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1000 Most Useful **Ukrainian** **Words**

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- extended how-to-use section.

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How to Use This Book

The way you use this book will depend on your unique learning style and needs.

Perhaps you prefer to learn a certain number of words each day, practicing your reading and translation skills. Alternatively, you may prefer to use this book as a reference tool, looking up words in the context of a sentence. Or, you might choose to use the accompanying flashcards to learn the words on the go.

Whatever your preference, this book is designed to meet your needs. Here are some important things to keep in mind about the organization and special remarks included with each word.

Stress mark (´)

In Ukrainian, each word has a stress mark (´) that indicates the emphasized syllable. Although people do not use these marks in written language, we have included them in both words and examples to help you, as a learner, practice your stress.

The stressed syllable is pronounced louder and stronger than the others. In Ukrainian, words typically have one stressed syllable, but when a word has only one syllable, we do not mark the stress.

Let us take a look at some examples from the book:

ба́тько = та́то

father, dad

Ба́тько (та́то) при́де за́втра.

Father (dad) will arrive tomorrow.

ба́тькі

parents

Ким праці́ють тво́ї ба́тькі?

What do your (*informal*) parents do (for work)?

In the word for "father," the stress falls on the first syllable — **ба́тько** (*BA-tko*). In the word for "parents," the stress falls towards the end — **ба́тькі** (*bat-KY*).

How you emphasize words makes a big difference, so it is important to memorize each word with its stress. Our flashcards include audio to help you with your pronunciation.

Synonyms (=)

If two words can be used interchangeably to convey the same meaning, it is indicated by = sign. Even if there are slight differences between the words, we do not want to overwhelm you with details. Typically, these words are ones that can be used for the same translation:

автомобіль = авто́ = маши́на

car

Я не вмію водіти **маши́ну (авто́, автомобі́ль)**.

I do not know how to drive a car.

Please note that we have not included all possible synonyms in this book, but only those that are very common in everyday Ukrainian.

Euphonic pairs (=)

Another use of the = sign is for euphonic pairs. These are two variations of the same word used interchangeably in Ukrainian in different contexts to improve the sentence's sound.

Euphony, or **милозвучність** in Ukrainian, is not as restrictive in speech as it is in written language. Typically, sounds follow a more melodic order: vowel-consonant-vowel-consonant. This affects mostly the sounds [y], [v], and [i], [j].

Here are some examples from the book (note the underlined previous sounds):

вже = уже́

already, yet

Оста́п уже́ знайшо́в робо́ту.

Ostap has already found a job.

Ми вже при́їхали?

Have we arrived yet?

іти́ = йти, піти́

to go (*unidirectional*)
(*imperfective, perfective*)

Він іде́ на цю вечірку? Вона́ йде.

Is he going to this party? She is (going).

Вона́ пішла́ на концер́т.

She went to the concert.

If you are a casual Ukrainian speaker, my advice is not to worry too much about euphony. It is just useful to know that words like **вже** and **уже́** are basically the same word.



For further information about euphony in Ukrainian, visit our website at ukrainianlessons.com/euphony-in-ukrainian

English translation

In the book, we provide minimalistic English translations for each Ukrainian word, but sometimes we include several meanings when they are practical for your language learning. For example:

відкривáти, відкрíти	1) to open; 2) to discover (<i>imperfective, perfective</i>)
Цю коробку не можна відкривáти .	This box should not be opened.
Колу́мб відкрíв Аме́рику.	Columbus discovered America.

Note that these translations might not cover all possible word meanings, but are rather the most useful to know in everyday communication.

Example sentences

In order to provide a comprehensive understanding of each word, we include an illustrative sentence or two with English translation. These sentences are carefully chosen to highlight the context and usage of the word in a realistic, casual situation.

In these sentences, you may see the word presented in a different form, such as a different case or tense, to help you understand how it can be used in real-life situations.

