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Introduction

Welcome! Ласкаво просимо! Laskávo prósymo!

This is the first phrase you could say to Ukrainians when you meet them at the borders, immigration centers, humanitarian organizations, or at your home. Even if you do not pronounce it perfectly yet, and even if it is the only phrase you know, it will make a difference. It will show your care, hospitality, and support of Ukraine.

This phrasebook is packed with words and expressions like that. It will not provide you with everything you need to start speaking in Ukrainian right away. However, it will equip you with the essentials, give you ideas of what to say or ask and hopefully inspire you to continue learning the language.

Here are some things to consider before you start using the phrasebook.

1. This book consists of 20 chapters/topics that you should familiarize yourself with on the previous page. Once you know which topics are included, you will be able to quickly find one when you are in a particular situation and need to communicate with Ukrainians.

2. Usually, I try not to use Latinized Ukrainian in my teaching because it does not reflect correct pronunciation. This time speed of communication is more important than quality. That is why I included transliterations of all words and phrases on the right side of the charts.

Please keep in mind that this is a transliteration and not a phonetic transcription. It means it is not always the exact way to pronounce the word, it is just the Ukrainian alphabet in Latin characters.

I used the official Ukrainian governmental guidelines of transliteration to Latin characters. The only exception is the first Alphabet chapter — it has a phonetic transcription of all letters.
3. You can access my **audio recordings** of all the words and phrases if you follow the links or QR codes at the beginning of each chapter. These are useful if you have some time to practice before you actually communicate with Ukrainians.

A good exercise would be to try and read the phrase in Ukrainian out loud, then listen and check with my audio, then repeat with corrections. You can also record yourself and compare the result with my voice.

4. In most of the chapters, the **formal forms** of Ukrainian were used (ви, ваш). These forms are used when talking to people you do not know or who are not your close friends or family of the same age.

In chapter 8, *Giving Support*, I provided both formal and informal forms so that you could support your close friend as well as people you do not know well. In chapter 17, *Children*, there are only **informal forms** (ти, твоя) as we use them with kids.

5. Among the lists of expressions, you will find boxes with some **grammar info** or useful **links to free resources** that will help you expand certain topics.

If you have any **feedback**, tips, or suggestions for phrases to include in the second edition of the book, feel free to email me at **anna@ukrainianlessons.com**.

Glory to Ukraine! **Слава Україні! Sláva Ukraíni!**

Anna Ohoiko  
Founder of UkrainianLessons.com
1. Alphabet

Link to audio: ukrainianlessons.com/ph-alphabet

Learn how to pronounce each letter in detail with more examples at: ukrainianlessons.com/alphabet
2. Essential Words & Phrases

Hello!
Hi! (informal)
Good morning!
Good evening!
Yes
No
Excuse me; Sorry
Please
Thanks!
Thank you very much!
You are welcome.
My name is...
What is your name?
Nice to meet you!
Likewise! (nice to meet you)
Please come in.
Please sit down.
I don’t know.
Of course.
No problem.
Have a good trip!
Take care.
All the best.
Goodbye!

Добрый день!
Привіт!
Доброго ранку!
Добрий вечір!
Так
Ні
Вибачте
Будь ласка
Дякую!
Дуже дякую!
Будь ласка.
Мене звати...
Як вас звати?
Дуже приємно!
Взаємно!
Заходьте, будь ласка.
Сідайте, будь ласка.
Я не знаю.
Звичайно.
Без проблем.
Щасливої дороги!
Бережіть себе.
На все добре.
До побачення!

Dóbryi den!
Pryvít!
Dóbroho ránku!
Dóbryi výchir!
Tak
Ni
Výbachte
Bud láška
Díákui!
Dúzhe díákui!
Bud láška.
Mené zváty...
Yak vas zváty?
Dúzhe prijemno!
Vzaiémo!
Zakhódte, bud láška.
Sidáte, bud láška.
Ya ne znáiu.
Zvýcháíno.
Bez problém.
Shchaslyvoi doróhy!
Berezhít sebé.
Na vse dóbre.
Do pobáchennia!

Link to audio: ukrainianlessons.com/ph-essential
### 2. Essential Words & Phrases

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### Days of the Week

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You can also learn **days of the week and months** in the episode #15 of Ukrainian Lessons Podcast: [ukrainianlessons.com/episode15](https://ukrainianlessons.com/episode15)
4. Help

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<td>допомагати</td>
<td>dopohaháty</td>
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<td>Допоможіть!</td>
<td>Dopomozhít!</td>
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<td>Тут потрібна допомога.</td>
<td>Tut potripna dopomóha.</td>
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<td>What happened?</td>
<td>Що сталось?</td>
<td>Shcho stálos?</td>
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<td>Вам потрібна допомога?</td>
<td>Vam potripna dopomóha?</td>
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<td>Я можу вам допомогти?</td>
<td>Ya mózhu vam dopomohty?</td>
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<td>Yak ya mózhu vam dopomohty?</td>
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<td>Я хочу вам допомогти.</td>
<td>Ya khóchu vam dopomohty.</td>
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<td>Please wait here.</td>
<td>Будь ласка, зачекайте тут.</td>
<td>Bud lása, zachekáite tut.</td>
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<td>I will come back.</td>
<td>Я повернусь.</td>
<td>Ya povernús.</td>
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<td>Ви можете мені довірятися.</td>
<td>Vy mózhete mení doviríaty.</td>
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<td>Не хвилюйтесь.</td>
<td>Ne khvylíúites.</td>
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<td>Ya pochekáiu tut z vámy.</td>
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<td>I am getting somebody who can help.</td>
<td>Я знайду когось, хто зможе допомогти.</td>
<td>Ya znaidú kohós, khto zmóze dopomohty.</td>
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<td>Somebody will come and help you.</td>
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<td>Khtos pryidé i dopomózhe vam.</td>
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