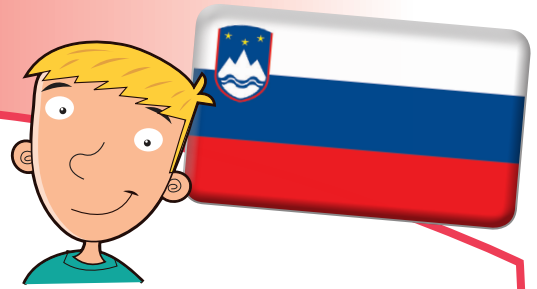


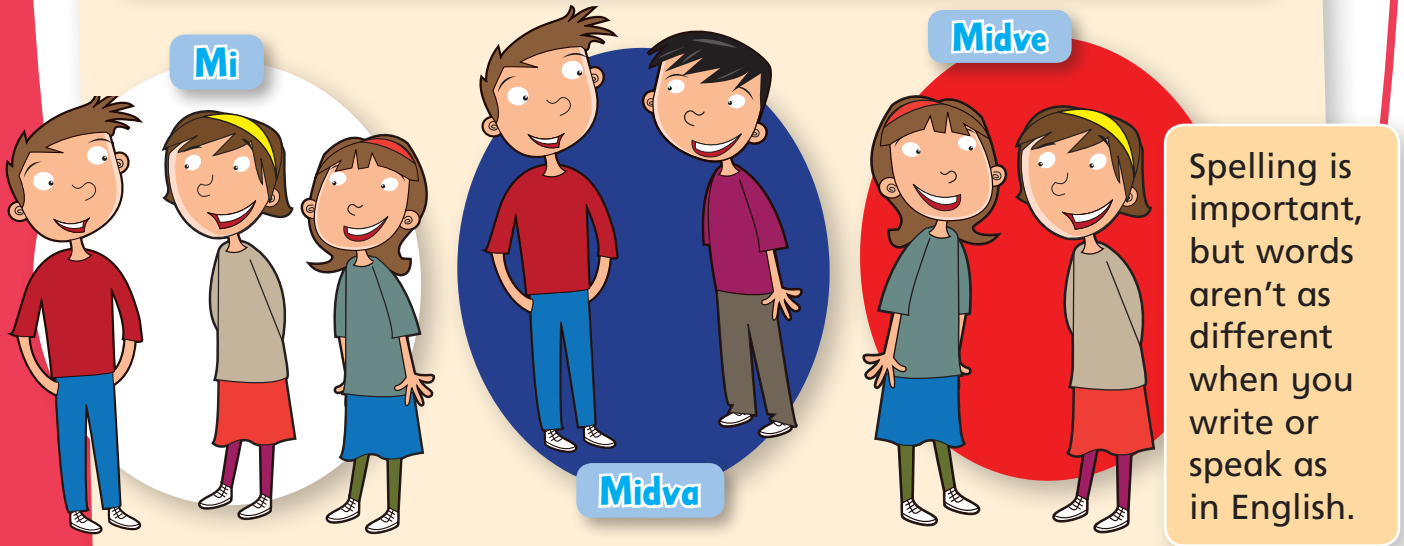
# 1 Simon Says

## My country



1 Read about the Slovenian people and language.

Slovenia is a small country in Europe. People in Slovenia are called Slovenians. They speak Slovenian. Slovenian is a beautiful language. It's very special. For example, *we* means a lot of things:



Not a lot of people speak Slovenian – about 2.5 million. A lot of people speak English – about 1 billion! I can speak both. It's great.

2 Answer the questions. 

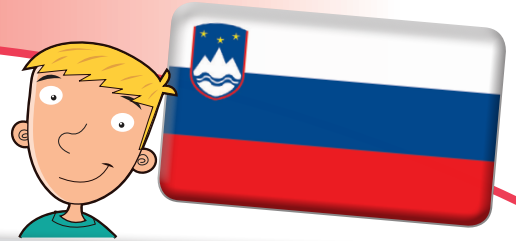
- 1 Where is Slovenia?
- 2 What language do people speak in Slovenia?
- 3 Do a lot of people speak Slovenian?
- 4 Is the Slovenian alphabet similar to the English alphabet?
- 5 What do you like about Slovenian?