авто́бус	bus
Сашко їздить в школу авто́бусом .	Sashko goes to school by bus.

At times, multiple example sentences are provided for a single word, to help you see how it can be used in different contexts:

відпочивáти, відпочíти	1) to rest; 2) to vacation (<i>imperfective, perfective</i>)
Оксáна багáто працює і máло відпочивáє .	Oksana works a lot and rests little.
Ми чудóво відпочíли в Карпáтах.	We had a great vacation in the Carpathians.

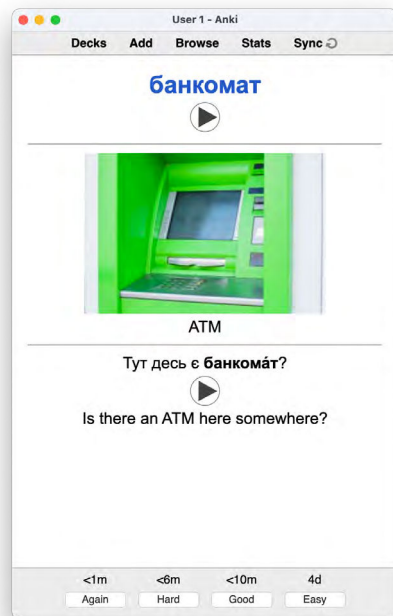
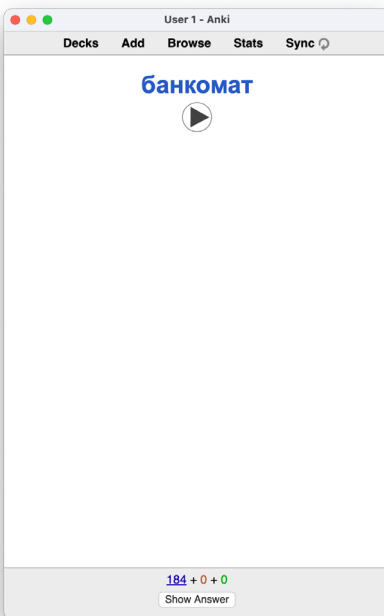
Additionally, some entries include a literal translation of a phrase in quotation marks, so that you can compare the English and Ukrainian phrasing:

регуля́рно	regularly
Яна регуля́рно займається спóртом.	Yana regularly exercises (“does sports”).

How to Study with Anki Flashcards

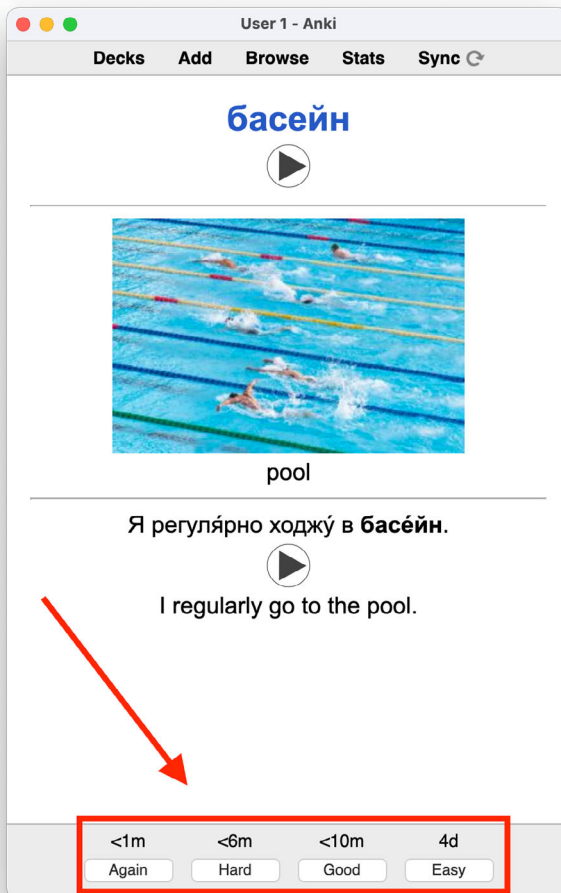
Hopefully, following the steps above, you successfully installed Anki, imported your flashcards and created an account not to lose your process. It is time to learn! Here are a few tips to get you started.

