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# The climate and the way we live

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**Climate in Belarus** ( Prepared by Tanya Kasperovich, Tanya Komar, Sveta Marmysh, Yuliya Timoshchuk, Veronica Siniysa, Sheygerevich Dasha)

1. What is the climate like where you live?

We live in Belarus. The country's climate is temperate continental because of the proximity of the Baltic Sea (257 meters at the closest point). Winters last between 105 and 145 days, and summers last up to 150 days. The average temperature in January is  $-6^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and the average temperature for July is about  $18^{\circ}\text{C}$ , with high humidity. Average annual precipitation ranges from 550 to 700 millimeters and is sometimes excessive.

2. What type of houses do people traditionally have in your place? Why do

In big cities many storied buildings are usually built. Recently rather attractive block of flats have been built.

In villages people live in wooden houses. Many villages are being turned into agricultural towns due to the policy of our government. New cookie-cutters are usually built there.



### 3. What clothes do people wear? (Winter- summer clothes; traditional clothes for men-women)

We used to wear sheepskin coats and fur coats in winter. But we don't do it often now because winters have become warmer. So we wear coats and jackets. In summer we wear T-shirts, skirts and dresses.



### 4. What food do they eat? Why? Write a recipe of a traditional dish.

It's a well-known fact that Belarusians are fond of potato. We really like it and grow a lot of it. And, of course our traditional dish is made of potatoes. It's 'Draniki' – pancakes made of potatoes.

#### Ingredients

- 4 large raw potatoes, grated.
- 4 tbs flour.
- 1/2 tsp baking powder.
- 2 eggs.
- 1/2 tsp salt.
- oil.

#### Method

Grate potatoes, drain off surplus liquid; add salt, flour, baking powder and eggs. Mix well until all is combined. Cook by heaping tablespoonful (spread out a little bit with back of spoon) in hot oil in heavy 10-inch skillet. Fry until golden brown on both sides. Remove from skillet, drain on paper towels and keep warm in covered

container. Serve with whipped sour cream



5. What activities do people do outdoors in your country? (In summer and in winter)

In summer people like to go for a picnic to the bank of a river, in villages they often engaged in agricultural activities, in autumn they pick up mushrooms. The hardly ever spend much time outdoors.



6. The climate can make a lot of problems. Do you have disasters in your country? What do people have to do if there is this kind of disaster?  
Please include 2-3 photos on each question

Fortunately, our climate is mild. We never have hurricanes or earthquakes. However sometimes we have small problems. In the last few years we have

rather warm winters with practically no snow and temperature above zero. But the level of precipitation of rain in spring, summer and autumn is sometimes very high. This causes the destruction of harvest. Unfortunately, people can do nothing about it.



## *Gubkin*

### *1. What is the climate like where you live?*

The Belgorod region is situated in favorable economic, geographical and climate conditions. It has moderate continental climate. The spring in our region (especially May) is warm and shiny usually,  $t \sim +14 - +22$ . The territory of the region are steppes and pine woods.

The summer is hot and dry, and the winter is cold. There is a lot of snow on the ground. The hottest month is July and the coldest is January. The main type of soil is black. It is the most fertile sort and it is the main national wealth.

The history of Belgorodskay region is very interesting. In the past geological period, on the territory tropical and subtropical forests of palmettoes, bread trees, bamboos, grapes and other south plants grew.

The outstanding feature of the Belgorod region is agriculture. Based on famous black-earth soil, agricultural industry and agricultural business add to the wealth of the region. At present the Belgorod region is among the first ten regions in investment attraction.

The farmers grow cereals cultures (winter crops wheat and rye, oats, maize and others).

Cherry-tree, apple-tree, tomatoes, cabbages, carrots and others are growing in the gardens now.

### *2. What type of houses do people traditionally have in your place? Why do you think houses are like that?*

In our town people traditionally live in 5-9 storied buildings. It is because we have very windy weather.

3. *What clothes do people wear? (winter - summer clothes; traditional clothes for men-women)*

In summer our people wear light clothes. The traditional clothes for men is trousers and sport shirts. Traditional clothes for women is a skirt and a jacket.



