

Mini-student's book

UKRAINE

Geography
Climate

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People

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Цей підручник складено для учнів 8-х класів з метою вивчення теми «Україна». Тематика текстів відповідає програмі для поглибленого вивчення іноземних мов. Тексти та завдання до них сприяють розвитку навичок читання, усного мовлення аудіювання .Міні підручник є додатком до підручника «English World» Macmillan Education, Mary Bowen, Liz Hocking, Wendy Wren, 2012

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Our Native Land. Ukraine.

Reading Text1

You are going to read the text about your native land. These words are in the text you are going to read. What do they mean? Check in the dictionary.

to mention, to be associated, to place, occupy, to stretch, to border on, development, to divide, an access, to promote, trade, fertile, plain, to skirt, plateau, elevation, valley, within, summit, slope, favourable, condition, to grow, natural resources, iron, ore, coal, non-ferrous metals, oil, wheat, maize, corns



The geographical position of Ukraine

The term Ukraina was first mentioned in the chronicles in the 12th century as a geographical name for the southern lands of the ancient Rus State] In the process of the creation of a Ukrainian nationality the name Ukraine began to be associated with southwestern Rus territories of Kyiv, Chernigiv, Volyn, Podillya, Eastern Galicia, Transcarpathia, Northern Bukovyna and Zaporizhyha regions.

Ukraine is situated in the south-east of Europe. It's territory of Ukraine is 603,7 thousand square kilometers. Two such countries as Italy can be placed on this territory. Ukraine occupies 42nd place in the world as to its territory being larger than any country in Western Europe. Ukraine stretches for 1300 km from east to west and 900 km from north to south.

Ukraine borders on Russia, Moldova, Rumania, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland and Belarus. The geographical position of Ukraine is ideal for the development of its resources.

Ukraine is the country of many rivers. The Dnipro River divides Ukraine into two parts: Right Bank and Left-Bank Ukraine. The Danube gives Ukraine access to European countries and the Siversky Donets — to the Don.

In the south Ukraine is washed by the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The Black Sea and navigable rivers have promoted the development of trade and culture successfully.

Ukraine consists of a flat, fertile plain occupied mainly by steppes and forest-steppe regions. Lowlands occupy a considerable part of the country. The Polissia Lowland lies in the north. The Dnieper Lowland runs along the left bank of the Dnipro River. The Black Sea Lowland skirts the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.

The Dnipro Plateau lies between the Southern Bug and the Dnipro. It is 321 m high. The Volhyn Plateau is 300 m in elevation. The Podillia Plateau is cut by valleys of 200 m. The Azov Plateau and the Donets Ridge lie in the southeast of Ukraine.

Within the borders of Ukraine there are the Carpathian Mountains with the highest peak Hoverla 2061 m high. The Carpathians have flat summits and gentle slopes. There are many treeless summits, which are called polonynas.

The Crimean Mountains with their southern steep slopes stretch in three parallel ranges. The highest peak of the Main Range Roman Kosh is 1545 m high.

The geographical position of Ukraine is very favourable because the country lies on the crossroads of the ways from Asia to Europe. Since the times of Kyivan Rus Ukrainian roads have been used for trade contacts.

Due to favourable climatic conditions, Ukraine is traditionally an agricultural country. Wheat, maize and other corns, vegetables, all kinds of fruit are grown here.

The country is rich in natural resources, such as iron ore, coal, non-ferrous metals, oil, gas. It has a developed heavy and light industry, concentrated mostly in and around big cities, such as Kyiv, Zaporizhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa, Kharkiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv and others.

1. Choose the best words to complete the sentences

1. Ukraine is situated in the _____.
2. Ukraine borders on _____.
3. _____ divides Ukraine into two parts.
4. _____ Ukraine is washed by two seas.
5. Ukraine consists of _____.
6. Within the borders of Ukraine there are _____.
7. The geographical position of Ukraine is _____.
8. Ukraine is _____ in mineral resources.

- 1)
a) south-west of Europe
b) north-east of Europe
c) south-east of Europe

- 2)
a) 8 countries
b) 7 countries
c) 9 countries

- 3)
a) The Dnipro River
b) The Danude River
c) the Don River

- 4)
a) in the north
b) in the west
c) in the south

- 5)
a) a mountainous plain
b) a flat plain
c) a flat fertile plain

- 6)
a) the Carpathian mountains and the Crimean mountains
b) the Carpathian mountains and the Alps
c) the Crimean mountains and the Urals

- 7)
 a) nice
 b) comfortable
 c) favourable

- 8)
 a) poor
 b) rich
 c) important

2. Think about the answers to these questions.

1. Where is Ukraine situated?
2. What is the territory of Ukraine?
3. What countries does it border on?
4. What is the main river of Ukraine?
5. What seas is it washed by?
6. What is the landscape of Ukraine?
7. Why do they say that Ukraine is traditionally an agricultural country?
8. Is our country rich in mineral resources? What are they?

