



Ukrainian Workbook for Beginners

Lessons 1–25 | From an Absolute Beginner to
a Confident Speaker



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Lesson 1: The Ukrainian Alphabet.

Vowels and Consonants.

Practice reading the Ukrainian alphabet

Please remember in the Ukrainian language, there are 33 letters and 38 phonemes.

Among them, 10 letters are vowels including both hard: А, О, У, Е, И, І, and soft: Я, Ю, Є, Ї, and 22 are consonants: Б, В, Г, Ґ, Д, Ж, З, Й, К, Л, М, Н, П, Р, С, Т, Ф, Х, Ц, Ч, Ш, Щ.

А а	Б б	В в	Г г	Ґ ґ	Д д	Е е	Є є	Ж ж	З з
а	бе	ве	ге	ґе	де	е	є	же	зе
a	b	v	h/gh	g	d	e	ie/ye	zh	z
[a]	[b]	[v]	[h]	[g]	[d]	[e]	[je/e]	[ʒ]	[z]
И и	І і	Ї ї	Й й	К к	Л л	М м	Н н	О о	П п
и	і	ї	йот	ка	ел	ем	ен	о	пе
y	i	i/yi	i/y	k	l	m	n	o	p
[ɪ]	[i]	[ji]	[j]	[k]	[l]	[m]	[n]	[o]	[p]
Р р	С с	Т т	У у	Ф ф	Х х	Ц ц	Ч ч	Ш ш	Щ щ
ер	ес	те	у	еф	ха	це	че	ша	ща
r	s	t	u	f	kh	ts	ch	sh	chtch
[r]	[s]	[t]	[u]	[f]	[x]	[ts]	[tʃ]	[ʃ]	[ʃtʃ]
Ю ю	Я я	Ь ь	, ' ,						
ю	я	м'який	апостроф						
iu/yu	ia/ya	знак							
[ju/u]	[ja/a]	—	—						

LESSON 1 EXERCISES

Print out the exercises (Lesson 1)

Exercise 1 (Вправа 1): Match cursive letter with the print one.
This exercise is available in your printing workbook copy. Do the exercise in there.

Наприклад: 1 г) Мм - *Мм*

1) Мм	а) <i>Bb</i>
2) Дд	б) <i>Бб</i>
3) Ее	в) <i>Єе</i>
4) Рр	г) <i>Мм</i>
5) Бб	г) <i>Мм</i>
6) Пп	д) <i>Мм</i>
7) Чч	е) <i>Рр</i>
8) Тт	є) <i>Пп</i>
9) Єе	ж) <i>Чч</i>
10) Нн	з) <i>Єе</i>
11) Вв	и) <i>Нн</i>
12) Лл	і) <i>Дд</i>

Exercise 2 (Вправа 2): Listen and compare the Ukrainian vowels and consonants. Read the words aloud.

Listen to the audio file

А - Я	И - І	Е - И
сад - <u>сядь</u> [sad] - [sʲadʲ]	тин - <u>тінь</u> [tɪn] - [tʲiːnʲ]	клен - <u>клин</u> [klen] - [kɫɪn]
раса - <u>ряса</u> [rasa] - [rʲasʲa]	тил - <u>тіло</u> [tɪl] - [tʲiːlo]	мер - <u>мир</u> [mer] - [mʲir]
ад - <u>яд</u> [ad] - [jad]	дим - <u>дім</u> [dɪm] - [diːm]	лев - <u>лив</u> [lev] - [liv]
Б - П	Г - Х	Ь
баба - <u>папа</u> [baba] - [papa]	голод - <u>холод</u> [holod] - [kholod]	ден - <u>день</u> [den] - [denʲ]
бік - <u>пик</u> [biːk] - [piːk]	Гліб - <u>хліб</u> [hliːb] - [khliːb]	булка - <u>булька</u> [bulka] - [bulʲka]
біт - <u>піт</u> [biːt] - [piːt]	сніг - <u>сміх</u> [sniːh] - [smiːkh]	Білл - <u>біль</u> [biːl] - [biːlʲ]

LESSON 1 EXERCISES

Exercise 3 (Вправа 3): Listen to the examples (1, 2, 3) given below

[Listen to the audio file](#)

Наприклад/For example: 1) – Звук [ж] – приголосний? / – Is the sound [ж] a consonant?