Here you can see typical autumn clothes for young children and teenagers. It is October.

4. *What food do they eat? Why? Write a recipe of a traditional dish.*

We can eat traditional Russian bliny or Italian pizza or different exotic fruits. We can buy nowadays everything in our supermarkets.

5. *What activities do people do outdoors in your country? (in summer and in winter)?*

Gubkin is a great sports center. The city administration pays much attention to the development of sport and support of sport societies. There re 2 modern sport palaces and one swimming-pool in our city.

There are more than 600 sport facilities in Belgorod. There are 3 sport palaces, 9 stadiums with seating capacity of 1500 seats or more. In addition, there are more than 30 swimming-pools. Belgorod and the region are proud of its sportsmen, some of them are world-famous, such as Olympic Gymnastics champion Svetlana Khorkina, volley-ball team “Lokomotiv-Belgorie”, football team “Salut-Energy” and many others.

So, the main activity in our region is sport.

Palace of Sport “Crystal”



Palace of Sport “Gornyak”



*6. The climate can make a lot of problems. Do you have disasters in your country? What do people have to do if there is this kind of disaster?*

We do not have disasters in our city.

## Kortkeros, Komi Republic, Russia

1. What is the climate like where you live? (Igor)



Komi Republic is situated in the north of Russia. The climate here is severe.

The winters are usually cold and the summers are usually warm and sometimes hot.

winter	-16	-53	+2+5
spring	+7+12	+10+17	0+5
summer	+17+20	+30+35	
autumns		-44	+29

The average temperature

Maximum

Minimum



2. What type of houses do people traditionally have in your place? Why do you think houses are like that? (Olya V., Tanya)

Traditionally people build wooden houses. The houses were one-storey. They consisted of 2 halves: a shed and a living part. In the shed there were domestic animals and some hay for them. The houses were built in this way because the weather is chilly in winter and there is a lot of snow. When you came into the living part you could see a large Russian stove. Near the window there was a table with a samovar. Almost in every house there was a red corner where the icons stood.

Now they make their houses not only from wood, but also from bricks.



3. What clothes do people wear? (Rada)

**In summer people usually wear light clothes: T-shirts, shorts, dresses, sandals. In winter they have to wear warm clothes: sweaters, jeans, coats, sometimes fur coats and fur caps. Women and girls wear high boots or sometimes “pimy” (fur high boots made of deer skin). Boys wear “valenki” (felt boots) when they go for a walk**



3. What food do they eat? Why? Write a recipe of a traditional dish.

(Olya I., Olya R.)

Komi national food is very various. Every day they cook soup, kissel of forest berries. For celebration they cooked “Lyaz” (made of berries called “bird cherry”), “Ribnik” (fish pie), potatoes, and game. They put dairy products: cheese, cheese, sour milk. People ate from one plate. It was a sign of friendship of the family. They cooked food in the Russian stove, in clay and iron pots. The food was very tasty if it was cooked on birch fire.



Parencha

(Masha)

Swede -219 gr

Turnip -220 gr

Carrot -222 gr

Sugar -9 gr

Cut vegetables into large pieces, put them in the pot. Put sugar and steam it in its own juice in the oven till it is ready.

Enjoy parencha.

3. What activities do people do outdoors in your country? (Stas, Lyosha)

In summer people pick mushrooms and berries or go fishing. On weekends people have picnics, go to the river to swim and to lie in the sun. Children like playing football and riding bikes.

In winter there are some people who go fishing. Others like skiing or hunting. Children like playing ice hockey, skiing or playing in the snow.



.6. Do you have disasters in your country? What do people have to do if there is this kind of disaster? (Katya)

Usually we don't have any disasters. Sometimes when the weather is rainy in summer we have floods and they usually last a day. If the weather is hot we have forest fires.

