

A Taste of Ukrainian

3.1. About Ukraine

Unit 3 contains two versions of a slide show (3.2 and 3.3) giving basic information on Ukraine's location in Europe, state emblems, neighbouring countries and principal cities. The two slide shows are intended for use in different ways. Users of the resources need to have some knowledge of the alphabet and sounds of Ukrainian, which can be accessed at: www.ukrainianlanguage.org.uk/read.

Slide Show 3.2: Reading

The slides (in ppt format), contain illustrations and straightforward Ukrainian text (A1 level). Whether you are an independent learner or a teacher, you can obtain maximum benefit from the resource as follows:

- click on each slide to show the illustration and the Ukrainian text;
- try to read and understand (or get your students to read and understand) the Ukrainian text accompanying each slide;
- click on the next slide to show the English meaning;
- vocabulary used in the resource is given below.

Slide Show 3.3: Listening and Speaking

This version of the slides, contains illustrations only, and is intended for use primarily in class, with the guidance of a teacher. The resource may be used in a number of different ways, for example:

- the students listen to the text (read out by the teacher) as the slides are shown;
- the slides are shown to the students one by one and are used to elicit spoken Ukrainian, either just words (A1) or simple sentences (A2).

Listening Text for 3.3

Це Україна

Це український прапор – жовто-блакитний.

Це український герб – тризуб.

Прапор і тризуб – національні символи.

Це країни-сусіди України:

Молдова, Румунія, Угорщина,

Словаччина, Польща, Білорусь, Росія.

А також Азовське море, Чорне море і Крим.

Це фізична карта України.

В центрі столиця – Київ.

На карті – міста України (адміністративні центри).

Ласкаво просимо до України!

Vocabulary from the slides and from the listening text

All words in this list are given in their dictionary forms. In the slides and listening text they may have different endings, as required by the grammar. Students at A1 level could be told not to worry about the endings, but rather to concentrate on understanding the overall meaning of each sentence.

Grammatical words		Geographical Names	
це	this (is)	Україна	Ukraine
і	and	Молдова	Moldova
а	and/but, whereas	Румунія	Romania
до	to	Угорщина	Hungary
на	on	Словаччина	Slovakia
в	in	Польща	Poland
також	also	Білорусь	Belarus
Nouns		Росія	Russia
країна	country	Крим	Crimea
сусід	neighbour	Київ	Kyiv
море	sea	Adjectives	
центр	centre	український	Ukrainian
місто	city, town	жовтий	yellow
карта	map	блакитний	(light) blue
столиця	capital	жовто-блакитний	yellow and blue
символ	symbol	чорний	black
прапор	flag	національний	national
герб	coat-of-arms	Азовський	(of) Azov
тризуб	trident	адміністративний	administrative
		фізичний	physical
		Polite phrase	
		Ласкаво просимо!	Come and visit! (literally. We cordially invite you)