the Republic of Belarus, President, Belarusian [$_{1}$ belə'ru:sıən], the national symbols, the population of Belarus (9,408,400 as of 1 January 2020), region, regional ['ri:dʒənl] and district cities: **Minsk** - 2,020,600 people; Borisov - 140,700; Soligorsk - 101,400; **Brest** - 339,700 people; Baranovichi - 175,000; Pinsk - 126,300; **Vitebsk** - 364,800 people; Novopolotsk - 98,800; Orsha - 108,100; **Gomel** - 510,300 people; Mozyr - 105,700; Zhlobin - 77,600; **Grodno** - 356,900 people; Lida - 102,700; Slonim - 50,100; **Mogilev** - 357,100 people; Bobruisk - 212,200; Gorki - 30,500

5. 📥 Write 10 questions about Belarus for a trivia quiz.

Lesson 2. UK's geography and traditions

1. I View Look at the UK maps on the flyleaf. What kind of maps are they? What do they show? Read the proper names on the map from north to south and from west to east. Use the definite article "the" where necessary.

NB: No article is used with proper names on maps.

2a. Read the information line on the next web page of the site AboutUK.com. What's the topic? Look through the questions and the first sentences under them. Complete the questions.



Channel. In its **narrowest** part it is called the Strait of Dover ['strent əv 'dəuvə].

in the north of

Interesting fact

Beneath $[br'ni:\theta]$ the English Channel there is the Channel Tunnel, which **links** the UK with France. The Channel Tunnel is the longest undersea tunnel in the world. The section under the sea is 38 kilometres long. The three tunnels, each 50 kilometres long, were made at an average¹ of 40m below the seabed.



to the north of

 \downarrow below the sea – above the sea \uparrow

How many ... are the British Isles made up of?

The British Isles *are made up of* 136 inhabited islands ['aɪləndz]. The two largest islands are Great Britain and Ireland ['aɪələnd]. Some other large islands are the Hebrides ['hebrədi:z] to the north-west of Great Britain, the Orkney ['ɔ:kni] Islands to the north and the Shetland Islands still further (ещё дальше) to the north. The biggest island to the south of Great Britain is the Isle of Wight [wait].

Interesting fact

There are 6,289 islands around Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), mostly in Scotland.

What ... surround [sə'raund] the UK?

The UK *is surrounded* by four seas: to the south by the English Channel, which separates it from continental Europe ['ju:ərəp], to the east by the North Sea, to the west by the Irish Sea and to the north-west by the Atlantic Ocean.

Interesting fact

No one in the UK lives more than 120 km from the sea.

¹ at an average ['æv(ә)ridʒ] – в среднем

How long is the land ... ?

Only Northern Ireland, part of the UK, shares a 360 km international land **border** with the Republic of Ireland. The UK does not **border on** any other countries.

2b. • • • Read your questions again and correct the mistakes if there are any. Listen and check.

2c. b Listen and read the text paragraph by paragraph. Read the definitions of the words in bold. Write their translation without a dictionary. Check with your partner, then with the class.

location [ləʊ'keɪʃ(ə)n] (n) – the place or position where someone or something is

separate ['sepərent] (v) - divide into parts; separate ['sep(ə)rət]
(adj) - not together

narrow ['nærəu] (adj) – small in width, not wide (широкий)

link [lmk] (v) - antonym: separate

be made up of – consist of, include (включать)

surround [sə'raund] (v) – be / stand around somebody / something

a border ['bɔ:də] (n) – a dividing line between countries or regions; **border** ['bɔ:də] (**on**) (**v**) – lie along the dividing line

3a. A Name five new facts you have learnt about the UK. What's the most interesting fact for you?

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I've learnt that	It's surprising that
It's interesting that	

3b. A Play a memory game about the UK's number facts.

				6,289
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3c. Play the "Last sentence" game about the geography of the UK.

4. Read the text below and answer the question at the end. Use the text in ex. 2a.

The geographical location of a country influences all aspects of its people's lives – their lifestyle, what kind of work they do and what they enjoy doing in their free time, what places they like visiting, what food they cook and eat and even what clothes they wear, what they write about in their book and what legends they create. It forms their traditions and customs – their culture.

The British people are great travellers. They travelled the world and settled (поселились) on all continents – in America, Asia, New Zeland, Australia and Africa.

How does the geography of the country explain this fact?

5. 🎓 😡 Do you know how long the Belarusian border is? Listen and write down the length of the border with the neighbouring countries. Add up all the numbers and calculate the total length (полную длину).

Model. How long is the ... ? – The length of the ... is

long (adj) – length (n)

Belarus borders five countries: Russia in the east and northeast (? km), Latvia ['lætviə] in the north (? km), Lithuania [,lt θ ju'emiə] in the north-west (? km), Poland ['pəulənd] in the west (? km), and Ukraine [ju:'krem] in the south (? km).

Water borders: none.

6a. What do the sentences with the words in italics mean? (See ex. 2a.)



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6b. Complete the text of a web page about Belarus. Use a) the information from ex. 4D, Lesson 1; b) the Present Simple Passive Voice of the verbs in brackets.

Model. My country *is located* in the centre of Europe.

My motherland is the Republic of Belarus. My country (1. *locate*) in the centre of Europe. It (2. *make up*) of six regions: Brest, Vitebsk, Gomel, Grodno, Minsk and Mogilev. Belarus (3. *not surround*) by any seas or oceans, so it (4. *not separate*) from other countries by seas and oceans. Belarus (5. *border*) by five countries.

Belarus is mostly flat (плоская). Some uplands can (6. *find*) near Minsk and in some districts of Mogilev and Grodno regions. Most of Belarus (7. *cover*) with forests. It is a beautiful country with lots of rivers and lakes and very gently rolling hills (пологие холмы) in some parts.

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6c. Krite your story.

Lesson 3. A beautiful variety

1a. 🐨 👽 Listen to the poem. What is it about? What are the poet's feelings?

1b. Read it expressively. Learn it by heart.

My Heart's in the Highlands

by Robert Burns (1759-1796)

My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here; My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer; A-chasing the wild-deer, and following the roe, My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go.

chase – охотиться

roe [rəʊ] – косуля