

Have you ever ...

driven a car
travelled by ship
flown by plane
had an exotic pet
eaten pineapples
ridden a horse
fallen in love
been on a hike
been on a trip

taken a photo of an animal
spoken to an English person
visited a king's palace
climbed a mountain
been abroad
been in hospital
ridden a bicycle
seen a European bison
sung by the campfire

b) Put all the answers together and write them on the board or make a poster. Report to the class.

As a group we have

travelled by ship — once;
eaten pineapples — 3 times;
ridden a horse — twice;
had exotic pets — 1 pet (a snake)

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6. Write about well-travelled people you know. What places have they been to? How many times? What interesting things have they done?

Lesson 4. THE NATURE OF BELARUS

ACTIVE GRAMMAR:

irregular plural forms of nouns

ACTIVE VOCABULARY:

danger, dangerous, endangered, nature, species, a plant, wild, life, wildlife

1. Play the team game. How many species of animals do you know? The team which runs out of examples first, loses the game.

2. a) Look at the pictures. Answer the questions.



1. Have you ever seen a wolf in the wild? 2. Where do wolves live? 3. Are there any wolves in Belarus? 4. Why is the traveller in danger? 5. Who is dangerous? 6. Who is endangered?

b) Match the phrases on the left with the explanations on the right.

wild animals	They are in danger. People have killed most of them.
dangerous animals	They do not live with people or close to people.
endangered animals	They can get aggressive and kill people.

c) Work with your partner. Answer the questions.

danger — dangerous — endangered

- What wild animals can be dangerous?
- What do you know about endangered animals?

3. a) Read about the nature and wildlife of Belarus. Choose the correct options. Use the pictures on the inside front and back covers of the book for help.

Have you ever visited Belarus? Mother Nature gave our country beautiful blue lakes, thick forests and many species of animals and plants. There are *11 / 111 / 1,111* species of trees and about *1200 / 12,000 / 120,000* species of plants and mushrooms in Belarus. There are fir and pine wood trees, oaks and ash-trees in Belarusian forests. Some oaks in Bielaviezhskaya Pushcha are from *30 / 300 / 3,000* to *70 / 700 / 7,000* years old.

More than *300 / 3,000 / 30,000* species of animals live in the wilds of our country: elks, wild boars, deer, wolves, hares and beavers. Never in your life will you forget meeting a herd of European bison! This animal is one of the symbols of Belarus. Unfortunately, people have always killed wild animals uncontrollably, so the lives of many of them are in danger now. The European bison is an endangered animal too. There are also about *60 / 600 / 6,000* species of fish and *305 / 3,050 / 30,500* species of birds in our republic. Belarusian lakes are rich in fish, especially Lake Narach, where you can find eel, trout and pike. There are practically no dangerous snakes in Belarus.

Have you ever been to our national parks? In Prypyatsky National Park you can see *20 / 200 / 2,000* moss species!

Welcome to our beautiful blue-eyed country! You will fall in love with our nature and wildlife.



b) Listen and follow in the book. Check your predictions.

4. a) Work in pairs. Guess the meaning of the new words.

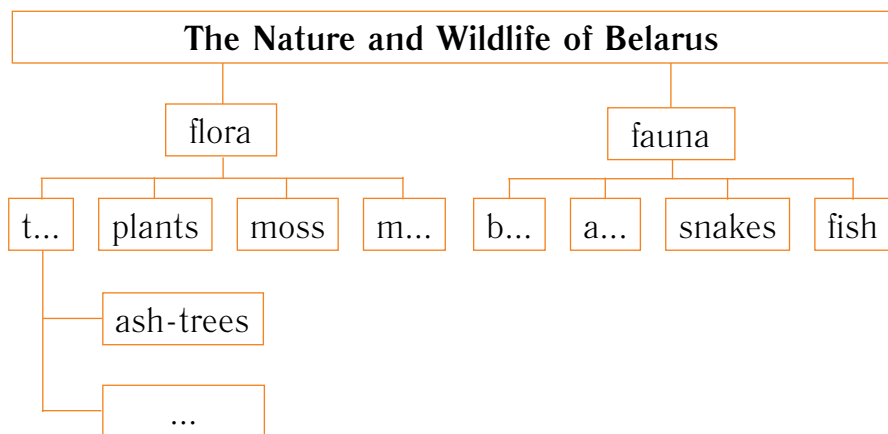


b) Find the plural of the following nouns in the text. How is it different from regular plural forms?

species, wolf, fish, deer, bison, sheep, life

c) Find examples of the Present Perfect Tense in the text.

5. a) Copy the mind-map into your notebook and complete it. Fill in the missing letters. Give examples of species and numbers for each species.



b) Use the mind-map to tell your partner about the nature and wildlife of Belarus.

6. a) Discuss with your partner.

1. Is Belarus an interesting place to visit? Why? 2. Are the nature and wildlife of Belarus in danger? Why? 3. What should we do to save them?

b) Report to the group.