UKRAINE

VOCABULARY BOX

independence [ˌɪndɪ'pendəns]	**незалежність**
territory ['terɪt(ə)rɪ]	**територія**
ancient ['eɪnʃ(ə)nt]	**давній**
foreign ['fɔ:rɪn]	**іноземний**
independent [ˌɪndɪ'pendənt]	**незалежний**
national ['næʃ(ə)nəl]	**національний**

READING

1 Read the letter below and say if foreign tourists like to visit Ukraine?

Hello, everyone!
I asked my pen-friend from Ukraine to tell me more about his country. He has sent me this letter. I'm going to share the information with my friends. They don't know much about Ukraine. They only know about three Ukrainian sportsmen Volodymyr and Vitaliy Klychko and Andrij Shevchenko.

Hi, David.

My country is Ukraine. It is situated in the centre of Europe. Its territory is 603,7 thousand square kilometres.

Ukraine has got a long history. Its territory was a part of Kyivan Rus, an ancient state hundreds of years ago. Today Ukraine is an independent country. Kyiv is the capital of our country. It is very beautiful. Ukrainians live in small towns and big cities. A lot of them live in villages. Ukrainian people are talented and friendly. They have got their own language, culture, customs and traditions. Two colours on our National Flag — yellow and blue — symbolize Ukraine's golden fields of grain under blue skies.

Many tourists from other countries visit Ukraine every year. They spend their holidays, learn about the history and culture of the Ukrainian people. Kyiv and Lviv, Chernihiv and Donets'k, Odessa and the Crimea, the Black Sea and the Carpathians[1] are some of the popular places visited by foreign tourists and businessmen. They enjoy their visit to Ukraine and come back again.

[1] the Carpathians [ðə kɑ:'peɪθɪənz] — Карпати

Read again and finish the sentences.

1. Ukraine is
2. Its territory was a part of
3. Today Ukraine is
4. Ukrainian people live
5. They are
6. They have got their own
7. Two colours of the Ukrainian symbolize
8. Many tourists
9. They enjoy

3. Choose the correct answers.

1. Ukraine is situated in the western part of Europe.

Yes No

2. The population of Ukraine is more than 40 million people.

Yes No

3. Yellow colour on our National Flag symbolizes golden fields of grain.

Yes No

4. Kyivan Rus was ...

an ancient state a modern state an ancient city

5. Today Ukraine is ...

a capital an independent country an independent kingdom