**Практическое задание 4**

**Прочитайте и переведите текст. В каждом предложении найдите сказуемые, определите видо-временную форму и залог сказуемых.**

**Russian Railways: Company’s latest projects**

In 2014, Russia will host its first ever Winter Olympics, which will be held at the Black Sea resort of Sochi. Preparations are already in full swing for the Games, and Russian Railway is making a major contribution to ensure that Sochi will be ready to cope with the large number of expected visitors. The company is building a special railway link to connect the Olympic Park, the airport and the sporting venues at Krasnaya Polyana. It is also modernizing stations for people with disabilities. The line is able to carry 64,000 people a day in each direction. Four pairs of trains operate every hour at 15 minute intervals during busy periods.

In 2008, about 150 mln roubles was spent on this project, which entails the construction of more than 2.7 km of single-line track, two 500 m long tunnels, 800 m of overpasses, etc. Russian Railways is also considering improving access to Sochi by establishing a high speed link between Moscow and Adler with high-speed trains. As a result, travel time between the two will take only 15, 5 hours.

One of the Company’s top priorities is to develop high-speed trains. Thus, a pilot project between Moscow and St. Petersburg is underway and high-speed passenger services will be introduced between major cities such as St. Petersburg, Moscow, Krasnodar, Samara and Novosibirsk. These particular cities are not only major Russian hubs in economic terms, but also important tourist centres.

A contact to supply the first Russian high-speed trains was agreed in 2006 with the German company Simens AG. These trains are capable of speeds of up to 250 km/h, so that travel time from Moscow to St. Petersburg is cut to 3 hours 45 minutes, 45 minutes less than previously. Reducing the journey time is very important, especially for business passengers, which Russian Railways expects to be the largest group to take advantage of the new fast connections.

High-speed services between St. Petersburg and Helsinki are another of the Company’s important projects. Introducing these new trains will reduce travel time between the two cities to 3-3,5 hours. It is at least two hours less than required at the moment. Providing high-speed trains in line with modern European requirements of comfort and security, is a rapid technological advance for Russian rail sector.

**Выучите слова. Составьте вопросительные предложения разных типов ( 5 вопросов)**

To host Olympics – принимать Олимпийские Игры

To be in full swing – быть в разгаре

To make contribution – вносить вклад

To cope with – справляться с

Sporting venues – территория для проведения спортивных мероприятий

To entail – вызывать что-либо, влечь за собой

Overpass – железнодорожная эстакада

Top priorities – первоочередной приоритет

Pilot project – экспериментальная разработка

To take advantage – воспользоваться преимуществом