

The Geographical Position of Ukraine

Task 1. Match the Ukrainian proverbs with the beginning of their equivalents. Complete the English proverbs.

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| 1) Всюди добре, а вдома - найкраще. | a) There is no place like home. |
| 2) Нема ніде краще, як вдома. | b) Every bird likes its nest. |
| 3) Всяк кулик до свого болота звик. | c) East or West - home is best. |

Task 2. Read and pronounce correctly. Learn by heart

Ukraine [ju'krein] Crimea [kraɪ'mi:ə]
Poland ['pəʊlənd]
Slovakia [slə(ʊ)'vakiə] Hungary ['hʌŋgəri]
Romania [r(ə)'meɪniə] Moldova [mɒl'dəʊvə] Belarus

Task 3. Read the text and match the questions with the answers:

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Ukraine is situated in the eastern part of Europe. It borders on Russia in the east, Belorussia in the north, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova in the west. Ukraine is washed by the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea in the south.

The area of Ukraine is more than 603,000 sq km. The most part of its area is flat. There are the Crimean Mountains in the south and the Carpathians in the west.

The territory of our country lies in three main zones: mixed forests, forest-steppes and steppes.

The flora and fauna of our country are extremely rich. The nature of Ukraine is especially beautiful. There are 131 rivers in Ukraine. The longest rivers are the Dniester, the Donets, the Bug. The rivers of Ukraine are navigable.

There are more than three hundred cities and towns in Ukraine. The biggest of them are Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnepropetrovsk, Lviv, Odessa, Mikolayiv, Kherson, Kerch are the most important ports of Ukraine.

The capital of Ukraine is Kyiv. It is an administrative, industrial, scientific and cultural centre.

Ukraine is rich in mineral resources: coal, oil, gas, different ores. Some of them are of industrial importance.

Ukraine is a developed industrial country. Ukraine produces up-to-date instruments, electronic microscopes, synthetic diamonds.

Ukraine is an agricultural country. Its soil is fertile.

The geographical position of Ukraine is favourable for maintaining close economic relations with many European countries.

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| 1. What countries does Ukraine border on? | a) Today Ukraine produces modern supersonic air liners, grain harvesters, etc. |
| 2. What is the territory and population of Ukraine? | b) It is one of the founding members of the UN organization. |
| 3. Is Ukraine a member of the UN organization? | c) Ukraine borders on Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Belarus, Russia. |
| 4. What mineral resources is Ukraine rich in? | d) The territory of Ukraine is 603,700 sq.km. and its population is more than 48 million. |
| 5. What does Ukraine produce? | e) Ukraine is rich in coal, iron, manganese ore, oil, gas, nickel, graphite, marble, etc. |

Task 4. Fill in the gaps with the words

bank wash longest rivers European population devoted
mineral resources capital mountains

- Ukraine is a _____ country.
- The _____ of our Motherland is Kyiv.
- It is on the _____ of the Dnipro River.
- The Black Sea and the Azov Sea _____ Ukraine.
- There are beautiful _____ in our country: the Carpathian and the Crimean.
- There are many _____ in our country: the Dnipro, the Dniester and the Bug.
- The _____ river is the Dnipro.
- The _____ of Ukraine is 48 million people.
- Ukraine is rich in _____.
- Ukrainians have always been _____ to their Motherland.