

3. a) Read about the nature and wildlife of Belarus. Choose the correct options. Use the pictures on the inside front and back covers of the book for help

Have you ever visited Belarus? Mother Nature gave our country beautiful blue lakes, thick forests and many species of animals and plants. There are **11 / 111 / 1,111** species of trees and about **1200 / 12,000 / 120,000** species of plants and mushrooms in Belarus. There are fir and pine wood trees, oaks and ash-trees in Belarusian forests. Some oaks in Bielaviezhskaya Pushcha are from **30 / 300 / 3,000** to **70 / 700 / 7,000** years old.

More than **300 / 3,000 / 30,000** species of animals live in the wilds of our country: elks, wild boars, deer, wolves, hares and beavers. Never in your life will you forget meeting a herd of European bison! This animal is one of the symbols of Belarus. Unfortunately, people have always killed wild animals uncontrollably, so the lives of many of them are in danger now. The European bison is an endangered animal too. There are also about **60 / 600 / 6,000** species of fish and **305 / 3,050 / 30,500** species of birds in our republic. Belarusian lakes are rich in fish, especially Lake Narach, where you can find eel, trout and pike. There are practically no dangerous snakes in Belarus.

Have you ever been to our national parks?

In Prypyatsky National Park you can see **20 / 200 / 2,000** moss species!

Welcome to our beautiful blue-eyed country! You will fall in love with our nature and wildlife.

