



1 Do you go sightseeing when you travel?  
What kind of attractions interest you most?  
Tell the class.

2 a) Look at the pictures. What kind of  
attractions can tourists in Kyiv enjoy? Read  
to find out.

## Reading

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# TRAVELLERS' SPOT

Hi fellow bloggers! I've just come back from Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital. It's one of the oldest and definitely most attractive cities in Eastern Europe. There's so much to see and do there that you don't know what to choose. That's why it might be a good idea to start with the Kyiv in Miniature exhibition in Hydropark. In this amazing entertainment complex, you'll see small models of the city's attractions. So, you can have a look at what the city has to offer and choose where to go. Why don't you post a comment about your experiences of visiting Kyiv?

**Post a comment**

Dan, Colorado, USA

That's a great idea, Dan! I went to another place where they showed small things ... very small things! Imagine a whole caravan of camels in the eye of a needle! Or a flea fitted with golden shoes! These magnificent works of art are so small that you can only see them through a magnifying glass or a microscope. If you go to Kyiv Pechersk Lavra, you must see this exhibition too. Simply brilliant!

Olga, Barcelona, Spain

*I was in the same area too, Olga, but I had a completely different experience. My visit was more adventurous. It involved deep underground tunnels and holes below a huge, beautiful monastery. It was so dark in there that they gave us candles so we could see. I absolutely recommend a visit. You'll be thrilled! But remember: wear flat shoes because the ground is very steep. Ladies must not enter in trousers or shorts - only skirts and dresses, and they must cover their head with headscarves.*

Bart, London, UK

While you were deep under the ground I was enjoying the great outdoors, Bart! My friends and I enjoyed a walk among thousands of different kinds of trees and flowers from around the world, all gathered in one vast, colourful park. There were stunning views of the Dnipro River, and we even bought some nuts to feed the squirrels! What a beautiful place! They say it's absolutely amazing in May, when lilac and magnolia trees are in blossom!

Lina, Bari, Italy

## CHECK THESE WORDS

fellow, definitely, miniature, entertainment complex, model, attraction, caravan, needle, flea, fit, magnificent, magnifying glass, microscope, adventurous, involve, tunnel, monastery, candle, thrilled, headscarf, the great outdoors, gathered, vast, stunning, feed, squirrel

b) Read the text again and match the visitor to the attraction.

1  Lina

2  Olga

3  Bart

A Microminiatures Museum

B Central Botanical Garden

C Lavra Caves

3 Which traveller, A (Dan), B (Olga), C (Bart) or D (Lina):

- |   |  |       |
|---|--|-------|
| 1 | gave food to animals?                                    | ..... |
| 2 | was in Kyiv very recently?                               | ..... |
| 3 | saw tiny copies of things?                               | ..... |
| 4 | advises women what to wear to a particular attraction?   | ..... |
| 5 | didn't see any sun during their visit to the attraction? | ..... |

## Vocabulary

4 Fill in: *entertainment, great, fellow, magnifying, underground, stunning*. Use the phrases to write sentences based on the text, as in the example.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 .....        | 4 the .....     |
| bloggers       | outdoors        |
| 2 ..... tunnel | 5 ..... glass   |
| 3 ..... views  | 6 ..... complex |

*Dan is asking his fellow bloggers to write about their travel experiences in Kyiv.*

## Speaking & Writing

5 **THINK!** What did you learn about Kyiv's attractions from the text? Tell your partner.

6 **ICT** Look up information on the Internet on another popular tourist attraction in Kyiv. Use the information to write a comment to post on Dan's blog in the Travellers' Spot blog.

