



**Kazakhstan is my Motherland**







• **This information may help you**

Area : 2, 724, 900 square km.

Capital: Astana

Population: 17 million

Largest cities: Almaty, Karaganda, Shymkent



•**Read and translate the text.**

**Kazakhstan is my motherland**

Kazakhstan was established as the Republic of Kazakhstan in December 1991. The country is the second largest of the former Soviet republics with a total land area of over 2.724 million square kilometers. This country shares its border with the Russian Federation to the north and north-west; to the east with China and to the south with the central Asian republics of Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

The Ural River flows through the western portion of Kazakhstan to the Caspian Sea. The central region of the country includes the Kazakh Steppe to the north and deserts of central Asia in the south-west.

The country is rich with mineral resources such as copper, gold, iron, lead, nickel, silver, tin, uranium and zinc with deposits of oil and natural gas.

Kazakhstan's largest city is Almaty which lies to the south-east of the country near the border with Kyrgyzstan and China. Almaty was the capital until December 1997 when it was moved to Akmola, 850 kilometres to the north-west. In May 1998 Akmola was renamed Astana, the Kazakh word for capital. Astana's population stands currently at...

Peaceful and generous, the land of the Kazakhs has always been famous for its hospitality. And it is not by accident, located on the crossroads of two ancient cultures - Europe and Asia.

Today, residents are happy to share their famous hospitality and to show the visitors the Alatau mountains with famous Medeu; the singing sands of the Altyn Emel National Park; Kapchagai – reservoir on the Ili river, the lakes and pine forests of Kokshetau; and Akhmed Yassaui Mausoleum in Turkestan, a lot of places of interest in Astana. Kazakhstan with the world's ninth largest area has many such beautiful places and a rich culture. The official language is Kazakh and Russian is the language of international communication.



• **Word dictation**

**Share** – ортақтасу

**Desert** – құмды дала

**Mineral resources** – жерасты байлығы

**Uranium** – уран

**Deposit** – жерасты қоры

**Gas** – газ

**Rename** – жаңа ат беру

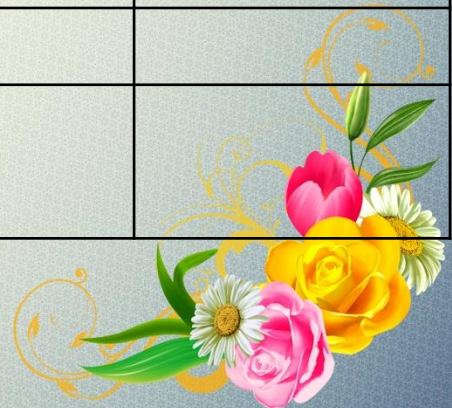
**Reservoir** – қор





# •Comprehension check

	True (T)	False (F)
a. Kazakhstan is the second largest country of the former Soviet Union.		
a. Kazakhstan doesn't share its border with China.		
a. The country is rich in mineral resources		
a. The population of Astana is not expected to increase.		
a. Residents are happy to share hospitality with their visitors.		
a. The official language is Kazakh		
a. Russian is the language of international communication		





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- **Read the following proverbs**  
East or West – home is best  
My home is my castle.





Thank you

