**Сделать перевод Let’s talk about Great Britain**

**1. Let’s talk about Britain. What do you know about this country?**

The full name of the country is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The United Kingdom is situated on the British Isles. The British Isles consist of two large islands, Great Britain and Ireland, and a great number of small islands. Their total area is over 314 000 sq. km. The British Isles are separated from the European continent by the North Sea and the English Channel. The western coast of Great Britain is washed by the Atlantic Ocean and the Irish Sea. Northern Ireland occupies one third of the island of Ireland. It borders on the Irish Republic in the south. The island of Great Britain consists of three main parts: England (the southern and middle part of the island), Wales (a mountainous peninsula in the West) and Scotland (the northern part of the island).

There are no high mountains in Great Britain. In the north the Cheviots separate England from Scotland, the Pennines stretch down North England along its middle, the Cambrian Mountains occupy the greater part of Wales and the Highlands of Scotland are the tallest of the British mountains. There is very little flat country except in the region known as East Anglia. Most of the rivers flow into the North Sea. The Thames is the deepest and the longest of the British rivers. Some of the British greatest ports are situated in the estuaries of the Thames, Mersey, Trent, Clyde and Bristol Avon. Great Britain is not very rich in mineral resources; it has some deposits of coal and iron ore and vast deposits of oil and gas that were discovered in the North Sea.

The warm currents of the Atlantic Ocean influence the climate of Great Britain. Winters are not severely cold and. summers are rarely hot. The population of the United Kingdom is over 58 million people. The main nationalities are: English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish. In Great Britain there are a lot of immigrants from former British Asian and African colonies. Great Britain is a highly industrialized country. New industries have been developed in the last three decades. The main industrial centres are London, Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool, Glasgow and Bristol. The capital of the country is London. The United Kingdom is a parliamentary monarchy.

**2. Would you like to visit Britain? Why (not)?** Yes, of course. It would be great to visit this unique country and to learn more about its geography, history and culture on the spot.

**3. What would you ask a British teenager about national holidays in Britain?** What is the difference between state and bank holidays in Great Britain? What is your favourite holiday? Are there any similar things in celebration of New Year in Great Britain and Belarus?

**4. Give me a piece of advice on what sights to see in London.** London is one the richest cities in its sights to visit. I strongly recommend you to visit the Bridge of London, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. You can go to Hyde Park just to rest and see the Poet’s Corner. But the best look on the city is from London Eye.

**5. Do the British differ greatly from Belarusian people in character? Why?** I think, it’s true. We differ a lot because of our different languages, customs, traditions and historical development. These are the factors which influence greatly on characters of people.

**What sights in England would you advise me to visit?**

First of all, I would advise you to visit London with its beautiful sights such as St. Paul’s Cathedral ,Christopher Wren’s masterpiece, one of the most beautiful churches is the world with its famous Whispering Gallery. Its dome is one of the highest in the world.

It goes without saying you should visit the Tower of London built in the 11th century by William the Conqueror . You can learn a lot about the history of Britain if you take part in a guided tour . The guides are beefeaters in their colourful Tudor uniforms . You can see legendary ravens and the Crown Jewels there.

You should visit Stonehenge a breathtaking prehistoric monument located near Salisbury You can also visit Windsor Castle and see with your own eyes the imposing (грандиозный) towers and battlements зубчатая стена of the castle which is the official residence of the Queen.

Would you like to visit Great Britain ? Why (not)?

Of course, I would like to visit Great Britain because I would like to see with my own eyes its beautiful sights, royal ceremonies, learn more about its culture and traditions, sample English cuisine, and practise English.

**What would you ask a British teenager about Britain?**

1. Do you dress up at Halloween?

2. What sight would you recommend me to visit in Britain?

3. What dish would you recommend me to eat?

4. Have you ever met the Queen?

5. Does it often snow in winter in Britain?

**Do British traditions and customs differ from Belarusian ones?**

In my opinion, on the one hand traditions differ in Britain and Belarus, because the British have a lot of royal ceremonies such as Changing the Guards , Trooping the Colour , the ceremony of Opening the Parliament. We don’t have a king or a queen in Belarus. The British celebrate Guy Fawkes night or Bonfire night with lots of fireworks, St Valentine’s Day, Halloween which we don’t celebrate. Here in Belarus we celebrate Kupalle and Kalyady. But on the other hand both in Britain and in Belarus we celebrate such holidays as Easter and Christmas.