

Nikolay Mikhaylovich Przhevalsky and Russian geography and exploration.

Pronunciation guide.

Eastern Siberia, Ussury river, Amur,
Central Asia, the Gobi, the Yangtze,
the Tibet, the Tien Shen, lake Issyk kul.
Urga, Ulaan Bataar, Beijing, Lhasa.

Answer the questions.

- 1. Do you like to visit new places? Why?
 - 2. How do we call a person who discovers and explores new lands?
 - 3. Which explorers and travellers do you know?
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Do you know this name?



Read the text about this famous men and find the appropriate answer.

- 1. He was born in America.
- He was born in Russia.
- He was born in France.

- 2. He studied at the pedagogical university.
- He studied at the military academy.
- He studied at the medical academy.

- 3. He was a doctor.
- He was a traveler.
- He was a teacher.

- 4. He explored Africa.
- He explored Siberia and Asia.
- He explored Australia.

Do you know how many expeditions he made?

- **Lets discuss all of them.**



The first expedition to Central Asia.



The Yangtze river



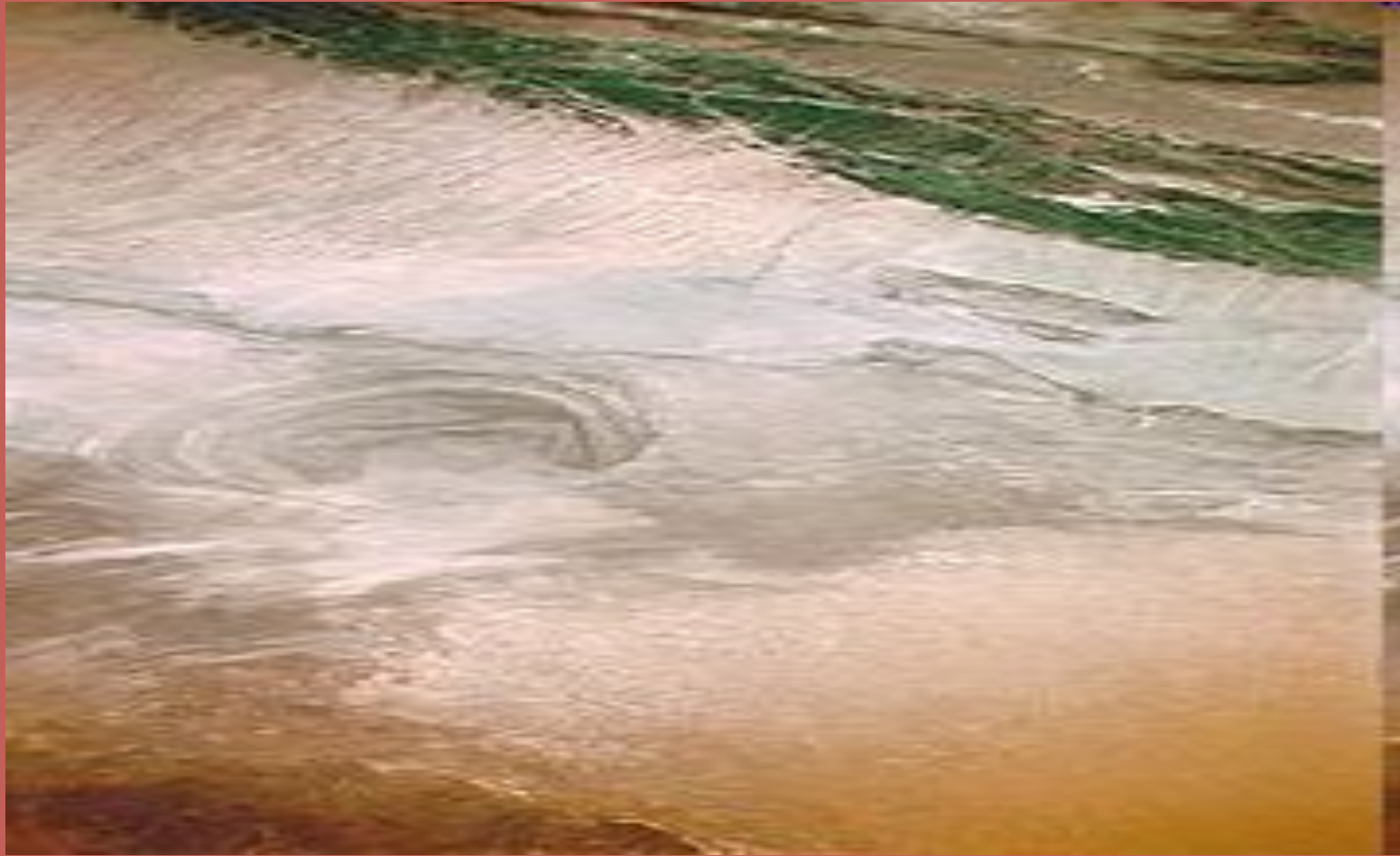
Tibet.



The second journey.



the basin of Lake Lop-nor.



The third expedition. The Tien Shen.



Lhasa.



The fourth one. Lake Ysyk-kyl.



The basin of the lake.



