I raised in Tikhvin, but after I had left school I came to study in Cherepovets, the largest city in Vologda region, with a population of about 320,000, Cherepovets lies on the banks of two rivers - the Sheksna and the Yagorba - which are crossed by three bridges, One of them - the Oktyabrsky Bridge - was the first cable-stayed bridge in Russia when built in 1979.

Until the beginning of the twentieth century Cherepovets was a small provincial town with a population hardly over 7000. Under Mayor Ivan Milyutin, a port and a dockyard, the railway station, a teachers' seminary, a technical school appeared in the town, In the Soviet time the town was growing especially fast during the construction of the metailurgical industrial complex which was completed in 1950s. After the dissolution of the USSR the industries in the city suffered badly, but that was why the environmental conditions got a bit better. Nowadays Cherepovets is an important industrial centre in the North-West of Russia.

Cherepovets is not only an industrial city, it is also a centre of culture, education and sport". In the local museums you can learn about prominent people who were born, lived and worked in Cherepovets… \*\* There are also lots of places to have a great time, [For example, you can go to one of the cinemas, which are fitted out with the newest 3D video equipment…

I like living in this city because it is actively developing, has a lot of attractions and is actively improving its ecological condition.