

5. a) Write a letter to Sarah. Describe your house and your neighbourhood. Use ex. 2b and 4 for help. Use a proverb about home from ex.1a as well.

b) Play a guessing game. The teacher will read some of your letters to the class. Try to guess whose letter they are.

LESSON 5. A home from home

Communicative area: reading and speaking about a typical village; reading and speaking about a hotel; reading for detail

Active vocabulary: citizen, villager

1. What does a typical Belarusian village look like? What can be found there? What do you think a typical English village looks like?

2. a) Compare your ideas with the most popular comment from an Internet blog on a typical English village.



What makes a typical English village? There is a church with the vicar who knows you by the first and last name. There is small post office, a small corner shop with the village gossip and an old traditional pub. There is a village hall where all the village meet-



ings and Christmas parties take place. There is a village green with a small park, a duck pond and playing fields for football and cricket. You can find pretty old cottages and attractive newer houses in the village. The typical local people are kind-hearted and hard-working, sometimes a bit too nosy and talkative, but honest and hospitable. They go to church on Sundays and meet for carol singing at Christmas. The village is quiet and friendly; it is at least ten miles from the nearest city or town. The locals love their gardens and are proud of them. So, having a nice garden is a good talking point. The life is wonderful for kids. Their parents don't have to worry how their kids will get to school and how they will get along at school.

b) All the four pictures illustrate one of the phrases from the text. Which phrase? Which of the villages would you like to live in? Why?

3. a) Find sentences in ex. 2a which answer the following questions.

What can you find in the village? What are the villagers like? What do the villagers do? What is life in the village like? What is the best talking point in an English village? Is there a park / pond ... in the village?

b) Use the questions above to talk about villages in Belarus. What do Belarusian and English villages have in common? What is different about them?

4. a) How can you enjoy a quiet life if you live in a big city? What do you know about eco-tourism? What do you think you could do in a village hotel called the Treehouse?

b) Read and check your ideas. What do you think the phrases 'the best of both worlds' and 'a home from home' mean?



Are you a villager? When a child, did you use to climb trees? Are you a citizen? At the age of twelve, did you dream of living in a tree like Tarzan? If yes, then our fairy-tale hotel is

just for you! We have the best of both worlds. The Treehouse is a 5-star hotel which is perfect for both big kids and little ones. The Treehouse is situated on our small farm among the fields. There are lambs, chickens and ponies to watch. There is a comfortable dining area in the hotel. A comfy sofa is perfect for watching the plasma TV. For children any bath time in our wooden bath is a great adventure. Your kids will have toys, games, books and DVDs. There is an indoor swimming pool and tasty food to enjoy. Our hotel is a real home from home. A visit to The Treehouse will never be forgotten.

About the hotel:

- sleeps a family up to five
- close to Exmoor National Park
- fruit and vegetable market nearby
- five-minute walk to the local pub
- 1.5 miles to the village shop
- equipment for babies
- special menu for kids
- underfloor heating
- children's play area

- fantastic gardens
- plasma TV with sky channels, Internet access, I-pod dock, digital radio
- bikes and trikes, playhouse, see-saw
- competitive prices

Things to do:

- great walks, cycling and picnics
- animals parks, theme parks, museums and beaches of Somerset
- a visit to Exmoor National Park
- a trip to Bath
- horse-riding with lessons for children
- surfing lessons in North Devon
- golf

Things to remember:

- ❖ *The Treehouse* is very eco-friendly. For every family visit we plant a local hardwood tree.
- ❖ Sorry: no pets, no smoking, no fireworks.

c) Would you like to stay at a hotel like *The Treehouse*? Why? Why not?

5. Work in small groups. Discuss the questions below.

- Are there any similar hotels in Belarus?
- What do you know about eco-tourism in your country?

LESSON 6.

British houses throughout history

Communicative area: listening for the gist and for detail

Active vocabulary: heating

Grammar revision: the Past Simple Passive