

## Ukraine: Culture Clips

### 6 Natural Wonders of Ukraine

#### 1 Suggested Answer Key

A natural wonder is a place of great natural beauty that people admire. I've visited Optymistychna Cave and I was amazed. It's a beautiful place that makes you feel that you are in another world. One of the natural wonders of the world that I would love to visit is the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. I'd love to dive into the ocean and see the thousands of colourful corals and tropical sea life that live there.

#### 2 Suggested Answer Key

Although I haven't been to most of these places. I know about all of them, as they are some of the greatest attractions in Ukraine. All of these places are of unique natural beauty. There is something special about every one of them. Askaniia Nova is an enormous nature reserve, Synevyr Lake is thousands of years old, Podilski Tovtry is a national park that is home to hundreds of different plant and animal species, and Svitiaz is Ukraine's biggest and deepest lake. Oleshky Sands is the closest thing we have to a desert. Optymistychna Cave is full of beautiful crystals and other formations, and Dnistrovskiyi Canyon is popular with people who want to enjoy a weekend in wild nature.

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1 G      3 C      5 E      7 F  
2 D      4 B      6 –      8 A

#### 4

1 dense                      4 vegetation  
2 peculiar                  5 artificial  
3 breathtaking          6 slopes

#### 5 Suggested Answer Key

A: I think we should include Lake Synevyr in our project. It's a beautiful place.

B: That's a good idea. I'm sure we can find fantastic photos of the lake and the surrounding national park.

A: Yes. Also, since the lake is over 10,000 years old, we can look into its history and how it has changed over time.

B: And we can talk about the little island in the middle of the lake. All this will give us enough material for our project.

A: It will, yes. What else should we include in our project? I think Oleshky Sands is a nice idea.

B: It is certainly an amazing place, but I'm worried that we might not find enough information or impressive photos for our project. It's like a desert, so there isn't much variety in the landscape. What about Lake Svitiaz?

A: What a beautiful place! With its high waves and clear water, it certainly is a natural wonder. My only problem is that we've already chosen to write about a lake. Let's write about something different.

B: Why don't we write about Optymistychna Cave? It looks perfect!

A: That's a great idea. We can find pictures of the crystal sections, the stalagmites, the stalactites and all the stunning features of the cave.

B: We can also talk about the cave's history and some of the exploration expeditions that have taken place over the years.

A: That will be extremely interesting. Let's do it!

#### 6 (Ss' own answers)

##### Let's play!

1 elms, junipers, maples

2 up to 8 metres

4 You can find drinking water there.

5 the temperature and the amount of rain that falls there

6 It's called Morske Oko (Eye of the Sea) because of the small island that is in the centre of the lake.  
22 metres

7 Podilski Tovtry

9 250 kilometres

10 a river in Ukraine

11 more than 60

12 Svitiaz Lake

13 in 1966

15 a dense forest, to prevent the sand from spreading

17 It's a list of endangered animals and plants that live in Ukraine. 29

18 camels, llamas, buffalos, wild horses

19 the shells of the molluscs that lived here in the ocean

20 million years ago became limestone ridges