

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR MUPPETS IN MOSCOW

1. Why is the mission to bring Sesame Street to Russia significant? What does it represent in terms of cultural change and hope for the future?
2. What does the diverse mix of passengers on the flight to Moscow symbolize about post-communist Russia?
3. How does the airport scene contrast Russia's Soviet past with its present?
4. How do the cultural differences between the U.S. production team and the Russian collaborators shape the show's content and tone?
5. In what ways does Sesame Street's educational and progressive values clash with traditional Russian thought?
6. How do events like bombings, assassinations, and the military takeover of the production office reflect the tumultuous political climate of Russia in the 1990s?
7. How might the challenges of bringing Sesame Street to Russia be relevant to today's global cultural exchanges?
8. What does the Moscow team's perseverance teach us about resilience, collaboration, and vision?
9. If you were part of the production team, how might you have approached cultural adaptation to ensure the show resonated with Russian children?
10. Can children's media such as Sesame Street be a force for cultural change in a country undergoing rapid transformation? Why or why not?