**Shopping**

Shopping plays an important role in our life. When we want to buy something we go to a shop. Shopping is a part of everyday life. For some people it’s a pleasant pastime, for others it’s just an everyday routine. There are many kinds of shops in every town or city. There are supermarkets and department stores, book shops and pet shops, newsagents (газетные киоски) and chemists (аптеки). But almost everything that a family needs can be found in a supermarket. Every town or city has it’s own supermarket. Mikashevichi is not an exception (не исключение). We have some small supermarkets, and one new big supermarket is being built now. Everyday shopping is rather traditional: some white and brown bread, some milk, butter, sugar, salt, eggs, sausage and so on.

Every day before leaving for school I look around the kitchen to see what we need. And on my way from school I go to the nearest supermarket, fortunately ( к счастью) enough it’s not far from my house. I buy bread and other everyday essentials (самое необходимое). Every Friday evening my Mum and I examine our fridge more carefully as Saturday is our shopping day. The shopping list is rather long, so we both go shopping.

Mum and I go to the market (на рынок) where we can buy different things at once: fish, bread, sausages, flour, tea, sugar, spices, eggs, meat. We all have a sweet tooth (любим сладкое), so we usually buy sweets, candies, chocolate bars, cakes and so on. Sometimes we need to buy fabrics and footwear, ready-made clothes, toys and cosmetics. But frankly speaking (честно говоря) my family and I prefer buying them in Minsk, Soligorsk, Zhitkovichi or Brest, as the choice is richer there. Very often we have lower prices (более низкие цены) there as well.

I can’t but say (я не могу не сказать) that our shops are becoming more and more European-like. Their halls, shelves, adverts (реклама) attract more customers. Long queues (длинные очереди) are disappearing from our lifeand shopping gets some element of fun and entertainment.