# Mexico

## 1. What is the climate like where you live?

The city of Xalapa is situated at 1400 meters over sea level. The weather is humid and varied, with a maximum temperature of 30.2 ° C and a minimum of 4-10 in the morning. All the humidity that comes inland from the Gulf of Mexico gets stuck in this zone, so it is often to see a white haze that gives its distinctive mountain environment. Because of this, there is wide and extended variety of plants and trees, where we can distinguish coffee as one of the main agricultural products in the region.



Haze Forest

## 2. What type of houses do people traditionally have in your place? Why do you think houses are like that?

Like a hundred years ago there used to be a lot of constructions with the same style with very high ceilings covered with clay tiles. And very big patios where people used to put the coffee seeds to dry. Nowadays, lots of constructions have been demolished to open the way to modern architecture.



Typical constructions

### **3. What clothes do people wear? (winter- summer clothes; traditional clothes for men-women)**

We don't have extreme weather or religious standards so any type of clothes is valid. In summer you can see people wearing shorts and T-shirts and caps. In winter you need nothing special, but a warm jacket, and sometimes gloves and hats.

Most of the time you see people wearing jeans, T-shirts, and if your job requires it, a suit and a tie.

Each region has its own traditional clothes. In Veracruz the traditional clothes are called "Traje de Jarocho" (Jarocho's suit) as people from Veracruz are called "Jarochos".

Clothes examples



Jarocho's suites

### **4. What food do they eat? Why? Write a recipe of a traditional dish.**

Our food has a rich variety. Most of people include tortillas and beans in their diet. Tortilla is made out of corn dough. You make very thin circles (20 cm diameter) with the dough and you bake them in special ovens.

As we are so close to the sea coast, you can often see a lot of places offering sea food. Some traditional dishes of the region are "Mole" and "Acamayas". "Tacos" are very common and can be found in almost all the country.

There are a lot of places which offer international food too, like Italian, Japanese, Chinese, etc.

"Mole" is like a sauce you put over a piece of chicken usually. It is a combination of about 50 different ingredients from which we could mention different types of chilis, chocolate, almonds and peanuts. "Acamayas" are river shrimps served by kilogram prepared in

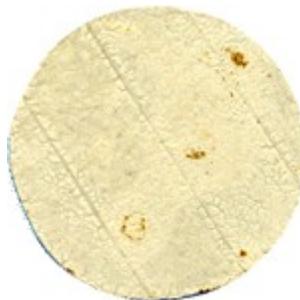
different ways (garlic, chilli, etc.). The base of "Tacos" is the tortilla, and you can put anything on top of it (meat, cheese, etc.).



Mole



Acamayas



Tortilla

### **5.What activities do people do outdoors in your country?**

Eco-tourism is very popular in our region as we have a lot of mountains, rivers and beaches. Veracruz has one of the biggest coral reefs in the world.You can do sports like rappeling, rafting, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, water skiing, snorkeling, scuba diving, etc. And they can be practiced all year long.



Rafting



Rappel



Scuba Diving

**6.The climate can make a lot of problems. Do you have disasters in your country?  
What do people have to do if there is this kind of disaster?**

We are affected by the hurricane season in the Gulf of Mexico, which is from November to March. We get very strong winds (150 kilometers per hour) commonly called "Norths". They cause disasters in cities bringing down signs, electrical wires, etc., but the biggest impact is seen in the crops. Strong rain cause floods in the rivers affecting a lot of people that live nearby.

Communities in danger zones are organized and prepared to evacuate in this cases, but still remains the fact that sometimes they loose all their belongings.



Hurricane



Flood

## Novosibirsk

We have very cold winter, but we have very hot summer. We live in wooden peasant's hut, but also have new houses. I think peasant's hut is traditional for us, because it is hot and excellent.



In summer girls wear peasant summer dress, but men wear shirts.



We like to eat pancakes, because they are very tasty and nourishing.