3. Scan the text and find.

1. ten things that describe the landscape of the country. _____
2. eight things that mean lands where people live. _____
3. five things that people grow _____
4. five things our country is rich in _____
5. four things that mean waterways _____
6. two things that mean a great _____ amount of water.

4. Find these words in the text. Write the word class for each list. Check any words you are not sure of in a dictionary.

1.----- be situated, place, occupy, stretch, border on, divide, give, be washed, promote, consists of, run, lie, use, grow, be rich in

2----- kilometer, territory, place, country, position, development, resource, river, part, sea, trade, bank, plateau, elevation, valley.

3----- square, large, ideal, navigable, flat, fertile, considerable,
left, high, gentle, treeless, favourable, agricultural, natural, big
4----- traditionally, mostly, successfully, mainly

5. Join two main clauses with a conjunction (and, but, or)

1. Ukraine is situated in Europe. Poland is situated in Europe too.
2. The Carpathian Mountains have gentle slopes. The Crimean Mountains have steep slopes.
3. We can go to the Black Sea by bus. We can go to the Black Sea by train.

Sentences with more than two main clauses with conjunctions.

He went to the Crimea on holidays. His brother went with him. He didn't like the sea he liked the mountains more.

Word building suffix –ment

Write *develop, settle, achive* as nouns

6. Your pen friend lives in Australia . He knows nothing about Ukraine. You are talking on skype. Give him a short information about your native country.

Reading Text 2

You are going to read the text about the climate of Ukraine. These words are in the text.

Influence, moderately, continental, differ, average, degree, above zero, rain fall, occur, shower, thunderstorm, hail, sleet, cover, fog frequent, due to, condition, undoubtedly, moreover, blossom



Climate of Ukraine

Ukraine occupies the territory that is situated in the eastern part of Europe.

There are the Carpathian Mountains in the west and the Crimean Mountains in the south. Ukrainian territory is washed by the Azov Sea and the Black Sea. These factors influence the climate of Ukraine. It is mostly moderately continental.

But the Crimea differs greatly from the other parts of the territory. The climate there is subtropical. One can see the difference even in the average summer and winter temperatures. The average summer temperature is 22-25 degrees above zero, but it is usually 25-30 C in the Crimea. Though lately the thermometer can rise to 30-35 degrees above zero on the whole territory of Ukraine. The winter temperature in the Crimea is about 3 degrees above zero as the Crimean Mountains stop cold winds from the north.

The Carpathian Mountains differ from the rest of the Ukrainian territory in the amount of rains. The highest rainfall is noticed in this part. Summer is usually dry and hot in Ukraine, but in the Carpathians there often occur showers and thunderstorms. Sometimes storms bring hail, which is very unfavorable for agriculture.

Winter is usually not very cold. The average temperature is 7-10 degrees below zero. Sleet is quite usual for Ukrainian cities and towns in winter. Still winter snow cover is typical for the climate of Ukraine except the southern part.

Fogs are not frequent in this country, but they may happen in autumn or spring. The best month are undoubtedly May and September. It is warm, but not too hot, and it does not rain very often. Moreover the lilac and the chestnut trees which the capital of Ukraine Kyiv and other cities and towns are famous for are in full blossom. This is the best time for visiting Ukraine.

1. Read the statement. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1) The geographical position influences the climate of Ukraine.
- 2) It is moderately continental.
- 3) The climate in the Crimea is similar to the other parts of the territory.
- 4) The highest rainfall is noticed in the Crimea.
- 5) In the Crimea showers and thunderstorms often occur.
- 6) Hail is favourable for agriculture.
- 7) Winter snow cover is typical for the climate of Ukraine.
- 8) Fogs may happen in autumn or spring.

2. Correct the false statements.

3. Discuss the answers to these questions.

- 1) What do you think influences the climate of Ukraine?
- 2) Does the Crimea differs from other parts of the territory? What are these differences?
- 3) What is the weather like in the Carpathian Mountains?
- 4) What do you think is typical for the climate in winter?

