

# Language of the Month

## Ukrainian



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## Where it is spoken

Ukrainian is an Eastern Slavonic language spoken mainly in Ukraine. In 2016 there were about 30 million speakers of Ukrainian in Ukraine, where it is an official language. There were about 1.1 million Ukrainian speakers in Russia in 2010, and smaller numbers in other countries, particularly in Brazil (500,000), the USA (152,000), Germany (141,000), Italy (120,000) and Moldova (107,000). It is estimated that there are 40 million Ukrainian speakers worldwide.

Ukrainian is closely related to Belarusian and Russian, and is to some extent mutually intelligible with them, especially with Belarusian.



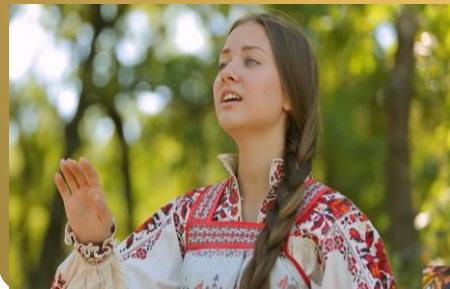
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## Culture



They say that the song is the soul of a nation. And it is in the Ukrainian culture that this can be traced never better. The song accompanied the Ukrainian people in all spheres of life: in work on the field, on holidays with family, at the birth of children, during prayers in the church and in many other cases.

Ukrainian songs are filled with deep meaning and thoughts. Folk songs have been an integral part of the life of Ukrainians since times immemorial.



Listen to the folk song: "[Oy U Vyshnevomu Sadu](#)"  
*Oh, In the Cherry Orchard* about love.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZkyqSJJck>

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### Cuisine

The main meal of the day for Ukrainians is dinner, which usually includes a soup, a dish with meat, fowl, or a fish, and a salad. Ukrainian soups, collectively called *Borscht*, are highly traditional and have almost become a national culinary emblem.

At Christmas Eve dinner, twelve meatless dishes are served, among them borshch, a raisin dish called *kutya*, and cabbage rolls called *varenyky*.



*Borscht*



Christmas dinner

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## Useful words and phrases

Hello	<u>Привіт (Previt)</u>
Good morning	<u>Доброго ранку! (Dobro ho ranku)</u>
Good afternoon	<u>Доброго дня (Dobro ho dnia)</u>
Welcome	<u>Ласкаво просимо (Laskavo prosymo)</u>
Thank you	<u>Дякую (Diakuuyu)</u>
Yes	<u>Так (Tak)</u>
No	<u>Ні (Ni)</u>
Goodbye	<u>До побачення (Dopo bachnia)</u>
What is your name?	<u>Як тебе звати (Yak tebe zvatu?)</u>
My name is...	<u>Мене звать (Mene zvatu...)</u>
How are you?	<u>Як справи? (Yak spravu?)</u>
I'm fine, thanks. And you?	<u>Дякую, добре. А ви? (Djakuuyu, dobre. A vy?)</u>

