

Russia's open-air museums show us wooden buildings from long ago. One very famous museum is Kizhi, on a beautiful island in Lake Onega (Onezhskoye) in Karelia. But there are many others.

Homes

Spotlight on Russia visits the museums at Malye Karelie and Vitoslavlitsy near Novgorod.

Here we are at Malye Karelie, near Arkhangelsk.

This is a typical *izba*. It's a small wooden country house with just one or two rooms. The family room is a bedroom, kitchen and living room all in one. There isn't a bathroom, but there is a wooden sauna (*banya*) outside.



This is the 'beautiful corner' (*krasny*), with the family icon and a special table for guests.

Now we're at Vitoslavlitsy. Let's look inside the 1882 'Ryshevo' izba.

There is a large clay oven (*pech'*) in a corner near the door. There are sleeping benches (*polaty*) above the oven.



There are low benches along the other walls, one or two tables, and a cupboard for dishes.

Kizhi



Kizhi is located on one of the many islands in Lake Onega, in Karelia. Two 18th-century wooden churches, and a clock tower, also in wood and built in 1862, can be seen there. These unusual constructions are in harmony with the surrounding landscape.





Forest In Karelie



Vitoslavlitsy

This is a museum of wooden architecture. It stands not far from Novgorod in a picturesque area near Lake Myachino and the Volkhov River.



It was named after
the ancient village
Vitoslavlitsy, which existed
here in the 12-18 centuries.



Russian IZBA-It`s Great



Nice houses

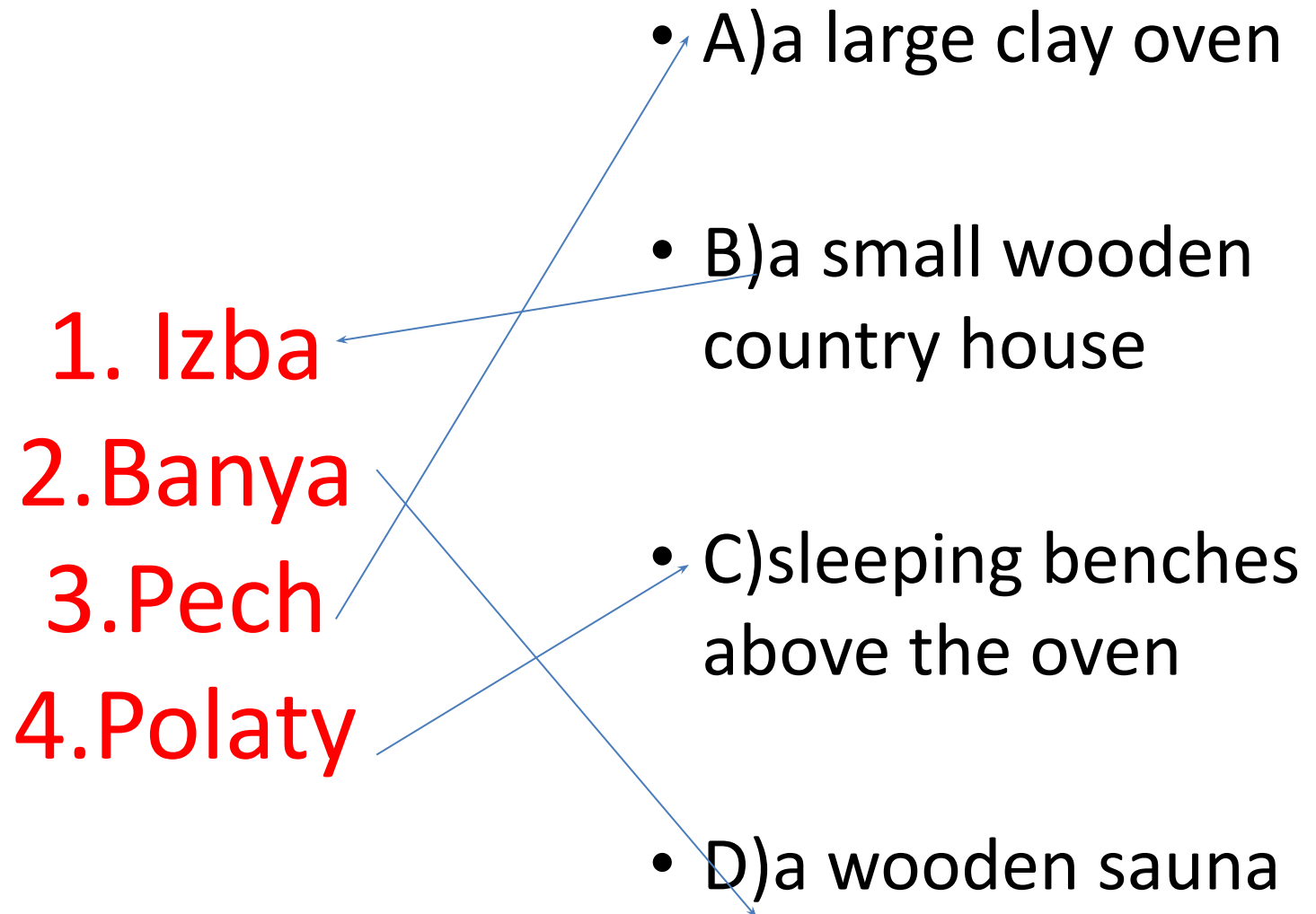












Complete the sentences:

1. A typical **izba** has got ... **one** or ... **two** rooms.
2. There isn't a bathroom, but there is a wooden sauna ^{outside} ...
3. There is a special **table** for guests in the "beautiful corner"
4. There is a **pech** ... to keep the house warm
5. People usually sit on the low **benches** ...

Homework

**Найти и выписать
английский аналог для
русских слов
(a wooden sauna = banya)**

**Нарисовать и подписать
на английском любой
элемент русской избы на
выбор**