The Slovenian alphabet has got 25 letters

A	B	C	Č	D
E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N
O	P	R	S	Š
T	U	V	Z	Ž

# 2 Simon Says

## People around me



### 1 Look and read.

Slovenia is a small country with around 2,000,000 people. These people are its inhabitants.



People in Slovenia live in towns and villages. People who live near or next to you are your neighbours. Some people have a lot of neighbours.

Children live with their parents or grandparents – these people are your family. There are other people in your family, such as aunts, uncles and cousins. They are your relatives.



Children in the same class are your classmates.



### 2 Answer the questions.

- 1 How many inhabitants has Slovenia got?
- 2 What are neighbours?
- 3 What are relatives?
- 4 What are friends?
- 5 Have you got a BF?
- 6 What do you like about your BF?

Your friends are a special group of people that you like and do things with. Relatives, classmates and neighbours can be your friends, too.

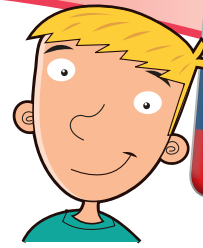
#### Did you know?

BF = best friend

BFF = best friend forever

# 3 Simon Says

## Slovenian traditions



1 Look at the pictures. What is in each picture? Make a bilingual list. 

2 Read about traditional Slovene food and drink.

British food is good, but there is a lot of famous food from Slovenia.

### Drinks

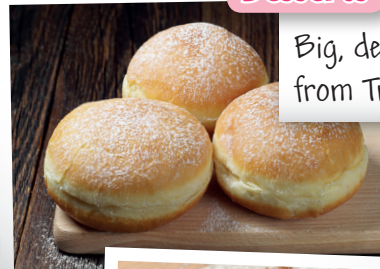


Linden tea is a traditional Slovenian drink.



Elder syrup is mixed with water. This can be home-made.

### Desserts



Big, delicious doughnuts from Trojane.



Gibanica from Prekmurje, with layers of sweet and tasty fillings.

### Meat and fish



A special sausage from Kranj, called 'kranjska klobasa'.



A special kind of trout from Slovenian rivers, called 'Šoška postrv'.

### Side dishes



Štruklji is a roll of pastry with different fillings.

3 Answer the questions. 

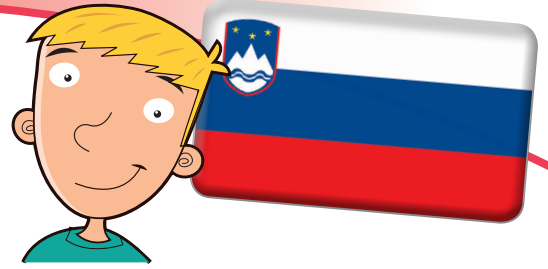
- 1 What's your favourite dessert?
- 2 What's your favourite drink?
- 3 What's your favourite Slovenian food?

A round, flat cake from Bela krajina.



# 4 Simon Says

## Animals in Slovenia



1 Look at the pictures. What animals can you see? Make a bilingual list. 

2 Read about the animals.

There are a lot of different animals in Slovenia. Some of them only live in Slovenia. Some are rare, and some are common.

### White storks

Storks are white birds with black feathers on their wings. They have long, thin orange legs and long beaks. They nest on top of chimneys.



### Olm or Proteus

These animals live in caves. They are blind – they don't need eyes, because they live in darkness. They're 20–30cm long and have a body like a snake.



### Carniolan honey bee

These are brown-grey bees, also known as the 'grey bee'. They are gentle and non-aggressive. There is usually only one queen bee in a hive, so bees follow and protect her.



