

UNIT 6

Town and village

LESSON 1.

My town

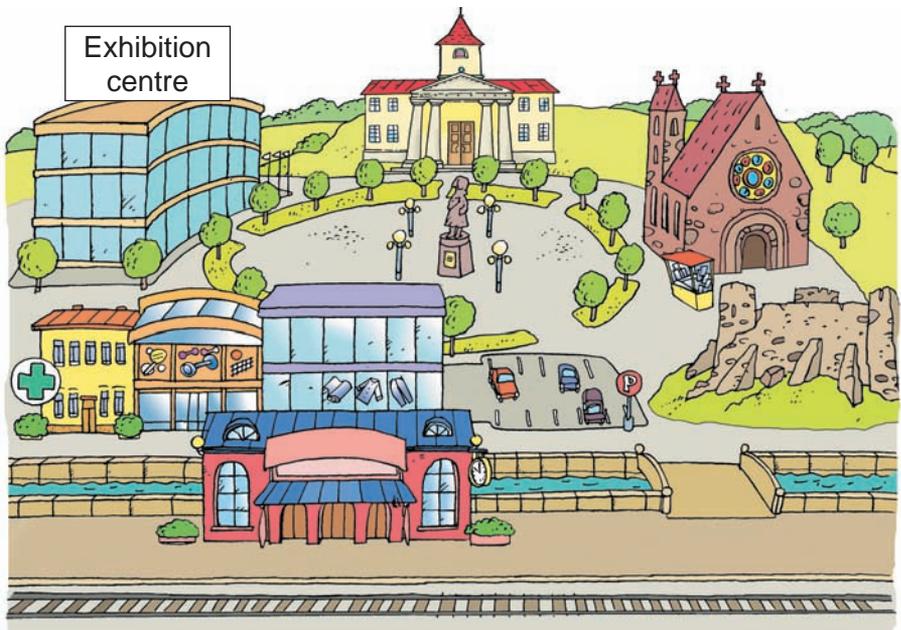
Communicative area: listening and reading for detail

Active vocabulary: bank, car park, exhibition centre, fitness centre, high-rise, river bank, skyscraper, town hall

1. Play the word *game* in two teams. Name as many types of buildings as you can remember.
2. a) What places from the list below can you find in the picture?

a) a castle; b) a monument; c) a post office; d) a library; e) a department store; f) a bridge; g) a news-agent's; h) a car park; i) a church; j) an exhibition centre; k) a fitness centre; l) a railway station; m) a town hall; n) a hospital; o) a river bank; p) a chemist's (= a pharmacy)

Where do the fish keep their money? –
In the river bank.



b) Listen to Helen talking about her town and check yourselves.

3. a) Read Helen's description and find the words that mean the following:

- 1) tall (about a building) (h...)
- 2) a very tall building in a city (s...)
- 3) a big building where the town council sits (t... h...)
- 4) a place where people enjoy looking at collections of paintings, coins, etc. (e... c...)
- 5) a place where people can do sports (f... c...)
- 6) a side of the river (r... b...)
- 7) a place where people can leave their cars (c... p...)
- 8) a place where people keep their money (b...)

The town I live in is not very big but it is beautiful and very old. It is in the north of Wales and it was

built more than a thousand years ago by Saxons. There are a lot of ancient buildings in the centre of the town such as the town hall and the church. Near the church are the ruins of the thirteenth century castle. You can buy local newspapers at the news-agent's which is next to the castle. The exhibition centre which is opposite the castle has a wonderful collection of coins, jewellery and pottery which date back to the 1st century BC and belonged to the Celts who had lived here before the Romans.

There is a deep river that runs through the town. There's a bridge across the river which is also in the centre of the town. If you go straight ahead along the river bank you will see some nice shops, a car park and a big department store where you can find everything you need. Next to the department store there's a fitness centre, it is the place where my friends and I spend most of our free time for we just love sports. At the chemist's, which is next to the fitness centre you can buy any medicine you need. It is the biggest pharmacy in my town. On the opposite bank of the river there's a railway station where you can get trains to Cardiff.

The church looks out on a big round square with the monument to our national poet. The town also has a library and a post office which are to the west of the town centre. The houses are to the east, south-east and south-west of the centre of the town. There are no skyscrapers or other modern high-rise buildings in my town that's why it looks like a place from an old fairy-tale.

b) How well do you know the text? Answer your partner's questions. Ask your partner where ...

Student A the city is; the ruins of the 13th century castle are; the exhibition centre is; the car park is; the post-office is; the fitness centre is; the ancient buildings are; the chemist's is;

Where is / are the ...?

Student B the newsagent's is; the railway station is; the bridge is; the church is; the monument is; the department store is; the library is; the houses are.

4. Interview your partner.

• Which cities are famous for their skyscrapers? Are there any high-rise buildings in the place where you live?

• Is your town hall old or modern?

• Is there a fitness centre in the place where you live? What about an exhibition centre?

• Do you often go for a walk along the river bank? How often do you go to the bank?

LESSON 2. A city on the map

Communicative area: reading for detail, describing Belarusian cities

Active vocabulary: to be mentioned, to be situated, picturesque, a place of interest, to suffer, to survive, worth visiting

1. Imagine the map of Belarus. Where is Minsk on the map? How many regions are there in Belarus? Where