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It all starts in Latvia...

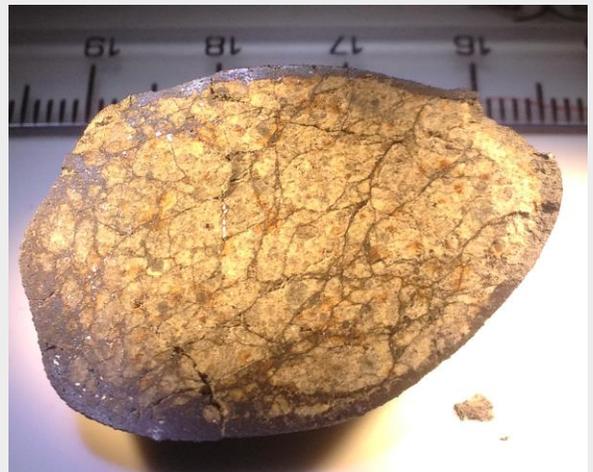


We live in Latvia, it is one of the Baltic States. There are 76 cities in Latvia. Our capital city is Riga.



In Latvia live about two million people. We live in Baloži and there live about 6400 people. We learn new things every day at Baložu Secondary school. By the way.. “Baloži” in English means pigeons. That’s a little bit funny, when we explain it. At our school every day lessons take about 660 pupils.

One day happened something really weird, scary and also very exciting at the same time. Everyone heard a big crash...BOOOOOOOM!!!!!!! That was a meteorite, which fell in the woods next to our school. Some kids, who were playing there, ran to the meteorite. They thought it was a rock, but it glowed, so they changed their mind. It was glowing yellow. That ‘rock’ was really weird.





Kids brought it in the school. When they came to the hall it started to glow even brighter. And then... a little green, friendly alien jumped out the 'rock'. Pupils were really scared and excited at the same time.

He talked to the kids English very well. That was pretty spectacular, because he was from Mars.

He said: "I want to see this world, but first - where am I?" The kids told him that he is on planet Earth - in Latvia! Then he told them:

"I would love to see your school - will you show me?"

Kids answered:

"Yes, of course - we will show you our school!" And so the journey started!

First they went to the basement. Kids showed him the wardrobe and three basement classrooms. Then they went upstairs to the first floor, to show some more classrooms and the principal's office. Then they went upstairs to see more classrooms.

The next place where they went, was the canteen. They ate tasty lunch, which we have at school every day.





After lunch they went to the sports hall and kids showed the new part of the school, which has got two floors, and it was built in 2012, when the principal cut the red ribbon and officially opened the new part of the school.





Kids brought him to the stadium outside, where we can play volleyball, football, basketball, and there is also a place for long jumping.



Kids told him about the kindergarten in the new part of the school. Outside the school is a playground for the little kids from our kindergarten.





At our school we have a lot of afterschool activities like: ceramics, chess, folk dances, badminton, table tennis, basketball and floorball...



Every year we organize a color week, for example if it's Monday- we dress red, on Tuesday- yellow, and so on. Every year we make a small celebration - dancing and singing party- when somebody can act his/her favorite singer or dancer. We enjoy this event really much.





We organize thematic parties, for example disco party for Halloween.

It is a tradition to have a thematic Christmas concert, before Christmas break. We sing, dance, read poems, etc. We organize this event at least for two months. Everyone gets so excited about it and do his/her best.



Usually day after Christmas concert (last day before winter break) we have ceremony, where our Headmistress gives out the silver and gold attestations.

The alien said: “Ok, I have learned a lot about your school! What about your city, can you show and tell me a little bit about your city?”

Kids answered: “Ok! No problem!”





Our city is Baloži – small town in Latvia. Baloži is just 12 km away from our capital city Riga, so it is really close.

Baloži was founded soon after the Second World War, as a village at that time, it was developed for the nearby peat factory workers. Oldest part of the town is built in Stalinist style. During 1970s territory of the village was expanded towards A7 highway. During 1980s this part was built as a modern residential district and called Titurga. In 1991 Baloži received town rights. After Latvian administrative territorial reform of 2009 Baloži became part of Ķekava Municipality and thus becoming one of the few Latvian towns which are not municipal center.

