

Read the composition about Belarus and fill in the correct words.

Europe landscape grassy motherland
varied called island area wide
covered Seas narrow sea

My motherland

My _____ is a country in the heart of _____. It is so near to your country, Natalie!

If you go by plane, it is only about three hours. Yet (и все же) it is so far if you go by land and by sea that I feel I must tell you about it.

Its _____ is almost the same as that of the UK, but its _____ is different. Like in your country, it is also _____. But you cannot find any mountains in my country. The highest point, called Dzerzhinskaya Gora, which means 'a mountain', is only 365 metres above sea level.

Nevertheless, my country has a lot of attractive sights. Sometimes it is _____ a 'blue-eyed land'. Thousands of lakes, large and small, attract both people and animals to their _____ or *snowy* shores in all seasons. Some of them are very quiet among huge forests, hiding their untouched beauty and listening to fantastic bird songs. Do they want to be discovered?

Thousands of rivers, fast and slow, _____ and _____, take their waters every day and night to the Baltic and Black _____.

Two thirds of its territory is _____ with forests and pushchas. The Belovezhskaya Pushcha in the west is the oldest and most fascinating of the forests. It is a home to lots of species of birds and animals that died out long ago in other places.

And last, but not least. My country is also an island. It's an _____ of strength and depth of love, hospitality and kindness in the _____ of strong emotions. 