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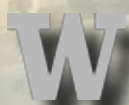
WOULD YOU LIKE TO UNDERSTAND MODERN LIFE ON **THE KAZAK STEPPE?**

Kazak is a Central Asian Turkic language spoken by approximately 12 million people who live primarily in the world's 9th largest nation, Kazakhstan, and other Central Asian republics, as well as Russia, Mongolia and Northwest China. Famous for its vast steppes, the legacy of nomadic pastoralism, and its vast oil resources, Kazakhstan shares much in common with its Mongol neighbors to the east and more recently has integrated a large minority of Russian settlers from the north. Since Kazak was made the official language (instead of Russian) following Kazakhstan's independence from the Soviet Union, Kazak is increasingly becoming an important means of communication in the region.

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