

# 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





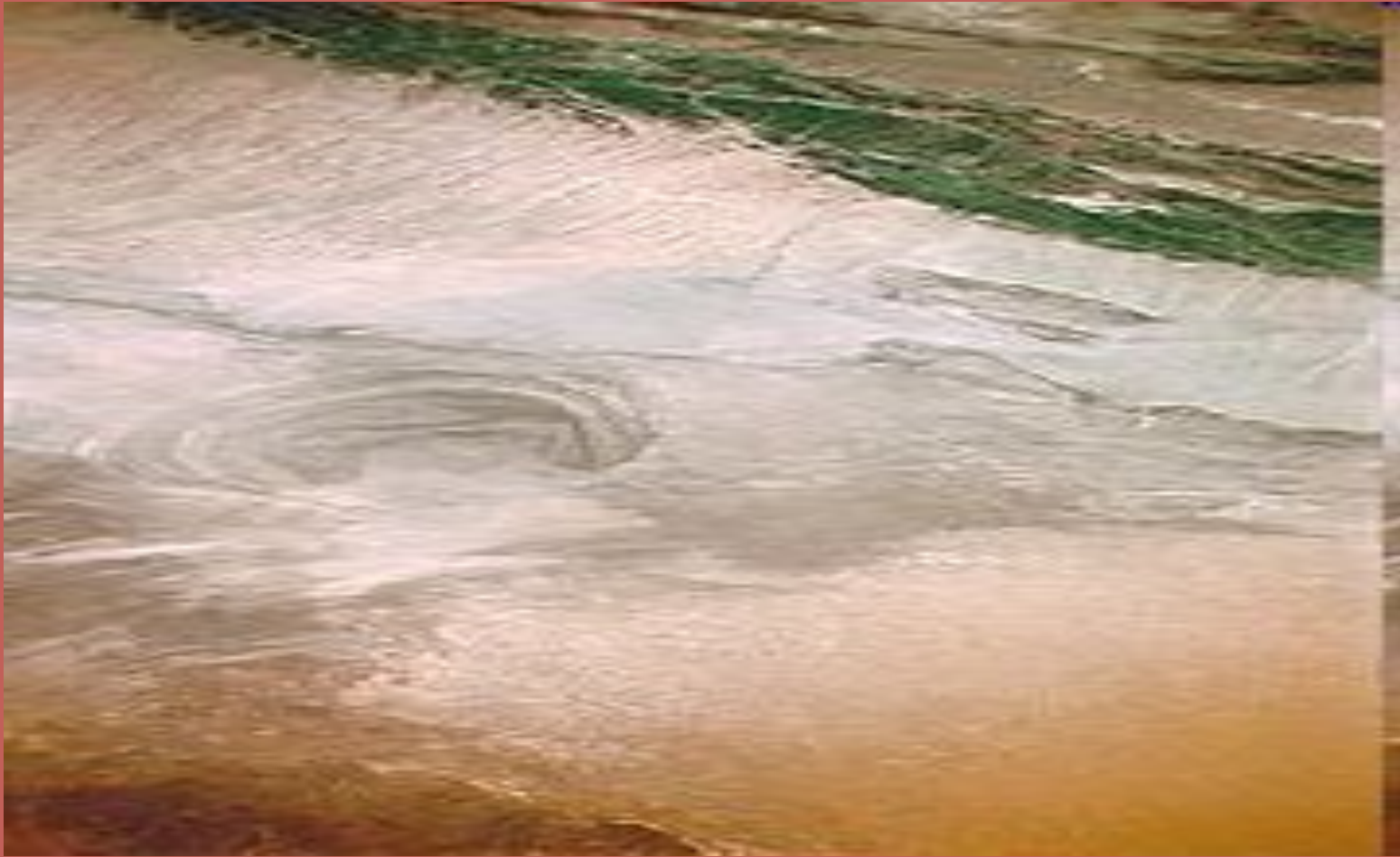
# Tibet.



# The second journey.



the basin of Lake Lop-nor.





