



Where I Live

- 1 What is your home town/city or village and where is it? What is it famous for? (history, industries, rivers/lakes/seas etc.) What do you like about it? (quiet streets, green parks, interesting history, beautiful buildings etc.) Tell the class.

Reading

- 2 What do you know about Vinnytsia? What would you like to know? Write three questions that you have.
Read to see if your questions are answered.



My Home Town

I'm Svitlana from Vinnytsia and I'd like to tell you about my home town. It was founded as a small settlement on the picturesque banks of the Southern Buh River in 1363.

The history of this area is closely connected with many Ukrainian heroes such as Bohdan Khmelnytskyi, Ivan Bohun and Maksym Kryvonis. Sections of a high brick town wall, several churches and cathedrals as well as many homes have survived from olden times and attract visitors from many parts of our country. Tourists also like visiting the museum of famous Ukrainian writer Mykhailo Kotsubynskyi (1864-1913). The small white house where he lived with his family is in the centre of Vinnytsia.

Nowadays Vinnytsia is the main city of the Vinnytsia region, one of the 25 regions in Ukraine. It is situated in the central part of the country. The total area of Vinnytsia region is about 16,000 square miles. The population is about half a million people. The main rivers are the Southern Buh and the Dniester. We also have nearly 50 small rivers and 2,300 lakes. Our rivers and lakes are full of fish like carp, pike, perch and catfish. So come and enjoy fishing!

The factories and businesses of Vinnytsia produce chemicals, cars and motor parts, radio and TV equipment, building materials, furniture, and food products. The fertile soil of the region is perfect for growing vegetables and fruit. The main crop is sugar beet.

I like the quiet streets and green parks of my home town. But the biggest attraction for me and all my friends is the Singing Fountain. It's a new 3D digital musical fountain which is the largest in Europe. The evening water show is amazing. More than 500 underwater lights produce different images on a huge water screen. Will Vinnytsia be your next holiday destination?



CHECK THESE WORDS !

founded, settlement, picturesque, banks, closely connected, hero, section, brick, cathedral, survive, olden times, main, region, situated, central, population, carp, pike, perch, catfish, factory, business, chemicals, motor parts, equipment, building materials, fertile soil, crop, sugar beet, attraction, digital, underwater, image, screen, destination

3 a) Read again and choose the correct words. What does the other word mean in your language?

- 1 Vinnytsia is **situated/connected** 260km west of Kyiv.
- 2 Sam would love to start his own **factory/business** such as a shop or a restaurant.
- 3 Many people love to fish along the **parts/banks** of Ukraine's rivers.
- 4 One of the most popular **attractions/destinations** in Vinnytsia is the Singing Fountain.
- 5 There is a new factory near our house that produces **radio equipment/materials**.
- 6 Ukraine's beautiful lakes **produce/attract** thousands of tourists every year.

b) Fill in: *musical, materials, parts, banks, destination, olden, soil, settlement, underwater, main*. Use the phrases to make sentences based on the text.

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| 1 small | 6 building |
| 2 picturesque | 7 fertile |
| 3times | 8 fountain |
| 4 city | 9 lights |
| 5 motor | 10 holiday |

Vinnytsia used to be a small settlement but now it's a big city.

Speaking & Writing

4 **THINK!**  What can a tourist see and do in Vinnytsia? Take notes from the text, then tell a partner. Would you like to visit this place? Why/Why not? Tell the class.

5 **ICT** Collect information about your home town/city under the following headings: *history/heroes, geography (where it is, population, rivers etc.), industry, what you like (green parks etc.), attractions*. Use your notes to give a short presentation in front of the class. You can use the plan below.

I'm and I'd like to tell you about my home town. It was founded In the town, there are which have survived from olden times. Tourists like visiting

..... is situated The total area is and the population is The main rivers are

The factories of produce I like The biggest attraction for me is