### Lipizzaner

Lipizzaners are grey and very strong. They are born black and become lighter each year up to the age of 10.



### The brown bear and the lynx

These big animals live in some forests in Slovenia. There aren't many – but they are dangerous.



3 Answer the questions. 

- 1 Where do white storks nest?
- 2 How big are olms?
- 3 Are Carniolan honey bees dangerous?

- 4 Are Lipizzaners born grey?
- 5 Which big animals live in Slovenia?
- 6 What other Slovenian animals do you know?

# 5 Simon Says

## Famous buildings in Slovenia



- 1 Look at the pictures. Do you recognise the buildings?
- 2 Read about the buildings.

Some buildings in Slovenia are very old, such as castles and churches. Some are quite modern: shopping centres, stadiums and new houses. Here are three fantastic buildings.

### **National and University Library, Ljubljana (NUK)**

A copy of every Slovenian book is here.



### **Predjama Castle, Predjama**

The castle is from the 13th century. It's under a natural rocky arch, and it has a cave behind it.

### **Aljaž Tower, Triglav**

This is on the top of Mount Triglav. It's the highest building in Slovenia. It's from 1895.



### 3 Answer the questions.

- 1 What can you find in NUK?
- 2 Where is the castle?
- 3 How old is the Aljaž Tower on top of Triglav?
- 4 What interesting buildings are in your town or village?

### **Did you know?**


#### **The Solkan Bridge**

This is a 219.7-metre arched bridge over the Soča River near Nova Gorica. It is the longest stone bridge for trains.



# 6 Simon Says

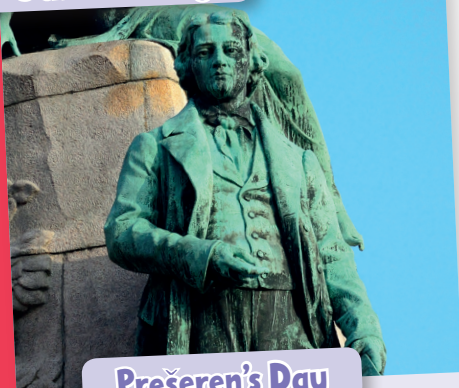
## Let's celebrate!

1 How many public holidays in Slovenia can you think of? Write the dates in your notebook. 

2 Read about special days and celebrations.

There are a lot of holidays and special days in Slovenia. Some holidays are national, some are religious or personal. On some holidays, people don't go to work.

8th February



Prešeren's Day

France Prešeren died on 8th February 1849. There's no school on this day and most museums and galleries are free to enter. There are cultural events all over Slovenia.

12th March



Gregorjevo

This is a Slovenian version of St. Valentine's Day. People build wooden boats to float on rivers. They put a candle inside. This is the 'first light' of spring.

26th December



Independence and Unity Day

Until 26th December, 1991, Slovenia was a part of a bigger country or kingdom. It is now an independent country. We celebrate this day.

Did you know?

Name day

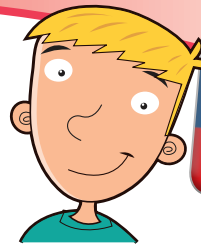
Slovenes celebrate their birthday, and they also celebrate their Name Day. This is a day of the year which is associated with a person's first name.

3 Answer the questions. 

- 1 Why is Prešeren's Day on 8th February?
- 2 How do we celebrate Gregorjevo?
- 3 Do we put up the Slovenian flag for Independence and Unity Day?

# 7 Simon Says

## Geography of Slovenia



- 1 Look at the map. Do you know the places?
- 2 Read about the geography of Slovenia.

Slovenia is in Europe. There are many different places: mountains, beaches, forests, caves, lakes, rivers and even an island.



### 3 Can you name ...

- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 a lake?     | 4 a town?           |
| 2 a river?    | 5 a cave?           |
| 3 a mountain? | 6 the capital city? |

### Did you know?

There isn't ...  
a desert  
an active volcano  
a rainforest

# 8 Simon Says

## Having fun in the sun



1 Think about the outdoor activities you like.

Where do you go? What do you need? Ask and answer.

