

## Reading

**Read the article twice.**

- A** My favourite city is Amsterdam, the capital of Holland. The correct name for Holland is the Netherlands. Although Amsterdam is the capital of Netherland, the government is in the Hague and the Queen lives at Soestdijk.
- B** Amsterdam is famous for its port, canals, bridges, bicycles and flowers. I think the best thing about the city is its mixture of old and new. It has kept a lot of its traditions and old buildings and at the same time it is a modern city which young people enjoy. There is something for everyone: you can visit museums and art galleries, go for a canal trip, hire a bicycle, go shopping in the street markets, listen to a classical concert or enjoy the nightclubs and discos.
- C** I've been to Amsterdam three times, twice in the summer and once in the winter. I'm interested in art and so I enjoyed visiting the Rijksmuseum and seeing the Rembrandt paintings. I also visited the house where Rembrandt lived from 1639 to 1658 which was fascinating. The best thing about the winter in Amsterdam is that the canals sometimes freeze and people can go skating on them! I think skating on a canal is much more exciting than skating on the rink at the Sport Centre.
- D** Next summer I'm going back to Amsterdam. I'm going to work in a restaurant in Dam Square, which is in the city centre. It'll be hard work but it'll be interesting and I'll meet a lot of tourists. The restaurant serves typical Dutch food – pea soup, beans and bacon, cheese, potatoes and little pancakes with butter and sugar which are called 'poffertjes' - they're delicious!

**I. Match the topics with paragraphs A-D. Write A, B, C, D.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) My past holidays in Amsterdam.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Facts about Amsterdam.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) My next holiday in Amsterdam.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Things you can do in Amsterdam.

**II. Look through the article and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) The Dutch Queen lives in Amsterdam.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) The author has already been to Amsterdam twice.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Rembrandt lived in Amsterdam from 1639 to 1658.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) 'Poffertjes' are little pancakes.

**III. Answer the questions (Дайте відповідь на питання повним реченням).**

1) What can people do in Amsterdam?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) Where did the author skate when she was in city?

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) What does the author like about Amsterdam best?

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) What are the summer plans of the author?

4) \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Write about your favourite city or town (8 sentences).**

- what people can do and see there;
- what you like best (about the city/town).