

Lesson №6

China Factory

1. Read the text. Complete paragraphs 1-5 with sentences a-f. There is one sentence that you do not need.

- a) The permission to mark the products with the state brand dated from 1825 confirmed their high quality.
- b) Baranivka china factory named after V.I. Lenin is one of the most ancient porcelain factories in the country.
- c) Many famous people visited the China factory.
- d) Table – services, tea and coffee sets, decorative vases and wall plates, various sets of dishes make the main range of the factory's production.
- e) The factory was founded in March 1802 by Michael Mezer the youngest brother in the family of Mezers, who introduced the production of porcelain in the city of Korets.
- f) The factory considerably expanded its activity in the middle of the 20th century.

1. _____. It is located in a picturesque region of Ukraine on the banks of the Sluch river in Baranivka, Zhytomyr region.

2. _____. The factory has been running continuously for nearly two centuries.

3. _____. Further development of the factory is connected with the name of N.P. Gripari, who bought the factory in 1895 and after the fire rebuilt it.

4. _____. The output of house-hold porcelain reached 40 million pieces. Introduction of the latest technology as well as research and development solutions transformed the enterprise in one of the leading manufacturers of porcelain wares. Here the devotion to the native enterprise, art to create the highly artistic porcelain competitive with the foreign firms' articles in its quality and artistic decoration has been passing from generation to generation.

5. _____. A good deal of them have been displayed at international exhibitions in the USA, Canada, France, Germany and other countries. Contracts were signed with foreign trade companies.

Exhibits which reveal the factory's history dating back to 1802 are stored in the local historical museum of porcelain.

To the great regret, production ceased in 2010. In May 2012, the plant had debt of 1.9 million UAH. The plant was finally discontinued in 2013.

2. Match the parts of the sentences

1. China factory was founded in Baranivka because...	a) the technology of production was considerably improved.
2. The factory got the permission for the state brand because	b) there were rich deposits of kaolin nearby.
3. The factory became one of the leading manufacturers of porcelain wares because...	c) the fascists had nearly destroyed the enterprise.
4. M.P. Gripari had to rebuild the factory because...	d) the fire did a great harm to the enterprise.
5. M.P. Gripari's son studied the process of production of porcelain at the best enterprise in France because	e) the owner wanted to make factory's goods delicate, cheap and competitive.
6. After the Great Patriotic War the factory had to be rebuild and the equipment renewed because	f) the emperor Olexander I confirmed the high quality of its goods.

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3. True/False statements. Correct the mistakes

1. Baranivka china factory is one of the most ancient porcelain factories in the country.
2. It was founded by Michael Mezer, the eldest brother in the family of Mesers.
3. For 250 years the factory has been running continuously.
4. By 1825 the high quality of the porcelain of Baranivka factory was confirmed.
5. The factory got the permission to mark its production with a special brand in 1825
6. There was a fire but the factory was rebuilt after it.
7. In the middle of the 20th century the latest technologies, researches and development solutions were introduced at the factory
8. The best traditions of making porcelain at Baranivka factory have been passing from generation to generation
9. The exhibits of the local historical porcelain museum dated back to the ancient times.
10. The factory's production has been displayed at the international exhibitions in many countries.