Vocabulary 16—Fishing

Fishing is a popular activity in Eastern Europe in which most males participate. Even when it is practiced for sport, the fish are usually eaten.

Fishing

рыба—fish

рыбалка—the fishing grounds, the sport of fishing

(see explanation below)

пойти на рыбалку—to go fishing

Kinds of Fish

аку́ла—shark

форель—trout

ба́са—bass

гольян—minnow

луфарь—bluefish

о́кунь—river perch

синежаберный солнечник—bluegill

сом—catfish

треска́—cod

туне́ц—tuna

уго́рь—eel

щука—pike

Equipment and Materials

удочка—fishing pole

катушка—reel

спиннинг—rod with spinning reel

ле́ска—fishing line

крючок—hook

поплавок—float

грузило—sinker

поводо́к—leader

ло́дка—boat

приманка—bait or lure

червь---worm

блесна́—lure

наживки—bait

подсок—landing net

Fishing Places

о́зеро—lake

река́—river

океан—ocean

Parts of Water Bodies

берега—the shore

поверхность—the surface

дно—the bottom

Law

билет на рыбалку—fishing license

инспектор—warden

браконьёрство—poaching

разрешение—permission

Actions

ловить—to catch

выловить—to catch and take out of the water

клунуть—to bite

зацепить—to snag (as with a hook)

почистить—to clean

Рыбалка

The word which Russians use to refer to fishing is "рыбалка". Whereas fishing is an activity, the рыбалка is a place. It is anywhere and everywhere where fishing is done. It is a collective noun which is always used in the singular. Someone who is away fishing is said to be at this place.

Usage Examples

Какая у вас здесь рыбалка?—What kind of fishing do you have here?

Клюнут?—Are they biting?

У тебя есть билет на рыбалку?—Do you have a fishing license?

У тебя есть удочка?—Do you have a fishing pole?

Ле́ска порва́лась.—The line broke.

Я зацепил дно.—I hooked the bottom.