1. In order to start studying, select the 1000 words deck and click “**Study Now**” button on the deck screen. You will see one “side” of the card and will need to say the translation: either to English or to Ukrainian. Once you are ready with your answer, click “**Show answer**”, tap the Space bar or on your touchscreen. You will then see the translation along with example sentences for context.



2. Anki uses a **spaced repetition algorithm** to show you cards at the right time for optimal memorization. The algorithm will show you cards more frequently if you have trouble with them, and less frequently if you get them right.

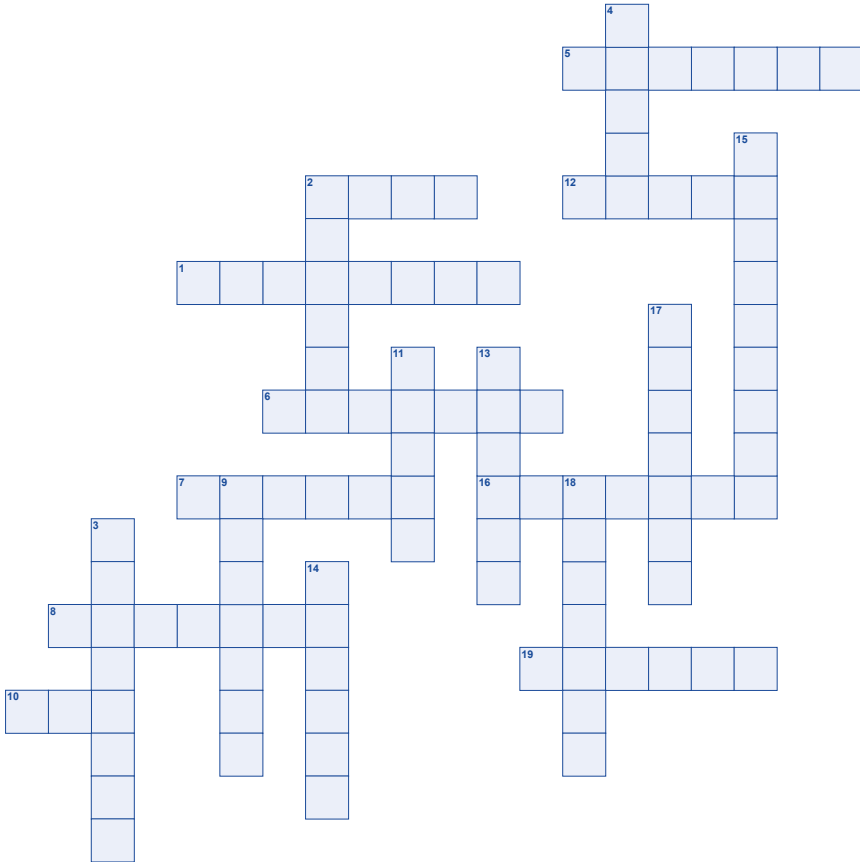
As you review the flashcards, mark the ones you know well as “**easy**” or “**good**”, the ones you struggle with as “**hard**” and the ones you do not know at all as “**again**”. This will help Anki optimize the timing and frequency of the flashcards it shows you.