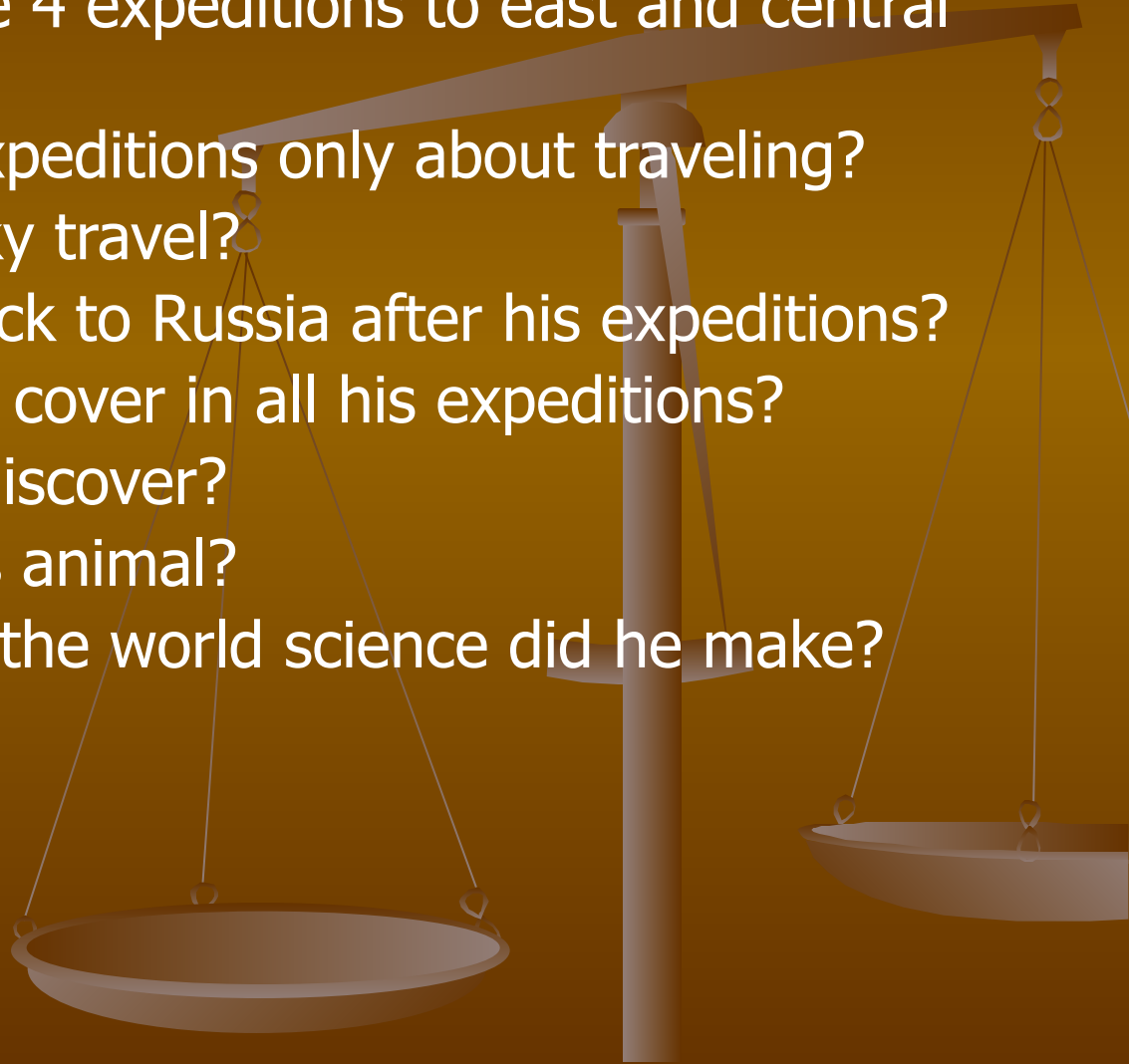
What was the result of these expeditions?

- What do you know about Przewalskys horse?



Discuss with your partner.

- Did Przhevalsky make 4 expeditions to east and central Asia?
- Were Przhevalskys expeditions only about traveling?
- Where did Przhevalsky travel?
- What did he bring back to Russia after his expeditions?
- What distance did he cover in all his expeditions?
- What animal did he discover?
- Can you describe this animal?
- What contribution to the world science did he make?



1. Listen to the dialogue to find the main idea.

- 2. Make the text complete.



Listen to the dialogue and check it.

- *Reporter*-first of all When did you decide to explore new lands?
- *Przhevalsky* –Oh let me see.
- Ever since I was a child, I have always wanted to explore far away lands.
- *Reporter*-Our readers want to know how many expeditions did you make?
- *Przhevalsky* –Personally I have made 4 expeditions to east and central Asia
- *Reporter*- oh it's very interesting. And...How much time of your life did you spend travelling?
- *Przhevalsky* about 11 years
- *Reporter*-What places did you visit?
- *Przhevalsky*-Well. On my first expedition I traveled from Irkutsk to central Siberia. I saw Lake Baikal, visited Urga, crossed Mongolia and the Gobi and into China.
- *Reporter*-Is it true that you covered quite a distance of the equator in all your expeditions?

Listen to the dialogue and check.

- *Przhevalsky*-...You are right. In all my expeditions I covered a distance of 31000 kilometres Quite a distance when you think that the equator-the circumference of the earth- a little over 40000km.
- *Reporter*- but...Were your expeditions only about traveling?
- *Przhevalsky*- of course not. I made maps of the places I visited, brought back new plants and discovered animals we had not seen before.
- *Reporter*-And what about a new horse?
- *Przhevalsky*-Yes... I discovered the camel, but it is the horse that made me famous. It is small, about size of a pony. Its coat is a red colour, but its mane and tail. are dark. It has a white nose, a long face and a very strong lower jaw.
- *Reporter*-And finally What did you think about your work?
- *Przhevalsky*-I hope that my expeditions have added to our knowledge of the geography of Asia.It is amazing that people are talking about naming a lake, a mountain, a glacier, animals and plants, even a city after me.

Make a dialogue with your partner. Ask some questions about the life of the great man

- How many When did you decide to explore new lands?
- expeditions did you made?
- What places did you visit?
- Were you expeditions only about travelling?
- What can you say about new horse?
- What did you think about your work?

Home task.

- Make a short summary about *Przhevalskys life* .