

Ukraine natural wonders

There are lots of different natural attractions in Ukraine: beautiful rivers, lakes, forests, mountains and seas. Here are some interesting facts about nature in Ukraine: There are around 23 000 rivers, 20 000 lakes and 2 seas in Ukraine. Dniro is the longest river in Ukraine. Yalpuh is the largest lake in Ukraine. Svitiaz is the deepest lake in Ukraine. Hoverla is the highest mountain in Ukraine.



Read texts and match the texts with photos A-F. Listen and check

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.

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.

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.

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.

Match the **highlighted** words in the texts to the meanings.

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| 1 a hill of sand near a beach or in a desert | 3 the lowest part of a lake, river or sea |
| 2 something that makes you feel surprised | 4 to speak or say something very quietly |

Which of these natural attractions would you like to visit? Why?
What would you do there?

Listen to three children and match them with the photos.



Lina



Danylo



Tetiana



Listen again and tick the things that the children talk about.

Who talked about ...

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| • future plans | • social media sites |
| • extreme sports | • food |
| • games | • family |