Yulia Brus, Gymnasium # 12

In summer we roller skate. We swim in the river in summer. In winter we ski and skate. (Nastya Petrova)

I like winter, because I can play snowballs, ski and skate. In winter we wear traditional clothes: warm trousers and a coat. In summer we wear shorts and T-shirts. (Alyosha Chechulin)

## Kansas

### The Climate and People

By: Jady, Cobi, and Tony

1. What is the climate like where you live? The climate in Kansas changes depending on the season, Winter- very cold, Spring- gets warmer a lot of rain, Summer- hot, Fall- starts to get colder outside.



2. What types of houses do people traditionally have in your place? Why do you think houses are like that? It really depends on what kind of house the person wants to live in, some people buy concrete or brick houses because they can keep you a lot safer in tornadoes, and some people buy wood houses maybe because their in good neighborhoods, and because they can be cheaper while brick homes are very expensive.

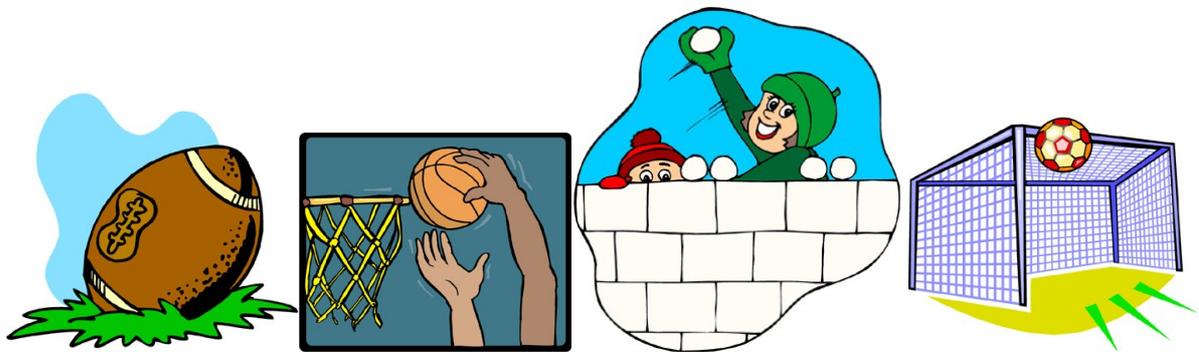


## DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat a grill for high heat.
2. In a medium bowl, lightly mix together the ground beef, Worcestershire sauce, liquid smoke and garlic powder. Form into 3 patties, handling the meat minimally. Brush both sides of each patty with some oil, and season with seasoned salt.
3. Place the patties on the grill grate, and cook for about 5 minutes per side, until well done.



5. What activities do people do outdoors in your country? People here do a lot of sports. Soccer, basketball, football, track, etc, and in the winter people like to do things in the snow (snowball fights, make snowmen, etc.)



6. The climate can make a lot of problems. Do you have disasters in your country? What do people have to do if there is this kind of disaster? In Kansas we are known for having tornadoes, during this disaster you are to report to your basement or a room without windows until the threat is over.



This is what happened to the town in Kansas with the most recent tornado:



## Ohio, the USA

### 1. Climate

Chelsea Hupp

Hi I'm from Woodsfield, Ohio in the U.S.A. In the winter we can have snowstorms, and they can cause wrecks and no school; sometimes we have floods in Cameron but none in Woodsfield. The climate, in the winter it can be cold, in the summer it is hot. In the fall it starts to get cool. An activity in the fall is football. The cheerleaders wear a skirt and a top that has the name of the team, "REDS", in our school colors red and black. If it's cold they will wear cheer pants and a black long sleeve shirt with the same uniform top.

Most boys play this sport and the girls do cheerleading to support the boys. The players have to wear pads to protect their shoulders. In the summer we swim.

Trees In Different Seasons.

This is what happens in the fall the leaves turn red, yellow, brown, and orange.