2 Read about some popular activities in Slovenia.

In Slovenia there are lots of fun activities and many things to see and do outside. Here are four of them.

### Skiing



These people are skiing in Kranjska Gora. There's snow in winter and the weather is often sunny and not too cold. They're wearing ski jackets and trousers, gloves, special boots and warm hats.

### Canoeing on rivers



This group is canoeing on the Soča River. It's beautiful. They're wearing safety jackets and helmets.

### Hiking

There are a lot of places where people can go hiking together and have fun outdoors. Forests, hills and countryside are nice in all seasons. Take a rucksack, hiking boots and a picnic!



### Rowing



This boy is rowing a wooden boat with his girlfriend in it - it's romantic. They're going to the island on the Bled Lake. The sun is shining and they're enjoying a day out.

3 Answer the questions. 

- 1 Where are the people canoeing?
- 2 What are they wearing?
- 3 Where do people go hiking in Slovenia?
- 4 What can you do in Kranjska Gora in winter?
- 5 What can you do on the Bled Lake?

### Did you know?

Bungee jumping is an exciting activity. It looks scary, but it's safe. You hang on a rope and when you jump, you fly ... for a minute!



# 9 Simon Says

## Slovenian myths and legends

1 Do you know any myths or legends?

2 Read about Martin Krpan.

There are many myths, legends and stories in Slovenia. There's a story behind everything and anything – a town, river, castle, costume, holiday ...

Fran Levstik's tale about a strong, independent and very special man became a legend.



Martin Krpan lived in a small house in a village called Vrh pri Sveti Trojici. He was a smuggler - he carried salt from Austria to Slovenia on his small horse. Everybody knew, but nobody stopped him. He was too big and too strong, so they let him.

There were troubles in Slovenia. The warrior, Brdavs, robbed and killed people. The Emperor asked Martin Krpan for help. Martin Krpan said yes. Martin Krpan fought Brdavs, and won. The country was safe again.

The Emperor wanted to reward Martin. He said Martin could marry his daughter, or have a lot of land in Slovenia. All Martin Krpan wanted was to live his life quietly, and to be allowed to carry the salt to Slovenia legally.

3 Answer the questions. 

- 1 Did Martin Krpan live in a big house?
- 2 Did he carry sugar to Slovenia?
- 3 Did Martin help the Emperor?
- 4 Did the Emperor give Martin a reward?
- 5 What was it? Why?

### Did you know?

Fran Levstik was a writer. He lived in Velike Lašče and he died in 1887. He wrote this tale when he was 56 years old.

# Top Tips for Good Writing

## 1 Plan your work

Always plan what you are going to write. You could use a table to help you think of ideas. Make notes for each column of the table. This will show what information you need to include in your writing.

My Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
piano lesson				

## 2 Think about the presentation

What do you want to write? It could be a letter, a postcard, a blog, a website – there are lots of different kinds of text. For each kind, there are different things to think about:

**A letter:** Who is it to? Who is it from? Remember to add this information, using special phrases such as *Dear (Anna)*, *Love from (Tom)*. In a letter, you put your address and the date at the top of the letter.

**A postcard:** These are shorter than letters but you still need to say who it is to and from. You also say where you are on holiday, and what you are doing.

**A blog / A website:** This is for lots of people to read, so you don't need to say who it is to or from.

You need to think about your audience and write for them – is the blog informative, entertaining, factual or creative?

## 3 Write!

Use the ideas from your planning stages to write your work out carefully. You could do a rough draft on separate paper in pencil first, and copy this up neatly when you are happy with it.

## 4 Check

It's very important to read through your work after you've finished. Check it makes sense, and check it answers the question. You also need to see whether you have made any mistakes which you can correct. Remember to think about:



**Spelling**



**Grammar**



**Punctuation**

# 1 Writing

1 Read.

**HEALTHY FUN!**

My favourite website is 'Healthy fun'. It's about exercise! It's a website for boys and girls. It has puzzles and facts about how to keep healthy. There are fun stories too. It's great!



