

## 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.