**Click on the word/phrase to learn how to say it.**



# Hello Previt



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**Dobro ho ranku**

Good morning



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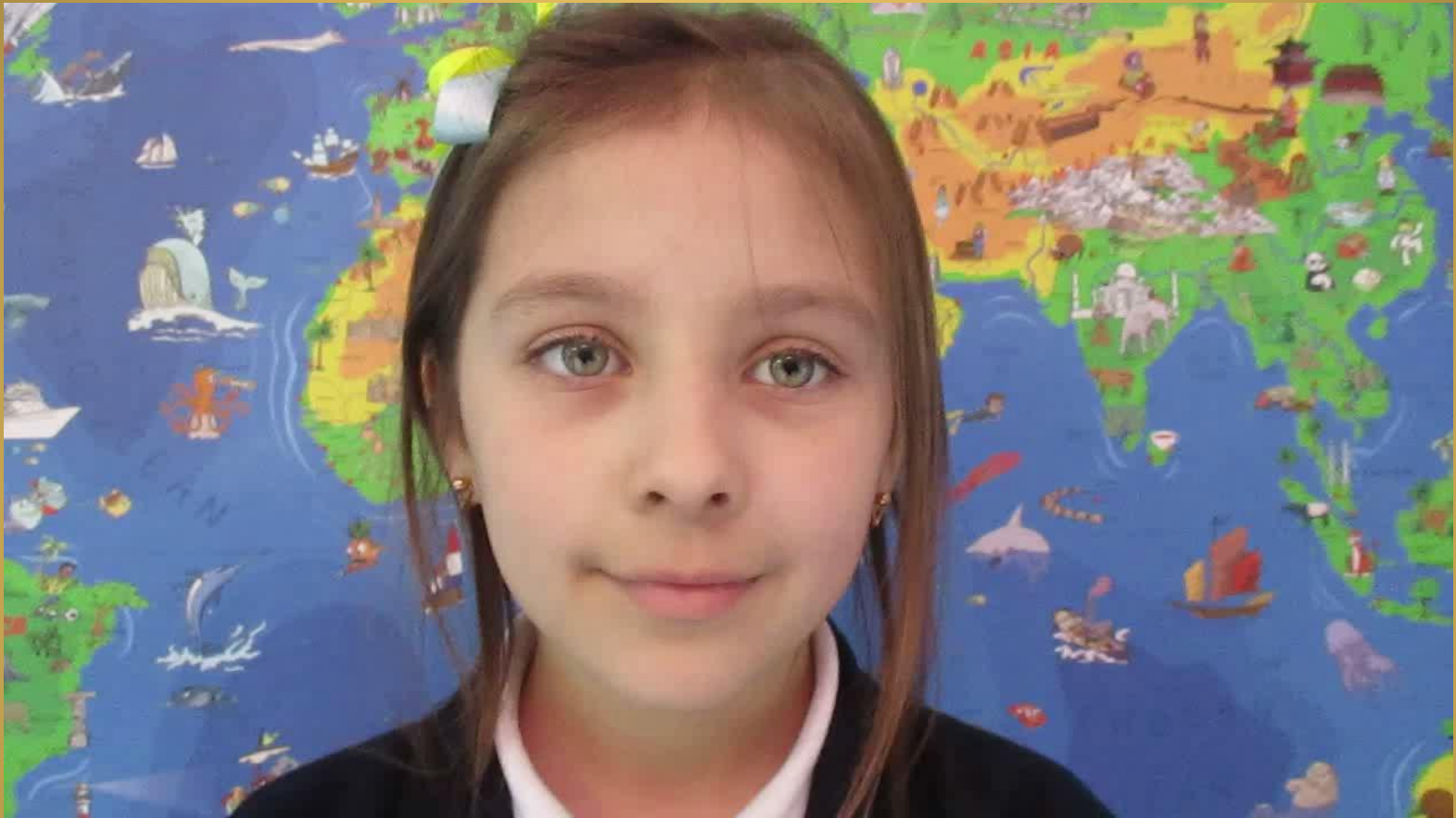


**Dobro ho dnia**  
Good afternoon



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**Laskavo prosymo**

Welcome



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**Diakuyo**  
Thank you



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**Tak**  
Yes



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**Ni**  
No



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# **Dopo bachnia**

## Goodbye



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**Yak tebe zvatu?**  
What's your name?



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**Mene zvatu...**

My name is...



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**Yak spravu?**  
How are you?



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**Djakuju, dobre. A vy?**  
I'm fine, thanks. And you?



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## Numbers 0 to 10

0	нуль (nul')
1	один (odyn)
2	два (dva)
3	три (try)
4	чотири (chotyry)
5	п'ять (p'jat')

6	шість (shist')
7	сім (sim)
8	вісім (visim)
9	дев'ять (dev'jat')
10	десять (desjat')