**Victory Day**

I would like to tell you about the Russia’s greatest national holiday. It is Victory Day, which we celebrate on the 9th of May. Russian people have celebrated it since 1945. On the 9th of May 1945 the Word War II was over in Europe. It was the war against fascism.

The Great Patriotic War began on June 22, 1941. Hitler Germany invaded the Soviet Union without declaring a war.

The nazi armed forces bombed the Soviet territory. The Hitlerites wanted to reach Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev. People took the oath to defend their Motherland. Millions of soldiers fought in many heroic battles. All Soviet Union united in the face of danger. Thousands of volunteers went to the front.

The soviet people suffered the heavy losses in dead and wounded, they fought bravely and didn’t give up. About 27 mln people died to defend peace and happiness of our country. Soviet people won that war.

The 9th May is the meeting day for war veterans. They meet at the tomb of the Unknown Solder. Everybody wants to give flowers to war veterans.

On the 9th May 2019 we celebrated the 74th anniversary of victory over German fascism. Millions of people watched military parade over TV .War veterans together with young soldiers and officers took part in it .The Russian people honoured the memory of the heroes who died with the minute of silence. In the evening everybody in Rostov on Don enjoyed the salute of 74 salvoes. We are proud of our country.