3c. Write 6-8 instructions to Rotty and Moldy.

Lesson 5. Photos of Minsk

1. The children are in a café. Nikita shows his friends photos of Minsk. Listen to Nikita and put the pictures in the correct order.



Gorky Park



the Central Railway Station ['reɪlweɪ 'steɪʃ(ə)n]



the Circus ['ss:kəs]



the Opera and Ballet House (Theatre) ['pp(ə)rə ənd 'bæleı ˌhaus]



Troitskoye (Trinity) Suburb ['sʌbɜːb]



Pobeda (Victory) Square [skweə]

2a. Listen to Nikita's story about Minsk. What is all children's favourite place in Minsk?

Minsk, the capital¹ of Belarus

Minsk is an old city. It was founded² in 1067. About two million people live there today. When tourists come to Minsk, they

¹ capital [ˈkæpɪt(ə)l] – столица

² was founded ['faundid]— был основан

see the new railway station. It was built in 2001. The building is very modern and beautiful.

build [bild] (строить) - built [bilt]

The oldest place¹ in Minsk is Troitskoye (Trinity) Suburb. There are a lot of cafés, small shops and museums there. There are a lot of cinemas and theatres in Minsk. The most beautiful theatre is the Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theatre.

All children's favourite place is Gorky Park. There is a big wheel, a merry-go-round and other rides there. Next to the park there is the Circus. There you can see acrobats and clowns, lions and tigers, bears and horses.

Not far from the park there is Pobeda (Victory) Square. War² veterans go there on 9th May.

When you're in Minsk, call me. My phone number is 2475164. I live at 23 Osipenko Street, flat 48. Come to Minsk and I'll show you this beautiful city.

1067 – ten sixty-seven **2001** – two thousand and one

2b. Read the text and answer the questions.

1. When was Minsk founded? 2. How many people live in Minsk? 3. When was the new railway station built? 4. What is the oldest place in Minsk? 5. What can you visit in Troitskoye (Trinity) Suburb? 6. Which is the most beautiful theatre in Minsk? 7. What can children do in Gorky Park?

¹ place – место

 $^{^2}$ war — война: военный

2c. Answer the questions: What's Nikita's phone number? What's his address?

2d. Make a list of your classmates' phone numbers and addresses.

S1: What's your phone number?

My phone number is 2074498 (two-oh-seven-double four-nine-eight).

S2: Where do you live?

I live in Minsk.

I live in Kupala Street.

I live at 45 Kupala Street, flat 30.

Zero article with place names Нулевой артикль с названиями мест

Zero article (no article) is used with the names of	
cities, towns, villages	I live in Minsk.
streets, avenues (проспекты), roads (дороги)	I live in Nezavisimost Avenue.
squares and parks	I live not far from Pobeda (Victory) Square and Gorky Park.
countries	Minsk is the capital of Belarus .
continents	Belarus is in Europe .

4. Somplete the sentences, and then write about Minsk.

1. Minsk is 2. The Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theatre is 3. The Central Railway Station is 4. Gorky Park is 5. Troitskoye (Trinity) Suburb is 6. Pobeda (Victory) Square is

Lesson 6. A day in Minsk

1a. The Tree Monsters have come to Minsk. They want to see the city centre. Listen to their talk and say where they would like to go to. Do they know the way to these places?



1b. Choose a role and read the talk.

Rotty: Look, we are here, at the Railway Station.

Moldy: Let's go and see the amusement park.

Rotty: Right! And to the circus. How can we get there? Moldy: Let's phone Nastya. Here's her telephone number.

Rotty: 2946344. Hello! Can I speak to Nastya, please?

Nastya: Speaking.

Rotty: Oh, this is Mike.

Nastya: Mike? Where are you?

Moldy: Give me the telephone. I'm in Minsk. I'm at the Railway

Station.

Nastya: In Minsk?! Are you playing a joke on me?

Moldy: Are you playing a joke on me? Tell me how I can get to the amusement park. Please. Quick.

Nastya: Hm-m. How strange! OK. Stand in front of the Railway Station. The Railway Station should be behind you. Cross the street in the underground crossing. Walk straight ahead

¹ play a joke on somebody – подшутить над кем-либо