12.	багáтий Він дуже багáта людина.	rich He is a very rich person.
13.	багáто Він знає багáто мов. Вона багáто заробляє.	many, a lot (of) He knows many languages. She earns a lot.
14.	балкóн О́ля сидіть на балкóні .	balcony Olia is sitting on the balcony.
15.	банáн На сніда́нок Марко з'їв два банáни .	banana For breakfast, Marko ate two bananas.
16.	банк Моя сестра́ працює в ба́нку .	bank My sister works at a bank.
17.	банкомáт Тут де́сь є банкомáт ?	ATM Is there an ATM here somewhere?
18.	бар Ході́мо в бар .	bar Let's go to the bar.
19.	басе́йн Я регуля́рно ходжу́ в басе́йн .	pool I regularly go to the pool.
20.	баскетбо́л Оле́на любить гра́ти в баскетбо́л .	basketball Olena likes to play basketball.
21.	батькі́ Ким працюю́ть твої́ батькі́ ?	parents What do your (<i>informal</i>) parents do (for work)?
22.	ба́тько = та́то Ба́тько (та́то) при́йде за́втра.	father, dad Father (dad) will arrive tomorrow.
23.	ба́чити, побáчити Ти ба́чиш мене́? Поживе́мо — побáчимо .	to see (<i>imperfective, perfective</i>) Do you see me? We will live — we will see. (Ukrainian saying)

178.	грівня Де можна обміняти долари на грівні ?	name of Ukrainian currency Where can I change dollars to hryvnias?
179.	грип Мій син зараз хворіє на грип .	flu My son is now sick with flu.
180.	гроші Скільки грошей потрібно для щастя?	money How much money does one need for happiness?
181.	грудень У грудні ми часто їздимо до бабусі.	December In December, we often go to grandma's.
182.	група Люди за шістдесят у групі ризику.	group People over sixty are in the risk group.
183.	губа, губи Це моя улюблена помада для губ .	lip, lips This is my favorite lipstick.
184.	губити, загубити Я часто гублю речі. Учора Павло загубив свій телефон.	to lose something <i>(imperfective, perfective)</i> I often lose things. Yesterday Pavlo lost his phone.
185.	гуляти, погуляти Вони люблять гуляти в лісі. Ми підемо погуляємо .	to walk, to have a walk <i>(imperfective, perfective)</i> They like to walk in the forest. We will go and have a walk.
186.	гурт «Океан Ельзи» — це відомий український гурт .	band “Okean Elzy” is a famous Ukrainian band.
187.	давати, дати Раніше він давав мені свої старі книги. Він дав мені цікаву книгу.	to give <i>(imperfective, perfective)</i> He used to give me his old books. He gave me an interesting book.

311. і = й Чай і тістечко, будь ласка. Ка́ву й е́клєр, будь ласка.	and Tea and a cake, please. Coffee and an eclair, please.
312. іде́я Це ціка́ва іде́я.	idea It is an interesting idea.
313. іме́нник Кни́жка, ла́мпа, се́стра — це іме́нники.	noun Book, lamp, sister — are nouns.
314. ім'я́, іме́на́ Яке́ га́рне ім'я́!	name, names What a beautiful name!
315. інструме́нт Ти гра́єш на музичних інструме́нтах?	instrument Do you (<i>informal</i>) play musical instruments?
316. інтерне́т Я прово́джу забага́то ча́су в інтерне́ті.	internet I spend too much time on the internet.
317. іноді́ = і́ноколи І́ноколи (і́ноді) І́нна хо́дить на прогу́лянку пе́ред робо́тою.	sometimes Sometimes Inna goes for a walk before work.
318. і́нший Петро́ живе́ в і́ншій ча́стині мі́ста. У ме́не є і́нша іде́я.	other, another, different Peter lives in another part of the city. I have a different idea.
319. істо́рія Вале́рій Васи́льович — учи́тель істо́рії. Неймо́вірна істо́рія!	1) history; 2) story Valerii Vasylovych is a history teacher. Incredible story!
320. іти́ = йти, піти́ Він іде́ на цю вечірку? Вона́ йде. Вона́ пішла́ на кон́церт.	to go (<i>unidirectional</i>) (<i>imperfective, perfective</i>) Is he going to this party? She is (going). She went to the concert.
321. їжа́ Нам тре́ба купи́ти їжу́.	food We need to buy food.



