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Ukraine:
A Land of History and Diversity*







Ukraine is one of Europe's largest countries. Most Ukrainians live in their historical lands, where their culture developed. While some Ukrainians live abroad, those in Ukraine make up the largest ethnic* group in these areas. Around 81% of people in Ukraine live in cities. The city with the largest population is Kyiv, the capital of the nation. Yet apart from what these statistics tell us, what is the population of Ukraine really like?

There is a large international community* in Ukraine, because lots of people from countries such as Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Moldova have moved there. Interestingly, Ukraine is home to many languages spoken by various ethnic communities. While Ukrainian is the only official state language*, laws guarantee* the cultural and linguistic* rights of national minorities*, allowing them to use their native languages in specific contexts*. This protects the smaller languages that are spoken throughout the country.

Many young people go to Ukraine to study. This is because, in comparison to other European countries, student fees are quite affordable* and it's easier to get a student visa. The highest number of international students come from India. Due to this, many universities offer courses that are taught in English. With a large variety of non-natives living or studying in Ukraine, it's a welcoming place where you can make friends and learn about cultures from all over the world.

We celebrate diversity and build friendships, but we remember that this land is home to Ukrainians, united by their history, culture and identity*.

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*__diversity:__ *the state in which a wide range of people or things are included within a group, area, etc.*
*__ethnic:__ *typical of a group, country or culture*
*__community:__ *a group of people living near each other in the same area*
*__official state language:__ *the main language used in a country*
*__guarantee:__ *to say for sure that sth will happen; to promise*
*__linguistic:__ *having to do with language*
*__minority:__ *a small part of a big group of people or things*
*__context:__ *the setting in which sth takes place*
*__affordable:__ *not too expensive; cheap enough to buy*
*__identity:__ *the characteristics which make one person different from another*

B. Read the text again and write T for True or F for False.

1. More than half of Ukrainians live in cities. ○
2. Only a few people from other European countries live in Ukraine. ○
3. People who live in Ukraine can only use the Ukrainian language in their everyday lives. ○
4. University students spend less money in Ukraine than in other European countries. ○
5. English is used for many university courses in Ukraine. ○

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