

## Lesson 5. CASTLES ON THE MAP

### COMMUNICATIVE AREA

talking about a place to visit



**1. a)** Listen to the tongue-twister. Which letters are not pronounced?

Listen! You mustn't whistle in the castle!

**b)** Listen and repeat after the speaker.

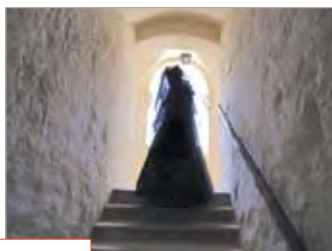
**2. a)** Look at the map. What do the letters N and M mean?



**b)** Do the puzzle.

Yan's father is a good driver, but his car is not very fast. It makes 60 kilometres an hour. It takes him 2 hours to get to Nyasvizh. How far is Nyasvizh from Minsk?

**3. a)** Look through the text and match the parts with the pictures.



Black Nun



A castle



Nyasvizh  
residence



Road sign saying:  
Mir — 35 km

**b) Read the text and choose the title for every part of the text from this list.**

1. The ghosts of the castle.

2. The country of castles.

3. The residence of the  
Radzivils.

4. The red brick castle.

In old times people called Belarus the country of castles. ■ There was 35–40 km between them. Now there are many places in Belarus where we can still see these old castles.

A

Nyasvizh lies in Minsk region. It is one of the oldest towns in Belarus. ■ From the 16<sup>th</sup> century it was the residence of a rich family — the Radzivils. There is a monument to Radzivil-Sirotko in Nyasvizh.

B

The castle in Mir is older than the castle in Nyasvizh. ■ It dates from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. There is no other castle in the world like this one. The builders used red bricks for the castle. Since 1992 the castle in Mir has been a museum. This place is also famous for its beautiful park.

C

The castles are very interesting. ■ They are famous for their ghosts. The Nyasvizh ghosts are the Black Dame and the Black Nun. The Black Nun likes to play tricks on people. The ghost can push someone or break a mirror. And the Black Dame still walks in the castle. It's the ghost of Barbara Radzivil.

D

**c) A blue square in each paragraph marks the place where a sentence was taken out from. Put the sentences back into the paragraphs.**

1. Radzivil-Sirotka built a castle there in 1583. 2. Mir castle is in Grodna region. 3. Every rich man in old times had a castle. 4. Every castle has its history, legends and ghosts.

#### **4. Answer the questions.**

1. Have you ever been to Mir or Nyasvizh? 2. When did you go there? 3. What did you see? 4. Did you like the trip? Why? 5. If you haven't been to Mir or Nyasvizh, would you like to go there?

**5. Think of three good reasons for visiting Mir and three good reasons for visiting Nyasvizh. Write them down. Exchange your notes with your classmate. Do you have the same ideas about these famous places?**

**6. a) Work in pairs. Think of good reasons for visiting your town or village. Make notes.**

**b) Compare your results with your classmates'. Who can find more reasons for a visit to the place where you live?**

