

The river Obol

II. Complete the facts about the river Obol with the correct form of the verbs in brackets (Present Simple or Past Simple).

1) Belarus (*be*) _____ called "blue-eyed". The river (*be*) _____ water and water (*be*) _____ life; life not only for people but also for plants, insects and animals. The river Obol (*play*) _____ a significant part in the lives of our village citizens.

Nine centuries ago, the Obol river (*serve*) _____ as a convenient trade and transport route for our land. The Polotsk people on various ships (*go up*) _____ the river, through the Nevelskoye lakes, through the Emen river, and (*get*) _____ to Lovat where they (*raft*) _____ all the way to Novgorod. In written sources, the name of the Obol river (*be*) _____ first mentioned in the 11th century.

Fill in **the** where necessary. Choose the suitable numbers.

2) _____ Obol river flows out of _____ Lake Jezerishche. _____ length of _____ river is _____ km. It is a tributary (приток) of _____ Western Dvina. _____ channel is meandering, _____ m wide in the upper reaches, _____ m on average, _____ m in the lower. _____ river is inhabited by perch, rudd, burbot, bleak.

Among water vegetation, there are such species as white water lily, nuphar luteum, reed and other species.