2 Write a word or words to complete each sentence. 

- 1 The website is about ...
- 2 The website is for ... and ...
- 3 It has puzzles and ... about how to keep ...
- 4 There are fun ...

3 Draw and write about your favourite website. 

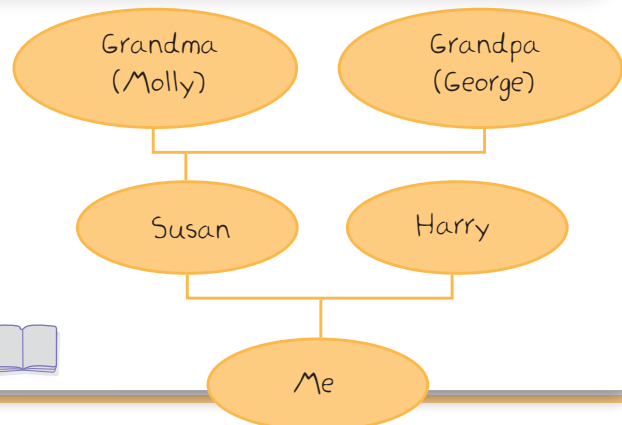
# 2 Writing

1 Read.

- My mum's name is Susan. She's got brown hair and blue eyes. My dad's name is Harry. He's got blond hair and blue eyes.
- My grandma's name is Molly and my grandpa's name is George.

2 Read and match. 

- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| 1 mum     | a Molly  |
| 2 dad     | b Susan  |
| 3 grandma | c George |
| 4 grandpa | d Harry  |



3 Draw and write about your family. 

# 3 Writing

## 1 Read.

My favourite meal is breakfast. I have lots to eat! I always have eggs, with toast, cereal and yoghurt. For lunch I sometimes have a cheese or tuna sandwich, with orange juice. I have dinner at eight o'clock. We like pasta and pizza!

## 2 Write *True* or *False*.

- 1 He has a small breakfast.
- 2 He sometimes has eggs for breakfast.
- 3 He always has yoghurt for breakfast.
- 4 He always has a tuna sandwich for lunch.
- 5 He has dinner at eight o'clock.
- 6 They like pasta and pizza.



## 3 What is your favourite meal? Draw and write.

# 4 Writing

## 1 Read.

My favourite animals are giraffes. They've got long legs and a very long neck. They're very tall! They're yellow and brown, and they're very beautiful. They're big but they can run fast. I think they're funny.

## 2 Write a word or words to complete each sentence.

- 1 Giraffes have got ... legs and a very long ...
- 2 Giraffes are very ...
- 3 They're ... and brown.
- 4 They can ... fast.

## 3 What is your favourite animal? Draw and write.



# 5 Writing



## 1 Read.

I live in a small town. I walk to school. In my class, fifteen people walk to school. My friends Tom and Clare go to school by bike. My brother goes to school in a different town. He goes to school by bus with his friends.

## 2 Write True or False.



- 1 She lives in a big town.
- 2 She walks to school.
- 3 Five people in her class walk to school.
- 4 Two of her friends go to school by bike.
- 5 Her brother goes to a different school.
- 6 Her brother goes to school by car.



## 3 How do you and your friends go to school? Draw and write.



# 6 Writing

## 1 Read.

I love playing with my friends. I see them every day at school. I like doing sport, too. On Mondays I go swimming. On Wednesdays I have a piano lesson, and on Fridays I do judo. I don't like watching television, but I like playing computer games.



## 2 Read and write the activities.



- 1 love ...
- 2 like ... , ...
- 3 don't like ...



