

**1. a) Look at the photos. Do you know what Belarusian town it is?**



**1. b) Read about Stolin. Which facts do you find most surprising? Find phrases with new words of the lesson and guess their meaning.**

Dear Mary

I'd like to tell you about my native town Stolin. It is situated on the bank of a very beautiful river Garyn. It was first mentioned in 1555. There are three legends about the name of my town but the most interesting says that on the high hill at the beginning of the modern town was the meeting place of the Duke and his army which called 'Stol'. It was the most important place of that time.

Now the most picturesque place of interest in my town is Radzivils' park with lots of herbs brought from different parts of the world and the oldest place is the Jewish Church.. There was Radzivils' Estate which suffered during World War Second. But you can visit Local Ethnographic museum which saved lots of ethnographic items and unique Belarusian national costumes and pots. Our pride is a 400 year oak in the center of the park. Many people go for a picnic to the park, others walk with children or read a book and take photos there.

People in our town are kind and hospitable. I can't say that there are many entertaining places in my town. But we go to the cinema or visit local museum at weekends. Pinsk theatre sometimes brings their plays here. I prefer to lead active life and take up swimming and basketball at Aquamarine. My friends come to its café to have tasty pizza. My town is really nice because we haven't much noise and traffic jams. In our shops we can buy all necessary things. Life is not expensive and our streets are clean and full of charm.

I think that not only calm and safe rhythm does my town ideal for me but people like my friends and family. I really love my country and proud of my town very much.

Your friend Katya.

river Garyn река Горынь

Radzivils' park парк Радивилов

Aquamarine Аквамарин

Jewish Church Синагога

**2. Put sentences into right order.**

1. You can visit Local Ethnographic museum which saved lots of ethnographic items and unique Belarusian national costumes and pots.
2. My native town Stolin is situated on the bank of a very beautiful river Garyn.
3. I prefer to lead active life and take up swimming and basketball at Aquamarine.
4. I really love my country and proud of my town very much.
5. My town is really nice because we haven't much noise and traffic jams
6. Pinsk theatre sometimes brings their plays here.

**3. Answer the questions. Work in pairs.**

1. What beautiful places can you visit in Stolin?
2. Where do they go out at weekends?
3. What are the people in this town?
4. Why is it comfortable place to live?
5. What place is popular among young people?
6. What makes this town ideal for Mary?

**4. Complete the sentences according to the text**

1. It was first \_\_\_\_\_

2. The most picturesque place of interest in my town is \_\_\_\_\_

3. There was Radzivils' Estate which \_\_\_\_\_

4. People in our town \_\_\_\_\_

5. Our pride is \_\_\_\_\_

6. I prefer to lead active life and \_\_\_\_\_

7. I think that \_\_\_\_\_