

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.



Geography of the United Kingdom (vocabulary puzzle)

6c. Write 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 [рѐу] – КОСУЛЯ



hills



lakes



valleys

moorland [ˈmʊələnd] = *moor* (верещатник, болото) + *land* = болотистая местность, покрытая вереском

HELP BOX

I like ... / I don't quite like ...

I think they're attractive (unattractive, beautiful, dull, picturesque, amazing, fantastic, super, great, marvellous [ˈmɑːrvələs], fascinating).

3a.   Listen and read about the British landscape. Why is it described as full of contrasts and varied?

The UK is a real attraction for tourists. It's full of beauty and contrasts, ranging from the Northwest *Highlands* and the Grampian Mountains of Scotland to the *lowlands* in the south and east of England and along the coast elsewhere in the UK.

Its landscape is extremely **varied**, so everyone will find something they will enjoy. There are grassy **plains**, beautiful wide and narrow **valleys** [ˈvælɪz] and purple heathery **moorlands** [ˈmʊələndz] covering the mountains, velvet (бархатные) hills, thick (густые) forests, picturesque lakes and marvellous beaches.

3b. Look through the text again and match the words with their translation. Check in pairs, then with the whole class.

1. be full of
2. range (from ... to) (v)
3. varied (adj)
4. a plain (n)
5. a valley (n)

- A. разнообразный
- B. равнина
- C. быть полным (чего-л.)
- D. простираться (от ... до)
- E. долина

4a. Read and compare. What do the words mean?

midlands = *middle* (средний) + *lands* (земли) = «земли в середине»

Highlands, lowlands, homeland, motherland, wonderland, Disneyland, Scotland.

4b. What words are missing?

1. My ... is Belarus.
2. On maps ... are usually coloured brown and lowlands are
3. We can find a lot of swings, slides, merry-go-rounds and other rides in
4. ... is a beautiful country in the north of Great Britain.
5. “Alice in ...” is a famous book by Lewis Carroll.

5. Your friend is going to Britain. Advise him or her to see some places.

recommend / advise doing something
recommend someone / something (to someone)
advise someone to do something

HELP BOX

A: What places could you **advise me to visit**?

B: I (strongly) **advise you to go** to the Highlands.

I (would) **recommend going** to the Highlands.

By all means you **should go** to the Highlands.

By all means **go and see** the Highlands. They're marvelous. You can see ... there.

A: It sounds great! / I'm already fascinated.

6. Imagine you are in Britain and are asked different questions about Belarus (Lessons 1–3). Role-play the talk.

7.  This is an encyclopedia text about the landscape of Belarus. Change the text to make it attractive for tourists (use the words from ex. 2, 3a).



noun + y = adjective

swamp [swɒmp] (болото) + y = swampy (болотистый)

- hilly, swampy, heathery, rocky, grassy, stony

Type of landscape: generally flat (обычно плоский) (the average elevation¹ is 162 meters above sea level); highlands in Northern Belarus with a hilly landscape and gently sloping ridges²; lowlands in the south with the swampy plain (болотистая равнина) of Polyessye, shared with Ukraine, Poland and Russia; one third of the country is covered with pushchas – thick unpopulated forests.

populated – **unpopulated**

inhabited – **uninhabited**

HELP BOX

Welcome to Belarus. It's an attractive country in the centre of Europe. We can't say the landscape of the country is full of contrasts, but it is certainly full of It ranges from ... to The ... look(s) simply fantastic!
By all means you should come to Belarus and

¹ the average elevation – средняя высота; ² gently sloping ridges – пологие гребни (холмов)