## 3 What do you like? What don't you like? Draw and write.



# 7 Writing

## 1 Read.

### Jobs in my family by Sophia

My dad is a firefighter. He gets up early, at six o'clock. He has a shower, then he gets dressed and goes to work. He works hard but he loves his job. My mum is a teacher. She goes to work at eight o'clock, and she comes home at four o'clock. They go to bed at ten o'clock. They're tired after their busy day!



## 2 Write True or False.

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Sophia's dad works in an office. | 4 Her mum works in a school.                   |
| 2 Her dad gets up early.           | 5 Her mum and dad go to bed at eleven o'clock. |
| 3 Her dad likes his job.           |  |

## 3 What jobs do people in your family do? Draw and write.

# 8 Writing

## 1 Read.

It's Sunday. It's sunny and I'm playing in the garden. I'm playing football with my brother. The sky is very blue. My sister isn't playing football. She's reading a book. She's wearing a hat and she's having a drink. She's hot!

## 2 Write a word or words to complete each sentence.

- |                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 It's ... and it's a sunny day. | 4 His ... is reading a book.    |
| 2 He's ... in the garden.        | 5 She's ... a hat and she's ... |
| 3 He's playing ... with his ...  | a drink.                        |

## 3 It's a hot day. What are you doing? Draw and write.

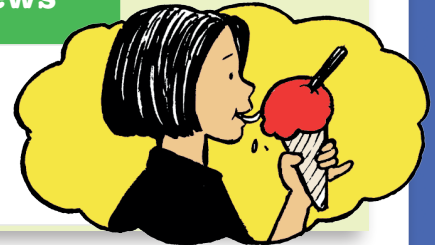
# 9 Writing



## 1 Read.

### News

Last week I was on holiday. It was great fun! I was with my family. We went to Cornwall for a week. It was sunny every day! I bought a skateboard and I had lots of ice cream! I went surfing too. The water was cold, but I had a wetsuit.



## 2 Write True or False.

- 1 She was on holiday last year.
- 2 She was with her friends.
- 3 She went to Cornwall for two weeks.
- 4 It was foggy.
- 5 She likes ice cream.
- 6 The water was cold.

## 3 Imagine you were on holiday last week. What did you do? Draw and write.

# Self Evaluation

## 1 Read and write a number from 1–3.

1=  2=  3= 

**Unit 1** Write about a favourite website.

**Unit 2** Write about my family.

**Unit 3** Write about my favourite meal.

**Unit 4** Write about my favourite animal.

**Unit 5** Write about how I go to school.

**Unit 6** Write about what I like doing.

**Unit 7** Write about jobs.

**Unit 8** Write about a sunny day.

**Unit 9** Write about a holiday.



# End - of - year project

## 1 Read.

Hi, I'm Thomas. I'm eight years old. I've got a brother, Freddie, and two sisters, Lucy and Grace. My grandma and grandpa live on our street. We live at number 9, and they live at number 23. It's great. We see them a lot.

I love animals and I like going to the zoo. My favourite animals are hippos. They're big and grey. I think they're funny.

Every day I get up at seven o'clock. I walk to school with my friends. After school I play football at the park, or I watch TV. On Saturdays and Sundays I go swimming.

Today it's a sunny day. I'm wearing a T-shirt and trousers. I'm eating an ice cream.

## 2 Read and write *True or False*.

- 1 Thomas has got three sisters.
- 2 His grandparents live at number 23.
- 3 He likes going to the zoo.
- 4 His favourite animals are lions.
- 5 He cycles to school.
- 6 He goes swimming on Saturdays and Sundays.

## 3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Thomas has got one ... and two ...
- 2 His ... and ... live on the same street.
- 3 He loves ...
- 4 His favourite animals are ... He thinks they're ...
- 5 He gets up at ...
- 6 He ... to school with his ...
- 7 Today it's ...

## 4 Draw and write about you. Answer the questions.

How old are you?

Have you got any brothers and sisters?

Where do you live?

What is your favourite animal?

What time do you get up?

What do you do after school?

What is the weather like today?

What are you wearing?