

Ukrainian



The Ukrainian language is spoken by around 45 million speakers. It is spoken as an official language in Ukraine including the Republic of Crimea and Transnistria. It is also a recognised minority language in the countries of Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, and Slovakia.

Ukrainian is an East Slavic language and part of the Indo-European language family. It is one of the most widespread Slavic languages in the world, second only to Russian. Ranked by the number of native speakers, Ukrainian is the 26th most spoken language in the world.

Written Ukrainian uses the Ukrainian alphabet, a variant of the Cyrillic script.

The language has its own holiday on November 9, which is "The Day of Ukrainian writing and language" in Ukraine.

First words

Welcome	Ласкаво просимо <i>Laskavo prosymo</i>
Hello	Привіт <i>Pryvit</i>
Goodbye	до побачення <i>do pobachennya</i>
Yes	Так <i>Tak</i>
No	Ні <i>Ni</i>
Thank you	Дякую <i>Dyakuuyu</i>
Please	Будь ласка <i>Bud' laska</i>
Sorry	Вибач <i>vybach</i>
Good Morning	Доброго ранку <i>Dobroho ranku</i>
Good afternoon	Доброго дня <i>Dobroho dnya</i>
Come here	Ходи сюди <i>Khody syudy</i>
Well done	Молодець <i>molodets'</i>

Can you try to pronounce these words.

Numbers 1 to 10

one - один - odyn

two - два - dva

three - три - try

four - чотири - chotyry

five - п'ять - p'yat'

six - шість - shist'

seven - сім - sim

eight - вісім - visim

nine - дев'ять - dev'yat'

ten - десять - desyat'



Practice counting to 10. Can you count backwards from 10 to 1

Questions and answers

What is your name ?

my name is ...

Як вас звати? Yak vas zvaty?	Мене звати... Mene zvaty
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How old are you ?

I am six years old

Скільки тобі років? Skil'ky tobi rokiv?	Мені <u>шість</u> років Meni <u>shist'</u> rokiv
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How are you?

I am very well

Як ти? Yak ty?	Я дуже добре YA duzhe dobre
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What is this ?

that is a pencil

Що це? Shcho tse?	Це <u>олівець</u> Tse <u>olivets'</u>
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Do you understand ?

I don't understand

Ти розумієш? Ty rozumiyesh?	Я не розумію. Ya ne rozumiyu.
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Can you try to find how you might reply to these questions with different answers?


























Alphabet


The Ukrainian alphabet uses a Cyrillic alphabet. It contains **33 letters**.

Twenty letters represent consonants (б, г, ґ, д, ж, з, к, л, м, н, п, р, с, т, ф, х, ц, ч, ш, щ), ten vowels (а, е, є, и, і, ї, о, у, ю, я), and two semivowels (й/yoт, and в).

Ukrainian is a phonetic language, which means that “if you can say it, you can write it”. Each vowel produces only one sound, so spelling is never a problem if your pronunciation of each word is clear and

Українська абетка
Ukrainian Alphabet

А а  ананас	Б б  барабан	В в  валіза	Г г  горіх	Ґ ґ  гудзик
Д д  дерево	Е е  енерґія	Є є  енот	Ж ж  жаба	З з  зуб
И и  дитина	І і  іграшка	Ї ї  тжак	Й й  йоґа	К к  книжка
Л л  літак	М м  морква	Н н  ножиці	О о  огірок	П п  прапор
Р р  риба	С с  сумка	Т т  телефон	У у  Україна	Ф ф  фотоапарат
Х х  хліб	Ц ц  цукерка	Ч ч  чай	Ш ш  шапка	Щ щ  щітка
Ь ь  сіль	Ю ю  Юпітер	Я я  яблуко	Inspiring resources for learning Ukrainian  ukrainianlessons.com	

 Listen to the alphabet 

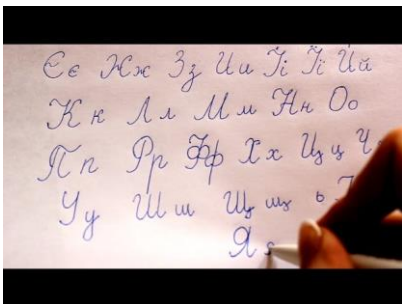
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Fun Facts

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Аа Бб Вв Гг Ґґ Дд Ее Єє
Жж Зз Ии Іі Її Йй Кк
Лл Мм Нн Оо Пп Рр Сс
Тт Уу Фф Хх Цц Чч Шш
Щщ Ъ юю Яя

priests who spoke a South Slavonic language and were fluent in Greek. The theologians, Cyril (for whom the writing system was named) and Methodius, created the new writing system as a means of spreading Christianity among the Slavic people through their translation of the Bible from its original Greek to Glagolitic (which later became Cyrillic). Both brothers were later canonized as Saints Cyril and Methodius.



Ukrainian is a phonetic language. This means that by learning the sounds and their corresponding letters, you will be able to read and write in Ukrainian with very little difficulty. Of course, understanding what you have read or written is a much bigger challenge!

Many people around the world speak Ukrainian. By the number of speakers, it is the 26th most widely spoken language in the world. It is native to 37 million people and a second language to another 15 million.

Ukrainians have historic ties to other Slavic cultures - so does the language. In terms of vocabulary, the closest to Ukrainian is the Belarusian language (84% of the general vocabulary), then Polish (70%), Slovak (68%) and Russian (62%).

In Ukrainian, nouns have 7 cases and most have diminutive forms.

Ukrainian is one of the most beautiful languages in the world. At a language competition in Italy, it was recognized as the second most melodic language in the world (after Italian).

The first Ukrainian ABC book ("Азбука") was printed in 1574 in Lviv by the first printer Ivan Fedorov.



The most used letter in the Ukrainian alphabet is P, with more words starting with P than any other letter.

The least used letter is F.

The oldest mention of the Ukrainian language dates back to 858, and for the first time, the Ukrainian language was equated to the level of the literary language at the end of the 18th century after the publication of the first edition of the «Eneida» in 1798, authored by Ivan Kotliarevskyi, who is considered the founder of the new Ukrainian literary language.

According to the dictionary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, the modern Ukrainian language has around 256 thousand words, and it is included in the list of languages that are being successfully developed at present.



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy used to be an actor. In fact, in the Ukrainian version he is the voice of Paddington Bear!