# The third expedition. The Tien Shen.



# Lhasa.



# The fourth one. Lake Ysyk-kyl.



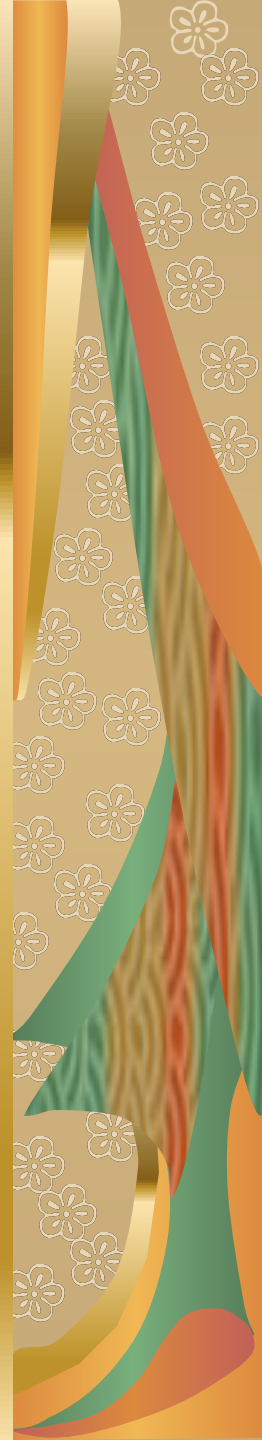


# The basin of the lake.



# What was the result of these expeditions?

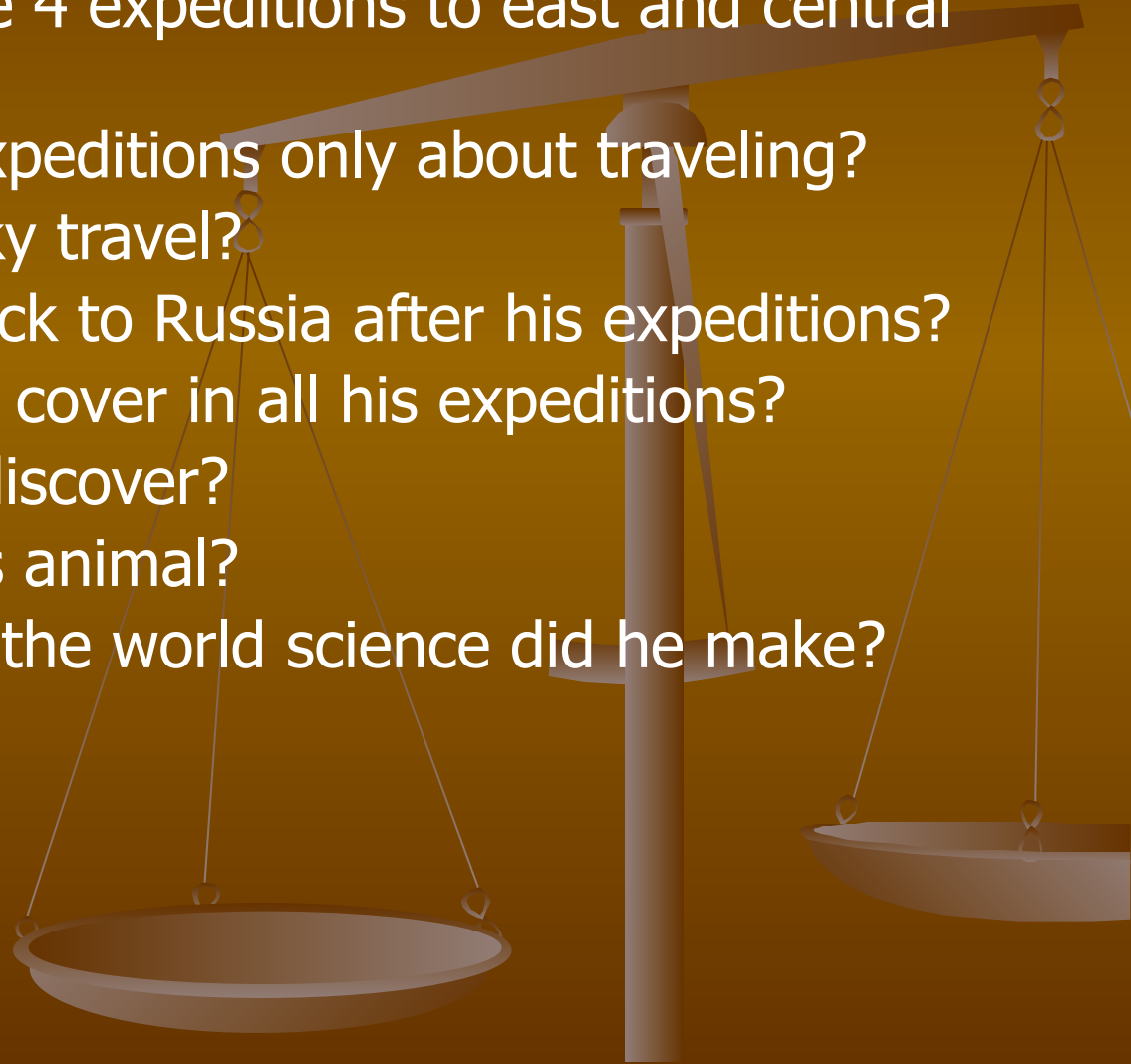
- What do you know about Przewalskys horse?





