

4. a) Work in pairs.

Student A: You are a journalist. You work for a sports magazine. Your readers are very interested in B's everyday life. Think of the questions you would like to ask B.

Student B: You are a famous sportsperson. You are going to give an interview to a popular sports magazine. Get ready to speak about your life.



b) Work in pairs. Role-play the interview.

LESSON 6.

2014 IIHF WC

Communicative area: describing event details

1. a) Read a piece of news from the past. What year is the piece of news from? What competition is it about?

2014 Men's World Ice Hockey Championship will be hosted by Belarus in its capital Minsk.

On May 8, 2009 Belarus was happy to get 75 votes in the race for hosting the 2014 IIHF World Championship. Belarus competed with Hungary, Latvia, and Ukraine and won with the slogan "Welcome to the young hockey country".

b) Why was winning in this competition important for Belarus?

2. The Championship took place in May 2014. Discuss the questions below.

1. Have you heard about the World Ice Hockey Championship in Minsk? 2. Do you know what the symbol of the Championship was? 3. Are you a hockey fan? 4. Did you visit Minsk in May? 5. Where did the matches take place? 6. Were you following the championship on TV? 7. How many countries took part? 8. Which team won the tournament? 9. How did the Belarusian team play? Were any records set?

3. a) Look at the picture of the IH WC 2014 symbol. Describe it. Can you guess what different details represent?

b) Read the story of the mascot and add more information to your description.



The Belarusian Ice Hockey Federation announced an open mascot design competition for the 2014 IIHF World Championship. As many as 40 designs were offered. The image of the bison, one of Belarus' symbols, was named the official mascot of the IIHF World Championship in Minsk. The mascot was created by artist and designer from Minsk Vitaly Ortyukh.

A nationwide contest for the best name and story/biography for the official mascot of the 2014 IIHF World Championship was announced in March 2013.

Following the competition, which had almost 300 stories filed, the mascot got the name Volat (the heroic warrior – in Belarusian).

In the Eastern Slavic mythology a volat is a tall and very strong warrior. Legends have it that they lived on Belarusian lands and there are villages which names and history are directly related to volats.

The organizers stress that the name Volat sounds almost identical in different languages. It is easy for hockey fans to pronounce and write it.

c) Discuss the questions below in small groups.

Do you like the mascot? Does it represent the country? Does it represent the Championship? Could we use it to represent any other kind of sport like weightlifting, figure skating or yoga? Why/ Why not? What has to be changed then?

- 4. a) Rhythmic gymnastics is one of the most popular and beautiful sports in Belarus. In groups have a brainstorm to design the symbol for the next Gymnastics Championship held in Belarus.**



- b) Describe it to the group. Then vote for the best mascot.**

- 5. a) Look at the table with tournament details. Decode the information to answer some of the questions in ex. 2.**



Tournament details	
Host country	Belarus
Dates	9–25 May
Teams	16
Venue(s)	2 (in host city)
Minsk–Arena, Chizhovka–Arena	
Final positions	
Champions	Russia (27th / 5 th title)
Runner-up	Finland
Third place	Sweden
Belarus – Sweden (quarterfinal: 2–3)	
Tournament statistics	
Matches played	64
Goals scored	352 (5.5 per match)
Attendance	643,434 (10.054 per match, new record for WC)
Scoring leader(s)	Victor Tikhonov (16 points)