– Так, звук [ж] – приголосний. / – Yes, the sound [ж] is a consonant.

2) – Звук [а] – приголосний? / – Is the sound [а] a consonant.

– Ні, звук [а] – не приголосний, звук [а] – голосний. / – No, the sound [а] isn't a consonant, the sound [а] is a vowel.

3) – Звук [ж] – голосний чи приголосний? / – Is the sound [ж] a vowel or a consonant?

– Звук [ж] – приголосний. / – The sound [ж] is a consonant

Next, record your answers to the following 10 questions (focusing on your intonation). Then upload your recorded file to the Exercises section of the Community page of our website.

1. Звук [ц] – приголосний?
2. Звук [у] – приголосний?
3. Звук [в] – приголосний?
4. Звук [е] – голосний чи приголосний?
5. Звук [о] – голосний?
6. Звук [л] – голосний чи приголосний?
7. Звук [р] – голосний?
8. Звук [ф] – приголосний?
9. Звук [и] – приголосний?
10. Звук [г] – голосний чи приголосний?



The 1st lesson is finished! Well done! We did a great job – we read, listened, and sang the Ukrainian Alphabet. Also, we practiced how to write it. Now it is time to do your homework – a quiz. Good luck!

Homework assignment:

- 1. Learn the Ukrainian Alphabet by heart.
- 2. Record on audio your pronunciation of the alphabet.
- 3. Practice handwriting with the PDF file (if you want to be able to write in Ukrainian).
- 4. Do the quiz.

Check after the exercises are completed!

[KEYS](#)

Lesson 2: Reading Syllables and Simple Words.

Basic Ukrainian Words from Lesson #2

You can listen to the pronunciation of the basic Ukrainian words [HERE](#).

A syllable is a part of a word that contains a single vowel sound and is pronounced as a unit. So, for example, "син" has one syllable, and "книга" has two syllables. Let's get it started!

ба, ва, га, га, да, жа, за, ка, ла, ма, на, па, ра, са, та, фа, ха, ца, ча, ша, ща
бе, ве, ге, ге, де, же, зе, ке, ле, ме, не, пе, ре, се, те, фе, хе, це, че, ше, ще
би, ви, ги, ги, ди, жи, зи, ки, ли, ми, ни, пи, ри, си, ти, фи, хи, ци, чи, ши, щи
бі, ві, гі, гі, ді, жі, зі, кі, лі, мі, ні, пі, рі, сі, ті, фі, хі, ці, чі, ші, щі
бо, во, го, го, до, жо, зо, ко, ло, мо, но, по, ро, со, то, фо, хо, цо, чо, шо, що.
бу, ву, гу, гу, ду, жу зу, ку, лу, му, ну, пу, ру су, ту, фу, ху, цу, чу, шу, шу

Exercise 1. Let's practice reading the Ukrainian syllables one more time. I highly recommend that you read the syllables from the picture, listen to the audio below, and repeat after me several times.

[Listen to the audio file](#)

Exercise 2. Also, I would like to ask you to [watch](#) my video lesson about the soft sign and how to pronounce it correctly.

Lesson 3: Personal pronouns. Greeting words. How are you? What is your name?

Personal pronouns are one of the most important basic topics in Ukrainian grammar. We will cover them in every upcoming video lesson. So, let's check out their forms one more time.



Personal pronouns in Ukrainian language

Я – I

Ти – You (Informal, singular)

Він – He

Вона – She

Воно – It

Ми – We

Ви/ви – You/you (Formal, plural)

Вони – They

Exercise 1. As usual for audio learners, I recorded the pronunciation of Personal pronouns. Please listen and repeat after me.

[Listen to the audio file](#)