This is what happens in the summer the leaves start going back to green

## 2. Houses

Alison Sloan



**These are some details about houses in Woodsfield, Ohio. Our houses are made from concrete, vinyl siding, wood, and sometimes bricks. There are a few different kinds of houses where we live, trailers, which are mobile homes you can move wherever you want, one story homes with no stairs, and two-story homes which have stairs in them to lead to a different story of the home. We have big backyards because we live in a small town and there are not many houses around. There are also basements under the main part of the house. Our houses can be on the ground because we don't have floods where we live, because Woodsfield is on top of a hill. There are also studs in our walls, which hold the house up, brick is also a good material to help hold the house up too. Because, if there was a bad storm high winds it would be better than just having wood, or vinyl siding. The material the house is built out of could cave in, if there was no support in the walls. Also, it would not only protect the house but the people living inside it. I have included some pictures of houses that look like the houses in Woodsfield. This is a picture of a house being built, as you can see this house is made of wood.**

### **3. Clothes**

We live in Woodsfield, OH. During the summer we normally wear shorts and t-shirts or tank tops. We also wear summer clothes that have light colors like pastels. During the winter we normally wear heavier clothes because of the cold weather. The colors we normally wear during the winter are blues, whites, black, and gray. During the fall we wear sweaters and jeans because it is the season before winter and it's starting to get cold. The colors we normally wear during the fall are orange, red, brown, and green. The clothes we wear during the spring are light dresses (for girls), or Capri's and t-shirts. The colors we normally wear during the spring are floral patterns, pinks, blues, and other light colors. We have a variety of materials that we use in our clothes. Such as cotton, polyester, silk, and many other materials. The traditional clothes for a funeral are suits for guys, or skirts and a nice shirt for girls. The color we normally wear for a funeral is black or gray because it shows that you are in mourning for them. The clothes we normally wear for a wedding depends on what time of the year it is. If it's in the summer we normally wear dresses for girls and suits or nice pants for guys. If its in the winter and fall then sweaters and nice dress pants for girls and suits for guys. The colors we normally wear for a wedding also depends on the time of the year. If it were in the summer the colors would be pink, green, blue, etc.. If it is in the fall or winter the colors would be blue, white, green, orange, brown, etc.. The traditional clothes we wear to church are dresses and skirts for girls and suits or dress pants and a nice shirt are the regular clothes we wear to church. The traditional clothes we wear to school are jeans and t-shirts it is very casual at school. We wear these clothes for different clothes occasions because those different occasions have a different style and for some you have to be dressed up and others you don't. The clothes have many different shapes and sizes.



To the right are some examples of some shirts.



To the right is an example of a dress.

#### 4. Food (Kristen)

*One of my family's traditional dishes is chili. One of the reasons it is a traditional dish because it was my great grandma's favorite food so every Sunday we eat chili. Here is the recipe for it*

*You need*

*1 pound of ground beef  
1/2 cup chopped onions  
1 cans tomatoes  
1can of kidney beans drained  
1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
1-teaspoon salt*

*You need to spray a skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Brown the ground beef with onions. And remaining ingredients. Cover the steamer for 2 minute's, chili serves 6 people. For breakfast we eat pancakes. For lunch we eat pizza. For dinner we eat chili. (Kristen)*

*Chili*



*pancakes*



*pizza*



*located in woodsfield ohio*

### *5. Activities (Alanna)*

Snowboarding is a sport you can do during the winter or just for fun!!



This is the summer picture. You could go to Cedar Point to do this.



*Hi! I am typing this from Woodsfield, Ohio.*

*1. What is the climate like where you live?*

*Our climate during the summer is usually up to 90 degrees or above. It is very warm.*

*During the spring it cools down about around the 30s and 40s. You could play softball, ride bikes or even take walks in spring. In winter it can get really cold here. We wear mostly coats, gloves, sweatshirts and scarves. Fall is mostly in between warm and hot. The temperatures can go up to 50 and go as low as 30.*

*2. What activities do people do outdoors in your country?*

*In our country you can go to a nearby park and play basketball or swing on the swings. On some of the nice days you could take walks around town or toward the end of summer you could go cheer on our football team, the Woodsfield Redskins!!!*

*3. Do you have disasters in your country? What do people have to do if there is this kind of disaster?*

*Yes we do have disasters in our country during the spring sometimes. Mostly floods. People usually just clean up the mess the flood had made and rebuild.*