

## TATARSTAN. KAZAN

Tatarstan is my homeland. The Republic of Tatarstan is situated in the Middle Volga region. The territory of Tatarstan is 68 thousand square kilometres. Its population is about 4 million.

There are many rivers, lakes and forests in our republic. The most important rivers are the Volga and the Kama.

Tatarstan is a republic of prodigious potentials. It is rich in natural resources, such as oil and gas.

Tatarstan has a powerful industry, a developed agriculture. We grow wheat, rye, oats, potatoes, sugar beet and other crops in our republic.

There are many cities and towns in Tatarstan: Kazan, Almetyevsk, Bugulma, Chistopol, Naberezhnye Chelny and etc. The most important city is Kazan. It is the capital of our republic.

Kazan is my native city. It is situated on the beautiful Volga river. Kazan is a very old city with many traditions. Kazan is a political, cultural, historic and economic centre. The population of Kazan is over 1 500 000.

There are 8 Institutes, 4 Academies and 12 Universities, where thousands of students master the professions of doctors, teachers, engineers, economists, lawyers and many others. Kazan University named after V.I.Lenin is a very old one. It was founded in 1804.

There are many historical places in Kazan. The most interesting places are: the Kremlin with its beautiful ancient towers, the History Museum, the National Library, ancient churches, mosques and others.

Kazan is a big industrial and economic centre. Hundreds of plants and factories produce medical equipment, chemical products, planes, helicopters, clothes and food. The products of our plants and factories are delivered to different parts of our republic and abroad.

Kazan is a large transport centre: there is a river port, a railway station and 2 airports. Many businessmen and tourists visit our republic and its capital.

Kazan is a cultural centre. There are a lot of museums, libraries, many cinemas, clubs and theatres in it.

There are many parks and gardens in Kazan. In the parks, gardens and squares there are monuments to famous people. Among them are the monuments to the Tatar poet Musa Jalil and to the heroes of the World War II.

We are proud of many famous people who lived and worked in Kazan. The names of Lobachevsky, Butlerov, Tukai, Saidashev are known all over the world.

Kazan is a growing city. Old constructions stand side by side with modern buildings. Kazan becomes more and more beautiful from year to year.

### Vocabulary

to be situated - быть расположенным

population - население

important - важный  
prodigious potentials - богатейший потенциал, огромные возможности  
natural resources - природные богатства  
coal - уголь  
powerful - мощный  
grow - выращивать  
wheat - пшеница  
oat - овес  
rye - рожь  
sugar beet - сахарная свекла  
crop - сельскохозяйственная культура  
to master - овладеть чем-либо  
ancient - древний, старый  
tower - башня  
church - церковь  
mosque - мечеть  
equipment - оборудование  
helicopter - вертолет  
to deliver - доставлять  
to be proud - гордиться чем-либо  
to stand side by side - стоять рядом (бок о бок)  
from year to year - из года в год  
construction - строение, сооружение

### **Ex.1. Ответьте на вопросы:**

1. Where is Tatarstan situated?
2. What is its territory and population?
3. What are the most important rivers in Tatarstan?
4. What cities and towns do you know in Tatarstan?
5. What about Tatarstan's natural resources?
6. What can you say about Tatarstan's industry and agriculture?
7. What is the capital of our republic?
8. Where is Kazan situated?
9. When was Kazan University founded?
10. What historical places do you know in Kazan?
11. What are the best monuments in our capital?

### **Ex.2. Найдите русские эквиваленты следующих словосочетаний:**

The Middle Volga region; the most important; prodigious potentials; natural resources; powerful industry; sugar beet; historical places; beautiful ancient towers; ancient churches; railway station; a large transport centre; chemical

products; helicopters; hundreds of plants; the famous people; a growing city; to stand side by side; from year to year.

**Ex.3. Найдите английские эквиваленты следующих словосочетаний:**

Татарстан – моя родина; огромный потенциал; природные богатства; уголь и газ; развитое сельское хозяйство; сельскохозяйственные культуры; самый важный город; родной город; много традиций; культурный центр; тысячи студентов; Казанский Университет – один из самых старых; Национальная библиотека; Исторический Музей; старинные церкви; железнодорожная станция; памятник знаменитым людям; Вторая мировая война; растущий город; из года в год.