4. List the words next to the correct part of speech.

Occupy, influence, climate, continental, moderately, differ, greatly, territory, average, wind, rainfall, notice, dry, occur, shower, bring, blossom, unfavourable, sleet, typical, frequent, undoubtedly, often

Verb _____
Noun _____
Adjective _____
Adverb _____

Language development

5. Join two sentences with the conjunction **because**

1. The winter temperature in the Crimea is about 3 degrees above zero. The Crimean Mountains stop cold winds from the north.
2. Summer is wet and not very hot in the Carpathian Mountains. The highest rainfall is noticed in this part of Ukraine.
3. May and September are the best month for visiting Ukraine. It is warm, but not too hot and it does not rain very often.

Word building suffix **-ly**

Write *moderate, great, frequent* as adverbs

6. You are going to have a holiday. Where would you like to spend it and why?

Reading Text 3

You are going to read the text about animals and plants in Ukraine. These words are in the text you are going to read. What do they mean? Check in a dictionary.

Coniferous, deciduous, wealth, timber, hundreds of species, acclimatize, unique, it is worth(ing) beech, birch, badger, elk, titmous, grouse, mink, musk-rat, perch, bream, elm, poplar, ash, roe, eagle, woodpecker



Animals and Plants in Ukraine

Ukraine has mostly coniferous and deciduous trees. Such as pine, oak, fir, beech and birch. The wealth of the forest includes not only timber, but also berries, mushrooms and medical herbs.

The wildlife of Ukraine is different. It has hundreds of species of animals and birds. They are: wolf, fox, badger, deer, elk, hamster, field mouse and so on. The birds are: the sparrow, titmouse, grouse, owl.

Some fur animals, such as mink, silver-black fox, musk-rat, brought into Ukraine have acclimatized well.

In the rivers and lakes there are perch, bream, pike and carp. The Forest- Steppe zone contains the oak, elm, black poplar, willow, ash and pine. The animals include squirrels, foxes, hares and roes.

It also should be said that the animal life of the Carpathians is unique. Here you can find deer, brown bears, wild cats and pigs, black squirrels. Bird life includes golden eagles and black woodpeckers. The plants of this region are also different and beautiful. It is well worth visiting. Especially in spring.



1. Answer the questions.

- 1) What kinds of trees has Ukraine.
- 2) What does the wealth of the forest include?
- 3) The wild life of Ukraine is different, isn't it?
- 4) What kinds of fish are there in Ukrainian rivers?
- 5) Where is the animal life unique?
- 6) When is the Carpathian Mountains worth visiting?

2. Number the sections of the text in the correct order.

The wild life of Ukraine _____
Animals brought into Ukraine _____
Different trees in Ukrainian forests _____
The animal life of the Carpathians _____
Rivers and lakes of Ukraine _____

3. Find in the text

- 1) two names of the coniferous trees
- 2) four names of fish
- 3) six names of birds
- 4) seven names of the deciduous trees
- 5) ten names of fur animals

4. Read these words. Find any you unsure in the text. Use them in sentences of your own.

Wealth, include, wildlife, unique, it should be said, be worth(ing)

A complex sentence

Underline the main clause

1. In the Carpathian Mountains the tourists saw many young pines which were planted a year or two ago.
2. There are some fur animals in Ukraine which were brought from other countries including mink, silver-blackfox, musk-rat.
3. He returned from the mountain hiking exhausted but very pleased.
4. Our guide firmly believed that there were a lot of fish in this lake.
5. While tourists were taking photos of very beautiful landscapes their guide sat thinking about their further route.

Word building suffix –ful

Write *beauty, wonder, colour* as adjectives

6. Do the individual project “Fauna and Flora of the Region I live in”

Reading Text 4



To	Andrew
From	Taras
Subject	Ukrainian People
<p>People inhabited the territory in south-eastern Europe, that is now Ukraine, since prehistoric times. The territory of Ukraine in ancient times was inhabited by the tribes of the Slavs. They grew the crops, hunted, fished, kept bees, and were engaged in various crafts.</p> <p>The official language is Ukrainian. According to UNESCO it is the twenty-second place among the world languages and the second place after Russian among the Slavonic languages. And what kind of people are we? In a recent poll, the Ukrainian people were asked to describe themselves: 80 % described us as tolerant people; 73 % thought Ukrainians were hospitable to foreigners; finally 71 % agreed that Ukrainians were reserved people. But all the people admit that the main characteristic features of Ukrainians are kindness and hospitality. They welcome visitors open-heartedly, warmly and generously.</p> <p>Ukrainians are hard-working and skilful. They are brave, determined and ready for self-sacrifice.</p> <p>People in Ukraine are well-known for their dancing and singing abilities. It is</p>	

impossible to imagine Ukraine and Ukrainians without music. All people's sorrows and joys, wittiness and humour, courage and passionate love to their native land are in our songs.