In our city we have a bakery “Mario”, where bakers bake bread, cakes, cupcakes and other good stuff. We usually go there after lessons.



We also have a kindergarten “Avotiņš”, where a lot of us went when we were little.

As we said before, we have a big forest near to our school. It is really beautiful.

Kids said: “Okay, now we are going to tell you about Riga and other big cities.”

As you already realized, Riga is the biggest city of Latvia. It’s our capital city. This year it’s going to turn 816 years old.

Riga is a really beautiful and romantic place. There is a wonderful old town.



There are a lot of different types of restaurants, cafeterias and hotels. In an old town, there is a statue of Liberty, which is really important for our country and citizens.



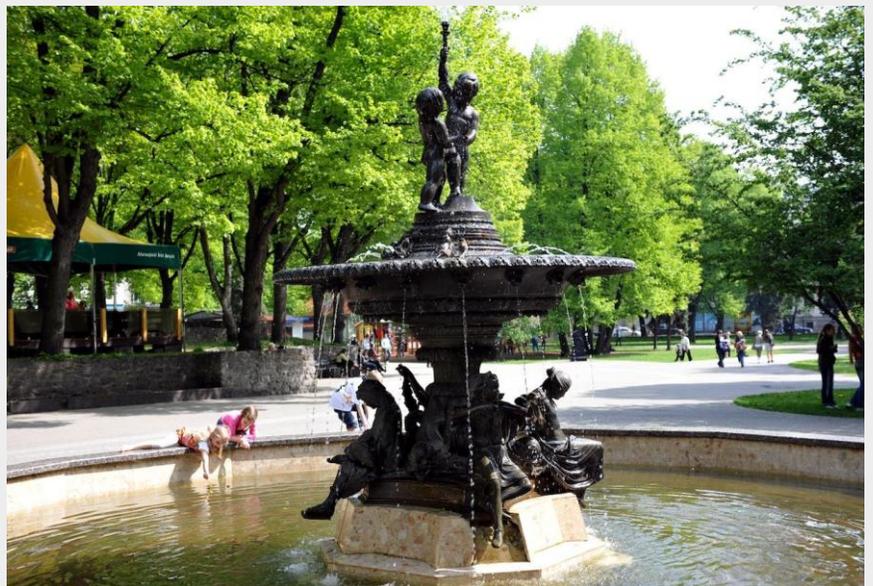
Now we will tell you about different and interesting places in and old city.



The first place is “Centrāltirgus” (central market). This is a place where people can buy and sell healthy food right from their garden. It’s a very famous place, because in 1930 this market was the biggest and modern in all the Europe.

The next place is “Vērmanes dārzs”. It is something similar to some kind of park or garden. “Vērmanes dārzs” is one of the most beautiful parks in Riga. It was built by donations.

Park was available to citizens in 1817.





The alien said: “I really love your capital city, but can you tell me more, please?” “All right,” kids answered.

Our beautiful city Liepāja is one of the biggest cities in Latvia. It is near to the Baltic Sea. In Liepāja you can see the famous concert hall “Dzintars”. It is very big.



The next city is Sigulda. There is a bobsleigh track. It is spectacular. There is an adventure park “Tarzāns”. “It is really cool,” kids said.

In Sigulda there is a beautiful forest. During autumn time it is even more beautiful and colorful.



“It is a very little information about Latvia” One of the kids said.

“Yeah.. That’s all for now,” other kids said.

“Well thank you very much,” friendly little green alien said, “I really enjoyed your story. I hope that one day I would see all of these places, but I can’t do it now, because I need to visit other countries..”

The kids said: “Okay...that is really sad, because we liked you and perhaps we will see you again.”

“Don’t worry, I will come here again, because I really liked this time and your school, city and country, but I have to go now.. To see some other countries.. Ok, but now bye.”

“Bye,” said little, friendly, green Alien.