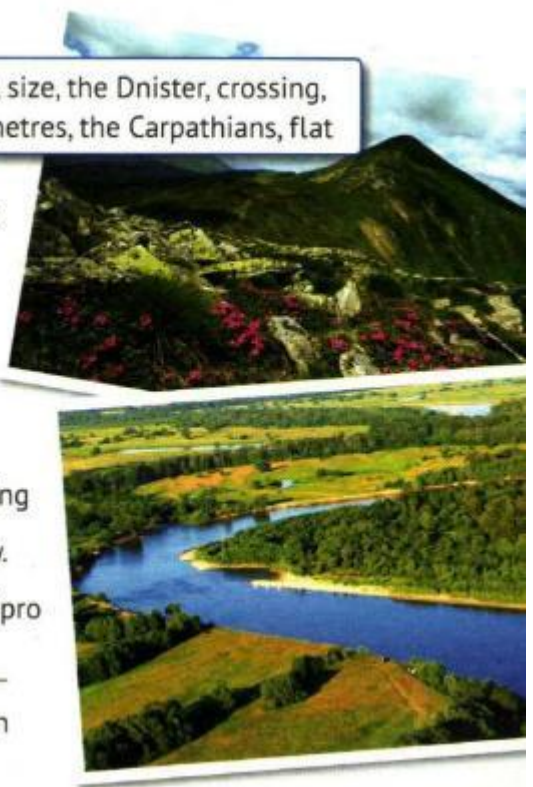


1 Complete the text with the words from the box.

waterfalls, stretching, populations, Dnipro, Hoverla, size, the Dnister, crossing, Roman-Kosh, Europe, cover, the Crimean, area, kilometres, the Carpathians, flat

Ukraine surprises many with its _____. It's the largest country wholly within _____. _____ for some 1316 km east to west and nearly 900 km north to south, Ukraine outdoes¹ both France and Germany in _____. Vast, open steppe, _____ plains and gently rolling grasslands² _____ the heart of the country. Of all the rivers _____ its territory, the Dnipro is the biggest. Some 981 of its 2200 _____ flow through Ukraine from north to south. It's the main transport artery, with the enormous Kremenchuk and _____ hydroelectric power plants³, among others, built on it. The last one of those has even swallowed the legendary _____ that existed in Cossack times. _____, to the west, is the second longest river in Ukraine. The only mountains are a rather short stretch of _____ in the west and _____ Mountains in the far south. Even these are considered not very high by world standards, with the highest peaks being the Carpathians' _____ (2061 m) and Crimea's _____ (1545 m). Once the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) recognised the Carpathian Mountains, whose eastern section falls in Ukraine, as home to Europe's most diverse _____ of animals and plants that inhabit mountains.



¹to outdo [ˌaʊtˈduː] – перевершувати

²grasslands [ˈgrɑːslændz] – пасовища

³a hydroelectric [ˌhaɪdrəʊˈlektɹɪk] power plant – гідроелектро