The Ukrainian nation is very talented. Our country gave numerous talented singers, musicians and composers to the world.

You are going to read an e-mail about Ukrainian people. These words are in the e-mail. What do they mean? Check in a dictionary.

inhabit, prehistoric, crops, be engaged, Slavonic, poll, hospitable, foreigner, reserved, admit, feature, determined, self-sacrifice, sorrow, joy, passionate.

1. Read the statements and write T (true) or F (false).

- 1) The territory of Ukraine in ancient times was inhabited by the tribes of the Slavs.
- 2) According to UNESCO the Ukrainian Language occupies the twenty-fourth place among the world languages.
- 3) 80% of Ukrainians described us as reserved people.
- 4) 73% of Ukrainians thought Ukrainians were hospitable.
- 5) All the people agreed that Ukrainians were tolerant.
- 6) Ukrainians are hard-working and skillful.
- 7) It is impossible to imagine Ukrainians without poetry.
- 8) The Ukrainian nation is very talkative.

2. Discuss the answers to these questions.

- 1) Did people inhabit the territory of south-eastern Europe since prehistoric times? How do you know?
- 2) What did they do to survive?
- 3) What main characteristic features do you think Ukrainians have?
- 4) Why is it impossible to imagine Ukrainians without music?

3. Write these adjectives next to their meanings.

Hospitable, tolerant, reserved, hand-working, talented

1. _____ a person respects other opinions
2. _____ does not show his feelings
3. _____ works very much

4. _____ welcomes guests warmly
5. _____ can sing, dance, paint etc.

4. Find adjectives and adverbs in the text. Write them down. Check any you are not sure in a dictionary.

Subordinate clauses

1. Find and underline the subordinate clause in this sentence.

People, living on the territory in south-eastern Europe, were the Slavs

2. Find and underline the subordinate clause in this sentence.

Well-known for their dancing and singing abilities, Ukrainians cannot imagine their lives without music.

3. Find and underline the two subordinate clauses in this sentence.

Being asked, to describe themselves, Ukrainians agree that they are kind and hospitable.

Word building suffix –un

5. Write the prefix -un- for these words. Read them. Discuss which meanings of -un- they have.

1. ___ inhabited
2. ___ known
3. ___ pleasant
4. ___ tidy

6. Describe one of the famous Ukrainians.

Listening comprehension



Potatoes

Potatoes came to Ukraine from Central and Southern America. When Spaniards came to America they wondered that Indian tribes ate strange things like apples. Sailors brought them to Europe in the 16th century. First people tried to eat potatoes rare, they made salads of potato leaves, but nobody liked the dishes. And people forgot potatoes.

Francis Drake, a well-known English sailor and traveler brought potatoes to Europe again at the end of the 16th century. In many European countries people tried to use potatoes again. In France rich people liked white potato flowers, in German rich people liked the smell of potato flowers, in Poland people thought potatoes were herbs.

But poor people liked potatoes best of all. They called potatoes the second bread. In German town of Offenburg there is a monument to Francis Drake with the following writing: "To Sir Francis Drake who spread potatoes in Europe. 1580."

Some people in many countries like potatoes very much and cook many dishes of it. There are many sorts of potatoes in the world. In Ukraine we prefer pink potatoes, in German and Poland people prefer yellow potatoes, in England and the USA people like white potatoes.

People do not only eat potatoes. They can make many things of it.

Read the following statements.

Listen again and write T (true) or F (false).

1. Potatoes came to Ukraine from Central and Northern America.
2. Sailors brought potatoes to Europe in the 16th century .
3. People forgot potatoes because they didn't like the dishes from potatoes leaves.
4. Francis Drake brought potatoes to Europe again at the end of 15th century.
5. In many European countries people liked potato flowers, their smell and even thought potatoes were herbs.
6. The rich people called potatoes the second bread.

7. In a German town there is a monument to Francis Drake.
8. Nowadays people in many countries like potatoes.
9. In Ukraine we prefer white potatoes.
10. People cook many dishes of potatoes and make many things of it.

Correct the wrong statements.

