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## Places of interest

The country's rich history and culture as well as its natural beauty attracts a large number of visitors every year. They come to admire the well-preserved historic towns, romantic castles and mansions or enjoy pleasant walks in the mountains.

As for history, architecture and entertainment, the capital and the largest city, Prague, has the most to offer. It is also the political and commercial centre of the country.

Central Bohemia has numerous other places worth a visit. There are fine castles, such as Karlštejn, Křivoklát and Konopiště. Another town with important historical connections is Kutná Hora.

Our country is well-known for its spa towns. The oldest and most renowned are Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad) and Mariánské lázně (Marienbad) in West Bohemia. Karlovy Vary is also where the world-known Bohemian crystal and herbal spirit Becherovka come from. Plzeň (Pilsen) is the home of the famous beer.

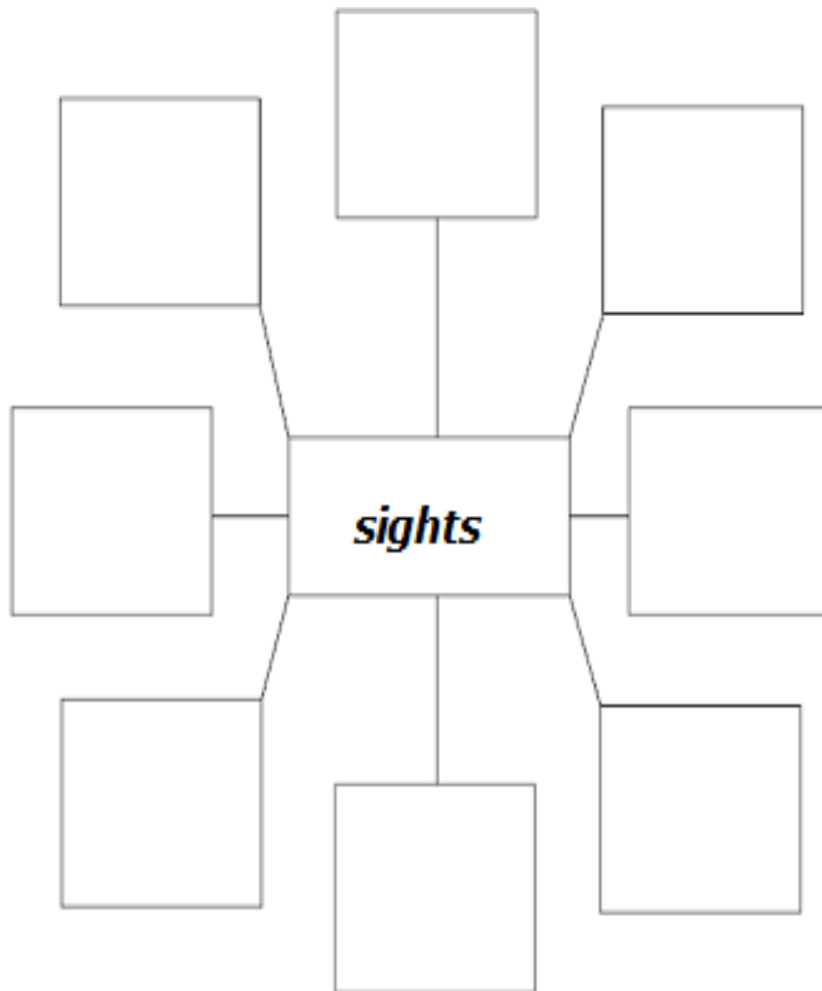
South Bohemia is to many people the most beautiful part of the Czech republic.

Its regional capital, České Budějovice, is a charming medieval city. A real jewel among Czech and Moravian towns is Český Krumlov. Its well-preserved medieval centre and the 13 th century castle overlooking the Vltava River make it one of the most picturesque towns in Europe. Hluboká, Orlík and Rožmberk are the most splendid castles.

Moravia is the other historic region of the Czech Republic, with its own history and natural beauties. Brno, the capital of Moravia and the second largest city of the Czech republic, has many historical buildings, interesting museums and a rich cultural life. Its main attractions include the Cathedral of St.Peter and Paul, the Capuchin monastery and Špilberk Castle which for many years served as a prison and is now the city museum.

Telč was put on UNESCO's World Heritage List of monuments and locations of universal value.

1. Write down the most important places of interests in our country.



2. Match the town and information connected with:

Karlštejn	Charming medieval town
Karlovy Vary	castle
Konopiště	Treatment of kidney diseases
Mariánské Lázně	International film festival

<b>Brno</b>	<b>Treatment of women's diseases</b>
<b>Telč</b>	<b>Crown jewels</b>
<b>Františkovy Lázně</b>	<b>Unesco World Heritage List</b>
<b>České Budějovice</b>	<b>Špilberk</b>

Solutions:

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<b>Brno</b>	<b>Špilberk</b>
<b>Telč</b>	<b>Unesco World Heritage List</b>
<b>Františkovy Lázně</b>	<b>Treatment of women's diseases</b>
<b>České Budějovice</b>	<b>Charming medieval town</b>

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