

## UKRAINE NATURAL WONDERS

**Task 2.** Read texts 1–4 and match the texts with photos A–D.



**1** Shypit is located in the Carpathian Mountains. It's one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Ukraine. Lots of tourists come to see it every year. It's about 14 metres high and its waters make a noise, which the locals call a whisper. Every July people come there to celebrate a summer festival that finishes on Kupala night.

**2** The Blue Lakes are located in Chernihiv region, in the pine forest. The water in the lakes looks blue because of the colour of the sand at the bottom. The Blue Lakes are popular not only with Ukrainian tourists but also with tourists from other countries. People come there to celebrate different festivals and enjoy the local nature. Doctors say that swimming in the lakes is very good for health.

**3** This is the largest sandy area in Ukraine located in the south of the country, near the Black Sea. There is so much sand there that it looks like a real desert! The sand dunes in Oleshky Sands can be about 5 metres high. In summer, the temperatures of the sand in this area are very high! This place is a popular tourist attraction where people come to take great photos.

**4** Optymistychna Cave is located in Ternopil region, in the west of Ukraine. It is the third longest cave in the world. There are even a few underground lakes in the cave! But the cave's biggest wonder is the beautiful mineral crystals of different shapes and colours. Some of them look like stars, others look like flowers, and tourists call masses of such crystals "cave snow". It's quite cold inside the cave all year round.

### **Task 3. Read the texts again and answer the questions.**

- 1 Which place is an international attraction?
- 2 Which place is famous for a special sound?
- 3 Which place is never warm?
- 4 Which place can be very hot in summer?



**Task 4. Are these statements about the text true or false? Write T or F.**

- 1.** Shypit is one of the most beautiful mountains in Ukraine.
- 2.** Shypit is about 14 metres high.
- 3.** At the beginning of July, a huge number of people gather near the waterfall to have fun, relax, chat and celebrate Ivana-Kupala holiday.
- 4.** The Blue Lakes are located in the pine forest.
- 5.** The water in the lakes looks green because of the colour of the forest around it.
- 6.** Doctors say that swimming there is bad for health.
- 7.** Oleshky Sands National Nature Park looks like a real desert!
- 8.** Oleshky Sands are located in the east of Ukraine.
- 9.** Optymistychna Cave is located in Kherson region.
- 10.** It's quite hot inside the cave all year round.

## Task 5. Choose the correct answer.

**1** The largest sandy area in Ukraine (Oleshky Sands) is located in ...

- a. Ternopil region
- b. Kherson region
- c. Chernihiv region

**2** Optymistychna Cave is located in ...

- a. the south of Ukraine.
- b. the east of Ukraine.
- c. the west of Ukraine.

**3** Shypit is about ...

- a. 5 metres high
- b. 10 metres high
- c. 14 metres high.

**4** The Blue Lakes are located in Chernihiv region, in ...

- a. the pine forest
- b. the tropical forest
- c. the deciduous forest

**5** There are even a few underground ... in the cave!

- a. railroads
- b. lakes
- c. bunkers

**6** The water in the lakes ...

- a. is of different colours all year round.
- b. makes a noise, which the locals call a whisper.
- c. looks blue because of the colour of the sand at the bottom.