**Ex.4. Закончите предложения подходящими фразами из правой колонки:**

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| 1. The Republic of Tatarstan is...              | a. ... are delivered to different parts of our republic and abroad.        |
| 2. Tatarstan is a republic...                   | b. ... situated in the Middle Volga region.                                |
| 3. Tatarstan has a powerful...                  | c. ... industrial and economic centre.                                     |
| 4. Kazan is a very ...                          | d. ... to the Tatar poet Musa Jalil and to the heroes of the World War II. |
| 5. Kazan University...                          | e. ... industry, a developed agriculture.                                  |
| 6. Kazan is a big...                            | f. ... was founded.  |
| 7. The products of our plants and factories ... | g. ... and squares there are monuments to famous people.                   |
| 8. Kazan is a large transport center ...        | h. .... of prodigious potentials.  |
| 9. In the parks, gardens ...                    | i. ... there is a river port, a railway station and 2 airports.            |
| 10. Among them there are monuments ...          | j. ... side with modern buildings.   |
| 11. Old constructions stand side by ...         | k. ... old city with many traditions.                                      |

**Ex.5. Заполните пропуски:**

1. The territory of Tatarstan is ... kilometres.

2. There are many rivers, ... in our republic.
3. Tatarstan is a republic of... potentials.
4. Tatarstan has a ... industry.
5. Kazan ... my native town.
6. ... on the beautiful Volga.
7. The University ... in 1804.
8. Hundreds of... produce medical equipment, planes, helicopters.
9. The products of our plants ... to different parts of our republic and abroad.
10. There is ... port, ... station.
11. There ... monuments to ... people.
12. Old constructions stand ... with modern buildings.
13. Kazan ... more and more beautiful from ... to year.

**Ex.6. Вставьте предлоги и местоимения:**

1. The Republic of Tatarstan is situated ... the Middle Volga region.
2. It is rich ... natural resources, such as coal and gas.
3. Kazan is the capital ... our republic.
4. The products of our plants are delivered ... different parts of ... republic and abroad.
5. Many businessmen and tourists visit our republic and ... capital.
6. There are ... museums, libraries, many cinemas and clubs in ....
7. In the parks, gardens there are monuments ... famous people.
8. Among ... are the monuments ... the Tatar poet Musa Jalil and to the heroes ... the World War II.
9. Old constructions stand side ... side ... modern buildings.
10. Kazan becomes more and more beautiful... year ... year.

**Ex.7. Переведите слова в скобках:**

1. The Republic of Tatarstan (находится) in the Middle Volga region.
2. (Его) population is about 5 million.
3. There are many (рек, озер и лесов) in our republic.
4. It is (богата) in natural resources.
5. Tatarstan has (мощную индустрию).
6. There are 17 Institutes and the University, where (тысячи) of students (овладевают) the professions of doctors, teachers, engineers and many others.
7. It (был основан) in 1804.
8. Hundreds of plants and factories (производят) medical equipment, chemical products, planes, (вертолеты), clothes and food.
9. The products of our plants and factories (поставляются) to different parts of our republic and (за границу).
10. In (парках, садах и площадях) there are monuments to (знаменитым) people.

**Ex.8. Переведите диалог, выучите его наизусть:**

### **Two young people are speaking in the compartment:**

- Excuse me, what region are you from?
- I am from Tatarstan.
- Where is it situated? Is it in the Central or in the Northern part of Russia?
- It is in the Central part and there are 2 big rivers: the Kazanka and the Volga in it.
- Oh, they say, that climate there is not good.
- I don't think so. The climate is moderate continental; besides I like all sorts of weather, when it is hot, warm or cold, frosty or cloudy, except windy weather. It gets on my nerves.
- By the way, I have heard that Tatarstan has separated and become a sovereign republic.
- You are mistaken, I am afraid. It's quite true that Tatarstan is a sovereign Republic of which the President is the official head. But still we have much in common with Russia.
- And is your capital a beautiful city?
- Yes, it is a very ancient city with good cultural traditions and I think with a nice future. And why do you want to visit our city?
- You see, I visit your city on business. Kazan has become a big commercial and business centre.

### **Ex.9. Составьте диалоги, используя данные слова и выражения:**

1. Homeland, population, republic, city, rivers, centre, industry, agriculture, most important.
2. Capital, beautiful, traditions, University, places, ancient, transport, cultural centre, monuments.