Fill in the crossword with the opposites of the words below:

Horizontal:

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| 1. ліворуч | 8. далеко |
| 2. літо | 10. під |
| 5. малий | 12. рай |
| 6. низький | 16. тонкий |
| 7. темно | 19. важкий |

Vertical:

- | | |
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| 2. ніколи | 13. брудний |
| 3. гарячий | 14. короткий |
| 4. більше | 15. жіночий |
| 9. широкий | 17. бідний |
| 11. друг | 18. вранці |

My New Ukrainian Words

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About the Author



Anna Ohoiko is a Ukrainian language specialist and teacher. She was born in 1991 — the year of the birth of independent Ukraine. She is originally from the town of Polonne in Khmelnytska oblast, in central-western Ukraine. Having always been passionate about languages, Anna graduated from Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and got a Master's degree in Theory, History of Ukrainian Language and Comparative Studies.

After participating in the Revolution of Dignity in 2014, Anna decided to dedicate her professional life to popularizing the Ukrainian language internationally by teaching it in the most accessible and exciting way — through UkrainianLessons.com. In 2016, she started the Ukrainian Lessons Podcast, which she designed as a step-by-step Ukrainian audio course for beginners. Since then, it has grown into a comprehensive language program for all levels.

From 2017 to 2018, she taught Ukrainian at the University of Pennsylvania through the Fulbright program. As of 2023, she works from her home office in Sweden, bringing inspiring resources for learning Ukrainian out there to the world.

“*Anna is clearly a brilliant linguist and manages to convey masses of information in an engaging and exciting way. It means a lot that she has created a resource that is so helpful and accessible for Ukrainian language learners and that includes contemporary Ukrainian culture.*

Irene SanPietro from NYC

“*Anna is an amazing teacher! It's so obvious that she is indeed a trained teacher who knows how to convey information so that it is retained well.*

Amy McCoy from North Carolina

“*I decided to listen to one or two podcasts for interest's sake, but when Anna speaks on podcasts, it's as if she's there in person to teach you.*

Shavonn Kravets from New Holland, PA

“*Anna is so charming and engaging, and her lessons are a delightful incentive to revive dormant vocabulary and traditions. Dedicated to the last syllable and motivating. It's always a pleasure to listen to her charming *голосочок*. *Анна фантастична* and for anyone seriously interested in learning Ukrainian, her podcast is the place to be.*

Rahnedra Breker from the United States

“*Anna's sense of humor and her love of her culture comes through in the podcasts and makes the learning experience fun. Even though I don't usually eat beets, I am now eager to try the red borscht!*

Mary Margaret Perez from Watsonville, California

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Lilly F from the United States

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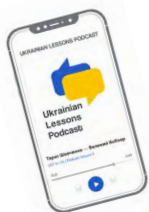
“ *On my first visit to Kyiv, I felt confident in my already obtained basic skills in Ukrainian and was even slightly complimented in a souvenir shop. I owe a good deal a huge credit to ukrainianlessons.com and Anna. She takes you into this language, gradually enhancing new words and grammar.*

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- “ *It surprised me how learning even a small subset of **well-selected words** allows constructing useful sentences and start communicating. I really appreciate the work put into it!*
Paweł Bulwan from Poland
- “ *Well organized! **Lots of examples** are a must for anybody learning anything. Flashcards are tremendous. **Audio pronunciation** is a must.*
Ron Wight from the United Kingdom
- “ *It has been very useful to learn **words in context**: in phrases, with cases, with stresses marked and verbs conjugated. The format is very clear and easy to use.*
Katja Pulkkinen from Finland
- “ *The flashcards are very, very useful — I have progressed **far more in 1-2 months of Ukrainian than I had in the previous 5** — thanks to your resource!*
Ciaran Pearson from the Netherlands

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