B The Tree Monsters are at the Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theatre. They want to go to Pobeda (Victory) Square.

C The Tree Monsters are in Pobeda Square. They want to go to the Circus.

HELP BOX

Excuse me, how can we get to …?
Go straight ahead, go along … , go past …, go over the bridge, cross … at the (traffic lights), turn left (right)

3. 📝 **Imagine the Tree Monsters ask you to show Minsk to them. Be a guide (use Lesson 5).**

HELP BOX

Minsk is … There are … I want to show you … First, let's go to … Now let's walk along / past / over … and turn left / right. You can see … It's … And I want to take you to … We finish here.

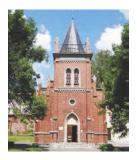## Lesson 7. Belarusian towns and cities

1. ☁️ 🎧 **Listen and read about Polotsk. Say what it is famous for[1].**

Polotsk

People often say that Polotsk is the city of all Belarusian cities. It was the first capital of Belarus. It was founded in the 9th century[2] and it was the strongest in the 11th century with Vseslav Charodei at its head.

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[1] **famous** ['feɪməs] **for** – знаменит …
[2] **century** ['sentʃəri] – столетие

the National
Historical and
Cultural Museum

There are a lot of museums in Polotsk where people can learn Belarusian history and culture[1]. Some of them are the National Historical and Cultural [ˈkʌltʃ(ə)rəl] Museum, the Nature and Environment[2] Museum, the Museum of Belarusian Book Printing, the Museum-Library of Simeon of Polotsk, the Children's Museum, and others. There is the Art Gallery[3] and a few monuments[4] to famous people. There is a monument to the letter "Ў"

the Nature and
Environment Museum

the Museum-Library of
Simeon of Polotsk

the Art Gallery

the Museum of Belarusian
Book Printing

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[1] **culture** [ˈkʌltʃə] – культура
[2] **environment** [ɪnˈvaɪrənmənt] – окружающая среда
[3] **Art Gallery** [ˈgæləri] – художественная галерея
[4] **monument** [ˈmɒnjʊmənt] – памятник

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(short "U"), which is found only in one Slavic language – Belarusian.

Polotsk is famous for its churches. St Sofia Cathedral is one of the most famous. It has a concert hall with an organ. Every year festivals of organ music take place here. The name of Efrosiniya of Polotsk is dear to all Belarusian people. Efrosiniya was born into a very rich family but she decided to live

a monument to the Belarusian letter "Ў"

in a convent[1]. There she copied church books and then gave money to poor people. She built some churches and monasteries[2] in Polotsk and opened a school for children in the convent.

St Sofia Cathedral

Efrosiniya of Polotsk

2. 👥 **Tell your English friends about Polotsk:**

✔ when it was founded;
✔ what famous people lived there;
✔ what people can see and do there.

3. 👥 **Interview your classmate about visiting Belarusian cities and towns.**

• What Belarusian towns or cities have you visited?
• When did you go there?

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[1] **convent** [ˈkɒnvənt] – женский монастырь
[2] **monasteries** [ˈmɒnəst(ə)rɪz] – мужские монастыри

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- Who did you go there with?
- What **is** the town or city **famous for**?
- What did you see there?
- Did you like your visit? Why?
- What town or city would you like to visit and why?

> **be famous for** people, history, culture ...

4a. Speak about the place you live in.

HELP BOX

> I live in ... It's a city / town / village in (*Brest*) region. It was founded in ... It's famous for ... There is a ... There are ... The oldest place is ... The most beautiful place is ... People can ... there. They can also[1] visit / see/ enjoy ... in my city / town / village.

4b. 📝 **Write about the city / town / village you live in.**

Lesson 8. Project "My favourite place in my native[2] city, town or village"

1a. Read Nastya's composition about her favourite place in her native city and say what she likes to do there.

1. I live in Minsk, the capital of Belarus. My native city is famous for its museums, theatres, gardens, and monuments. Children can have fun in amusement parks.

2. My favourite place in Minsk is Troitskoye (Trinity) Suburb. It is in the centre of Minsk in Bogdanovich Street, not far from the Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theatre.

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[1] **also** [ˈɔːlsəʊ] – также
[2] **native** [ˈneɪtɪv] – родной (*о стране*, *городе*)