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# Glossary of Russian Terms and Abbreviations

- Bolsheviks more revolutionary wing of the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party
- bol'shie tsikly* long cycles
- chervonets* a currency exchangeable for gold, 1922–26
- Conjuncture Institute Kondratiev's business cycles and forecasting centre, 1920–28
- desyatina a measure of area equalling 1.0925 hectares
- Gosbank the State Bank
- Gosplan the State Planning Agency
- guberniya* province
- Gulag the Main Administration of Labour Camps
- KGB the Committee for State Security
- khozaschet* commercial accounting
- Kondrat'evshchina* derogatory term for supporters of Kondratiev
- krai* district
- kulak* a rich peasant (carried a derogatory connotation)
- Mensheviks less revolutionary wing of the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party
- NBER the National Bureau of Economic Research (New York)
- NEP the New Economic Policy, 1921–29
- NKFin the People's Commissariat of Finance
- NKProd the People's Commissariat of Food Supply
- NKTrud the People's Commissariat of Labour
- NKVD People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs
- NKVneshTorg the People's Commissariat of Foreign Trade
- NKVnuTorg the People's Commissariat of Internal Trade
- NKVnuVneshTorg the People's Commissariat of Internal and Foreign Trade
- NKZem the People's Commissariat of Agriculture
- NPV net present value
- oblast'* region
- OGPU the Unified State Political Administration (the Political Police)
- pud a measure of weight equalling 16.38 kilogrammes
- RSFSR the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic

- smychka* the worker-peasant alliance  
SNK the Council of People's Commissars  
SRs the Socialist Revolutionary Party  
STO the Council of Labour and Defence  
TKP the Labouring Peasants Party (fictitious)  
*tovarnost'* marketability  
TsIK the Central Executive Committee  
TsSU the Central Statistical Administration  
*uezd* county, subdivision of guberniya  
VKP(B) the All-Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks)  
VSNKh the Supreme Council of the National Economy  
Zemplan the Planning Organ of the People's Commissariat of  
Agriculture  
zemstvo form of local rural administration (in pre-revolutionary times)