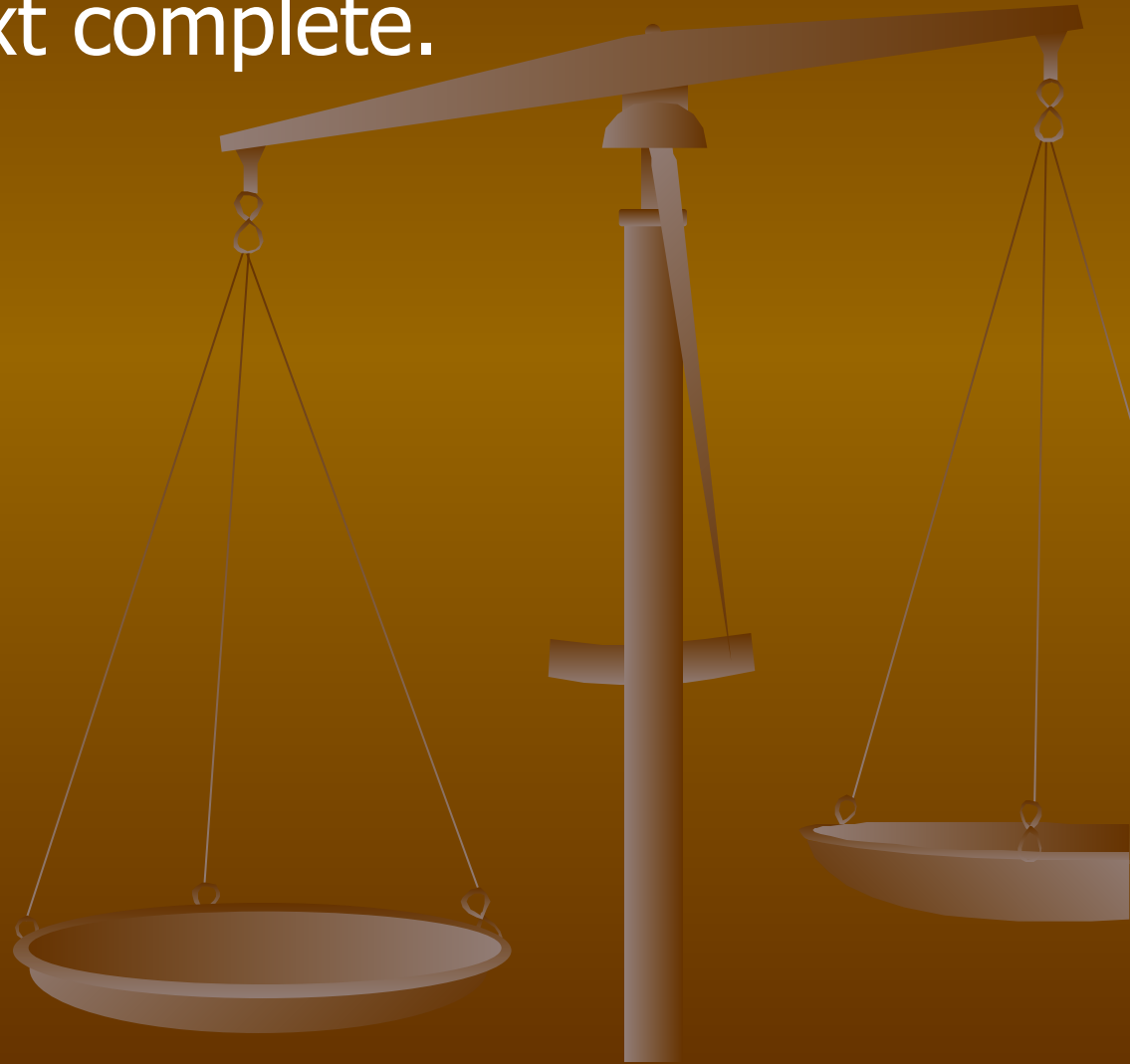
# Discuss with your partner.

- 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* .