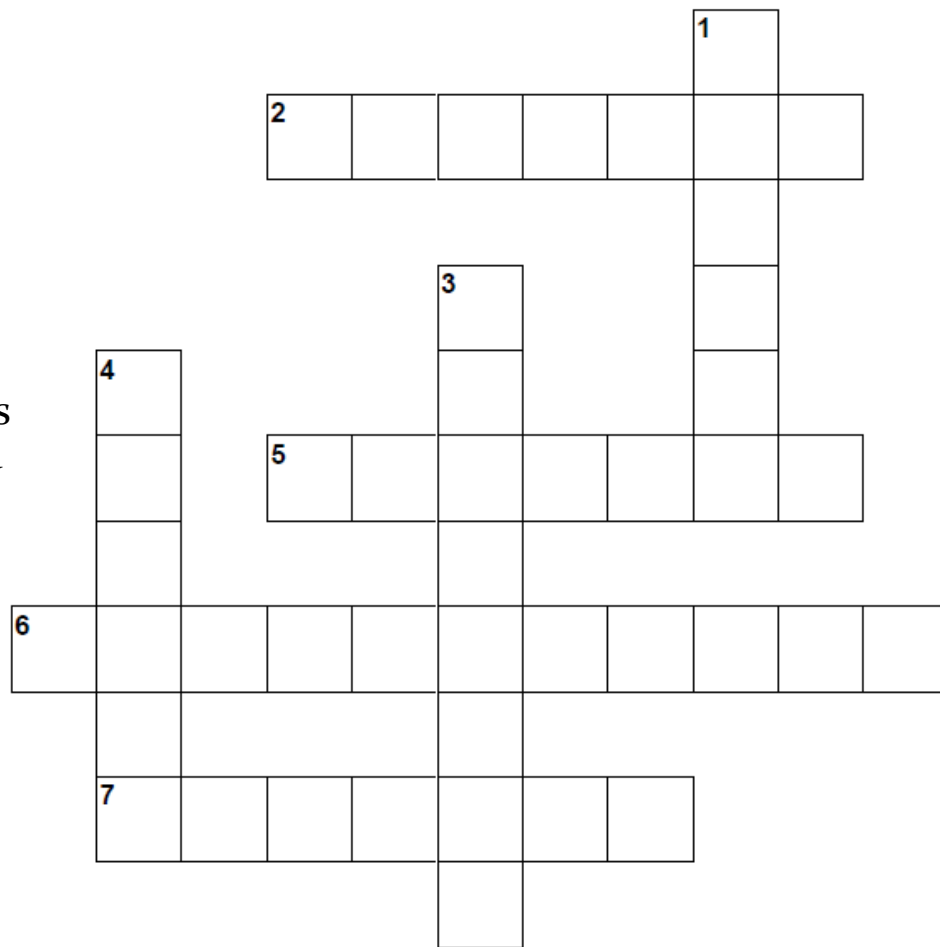
[7] in the past, the Soviet army

DOWN

[1] a large number of people walking or in vehicles, all going in the same direction, usually as part of a public celebration of something

[3] relating to or belonging to the armed forces

[4] to show great respect for someone or something, especially in public



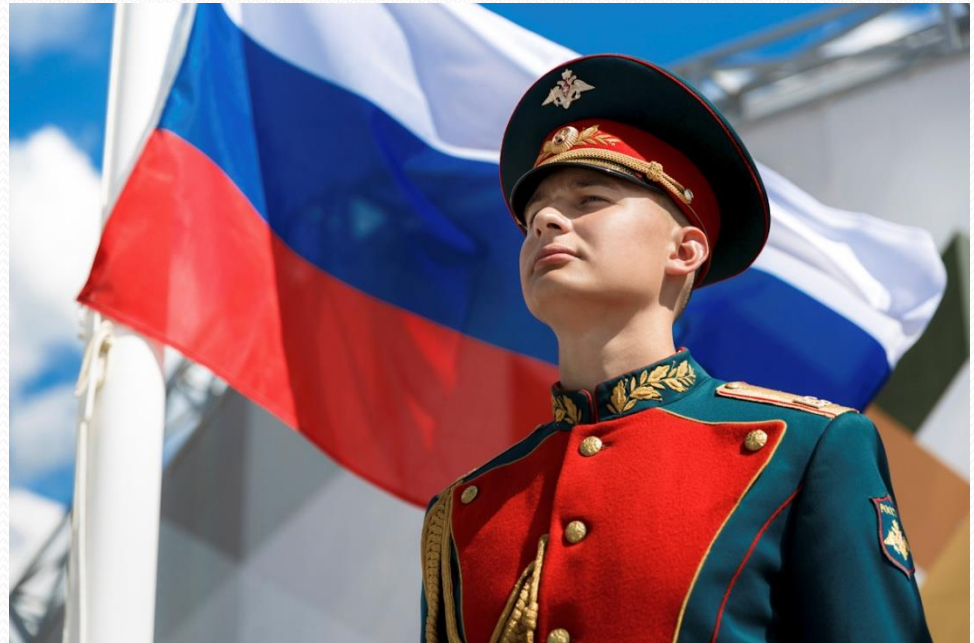
Fill in the gaps with the given words:

honours, obligatory, soldier, defender, mark, fatherland, veterans, honour, parades, Soviet Union (2), served (2), public holiday, military, Red Army (3)

- ____ (1) of the Fatherland day is a Russian ____ (2) celebrated on 23 February. Defence of the ____ (3) Day ____ (4) those who are currently serving in the Armed Forces and those who have ____ (5) in the past. During the era of the ____ (6), it was called ____ (7) Day or the Day of the Soviet Army and Navy. It is a day off for the general population, and schools, banks and official buildings and most businesses are closed. Many Russians observe February 23 as men's day because military service is ____ (8) for most men in Russia. Women often give presents and postcards to their male relatives, including those who never ____ (9) in the military. On a workday before or after the holiday, many women also congratulate their male colleagues and schoolboys receive small presents from their female classmates. Russian authorities organize local ____ (10) to ____ (11) the ____ (12) and ____ (13) on this day. Founded in 1919 to ____ (14) the establishment of the Soviet ____ (15), the name was changed to ____ (16) Day in 1923. After the Second World War, the name changed again in 1946 to Day of the Soviet Army and Navy. After the collapse of the ____ (17), the official holiday was renamed the Defender of the Fatherland Day. Common symbols of Defender of the Fatherland Day are a ____ (18) and the Russian flag. These symbols often appear on postcards and congratulatory banners in Russian cities on this day.

Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. What is the significance of Defender of the Fatherland Day in Russia?
2. Why do many Russians consider February 23 as men's day?
3. What was the original name of the holiday when it was founded in 1919?
4. How has the name of the holiday changed over time?
5. What are some common symbols associated with Defender of the Fatherland Day?
6. Why do Russian authorities organize local parades on this day?



Do you know any men's holidays in English-speaking countries?



Watch the video and complete the task

relatively

in comparison or relation to something else; not absolutely

Father's Day

a day of the year on which fathers are particularly honored



It's celebrated on the third Sunday of June every year.



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**Say if the following statements are True or False.
Correct the false statements.**

- 1. Father's Day in the United States was established in 1972.
- 2. Father's Day is more commercially important than Mother's Day.
- 3. Father's Day is known for being a serious and somber holiday.
- 4. Father's Day gifts are typically feminine in nature.
- 5. Father's Day is more popular than Mother's Day.
- 6. The popularity of Father's Day is impacted by the number of single fathers in society.
- 7. Making a Father's Day gift is a common tradition among children.
- 8. Collect calls are popular on Father's Day.

Complete the dialogue with the given phrases:

Anything for my hero dad / Don't get into any trouble / what are we going to do today / Happy holiday, son / I was thinking of playing some video games / protecting our country / Happy Defender of the Fatherland Day / It smells delicious

- Tom: Hey, Dad! (1)!
- John: Thank you, son. That means a lot coming from you.
- Tom: So (2) ? Go out and celebrate?
- John: Actually, I was thinking of taking it easy. Maybe just have some family time at home.
- Tom: Sounds good to me. You deserve a break after all your hard work (3).
- John: Thanks for understanding, Tom. And what about you? Any plans for your day off from school?
- Tom: (4) or hanging out with my friends.
- John: Well, be careful and make responsible decisions, okay? (5).
- Tom: Of course, Dad. I promise. Oh and before I forget, I made you breakfast in bed. Your favorite- pancakes with bacon and eggs.
- John: Wow! Thank you so much! (6).
- Tom: Glad you like it. I know you don't always get to relax like this, so enjoy it while it lasts.
- John: I will, buddy. Thanks again.
- Tom: No problem. (7). Happy Defender of the Fatherland Day!
- John: (8). Let's dig into these pancakes now.

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