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A NEW VISION FOR RUSSIA

VIDEO

ANATOLIY AT HOME

ANATOLIY IN TRAFFIC

ANATOLIY GETS OFF METRO
TRAIN

ANATOLIY NAVIGATES ALONG
PLATFORM

ANATOLIY IN METRO AND OUT IN

AUDIO

NARRATION

It's almost time for the daily commute – Anatoliy Popko grabs a coffee // and says goodbye to his baby daughter // Now he enters the city's intimidating metro system. (17)

ANATOLIY: (In English) M

Once I exit the train I have to listen carefully... and then I have to be real careful moving around. (6)

NARRATION

That takes courage // because Anatoliy can't see – he's been blind since childhood. (8.5)

ANATOLIY: (In English) M

"I have to dash from pillar to pillar to be as quick as I can." (3)

NARRATION

29-year-old Anatoliy is one of the very few blind or

CITY	disabled people to attempt to navigate the metro or even head out onto Moscow's streets. According to the United Nations, Russia's 13 million people with disabilities face not only physical barriers – like hard to access public transport and buildings - but also widespread prejudice and discrimination. Many are deprived of job opportunities: 90 percent of the nation's disabled people are unemployed. (30)
ANATOLIY ENTERS BUS	
GENERAL SHOTS MOSCOW	<u>ANATOLIY</u> : (In English) M If you walk downtown Moscow, then you will probably not see any disabled person for hours. Or maybe you will not see one at all. (7.5)
ANATOLIY ON CAMERA	
ARCHIVE BOYS IN INSTITUTION	<u>NARRATION</u> Historically, people in Russia with a range of disabilities were sent to institutions– like these blind children in the early twentieth century. Here children learned traditional skills– but their lives were strictly regimented. (14.5)
BLIND WORKERS AT FACTORY, MOSCOW	And today, the marginalisation continues – the blind people who <u>can</u> find work often have no choice but to spend their working lives carrying out menial tasks – like these employees assembling light bulbs at a factory in Moscow. (15)
ANATOLIY DEMONSTRATES VOICE RECOGNITION	Anatoliy believes that new technologies can help. Working for the All Russia Association of the Blind, he demonstrates this new voice recognition software which enables users to harness the almost limitless information available on the

internet. (17.5)

ANATOLIY AT HIS COMPUTER

ANATOLIY: (In English) M

I'm going through the e-mails that are in my inbox.
13 messages altogether ... (7.5)

COMPUTER SCREEN

SOUND UP:

(Voice recognition system reads out text)

TYPING SAMPLE SENTENCES

NARRATION

When he writes, he can hear every letter he hits
on his keyboard – and even his mistakes are
corrected. (6.5)

SOUND UP: Voice recognition – Anatoliy: 'Yeah,
that's what I meant.' (2)

MOSCOW SHOTS

NARRATION

Anatoliy's goal is to change Russia not just for
blind people – but for all people with disabilities. –
and there are signs that his wishes are starting to
be fulfilled. Moscow has declared that it will be
"barrier-free" by 2020 – meaning that all public
buildings and facilities should be easily accessible.

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And in 2008 the Russian Federation signed the
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with
Disabilities. (32)

ANATOLIY WITH DAUGHTER

NARRATION

For Anatoliy, the birth of his new daughter – ten-
month-old Polina means new responsibility as a
father and a new focus on the future. At heart, he
hopes his daughter's life will be shaped by the

same spirit as his own. (21)

ANATOLIY: (In English) M

Independence is something inside my head pretty much. Cause I feel myself, independent and that pretty much means if I want to do something then I can do it. (16.5)

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