

Ukraine: Why has Russia invaded?

There has been **conflict between the two countries since 2014** and despite Russia building up a lot of troops on the border, many people were still shocked when

Russian President Vladimir Putin actually sent the Russian army to invade.

Since then, the world has been urging **Mr Putin** to stop his attacks. Ukraine's army has been fighting against the Russian army, and the rest of the world has been using other methods with the aim of forcing Russia to stop its actions.

But more than two million people who live there **have had to leave as refugees** to try to escape danger.

Here are some questions that you've been asking.

Where is Ukraine?

Ukraine is the biggest country in what's known as Eastern Europe and has the eighth biggest population of European countries. Its capital is Kyiv. It is a neighbour of Russia and shares a border with Poland, Belarus, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova.



Why did Russia invade Ukraine?

The two countries have a long-complicated history. Ukraine became independent in 1991, before then it was dominated by Russia. Before the attack, **Russia made demands including a promise** that Ukraine would not join a group of countries called NATO. Historically, Russia and countries that are a part of NATO have not always got on. Many people in Ukraine want the country to join NATO to avoid being dominated by Russia.

What's happening to people who live in Ukraine?

Ukraine is under attack which means it's a very dangerous place for people to stay. The Ukrainian army is involved in the fighting, as are some citizens, but many people have left for neighbouring countries.

What help is the UK offering to Ukrainians?

Like many countries the UK has promised to help families fleeing Ukraine. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson had already said that the UK could take in 200,000 Ukrainian refugees.

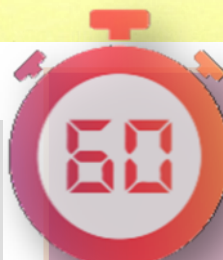
If you're struggling with what you're seeing in the news, there are things you can do to help:

Talk to someone you trust

Share how you're feeling with an adult you trust, and ask questions about what's happening.

Get the facts

You might hear people talking about what might happen next in Ukraine or the rest of the world. But lots of that isn't based on anything. Check the facts of what's happening with sites you can trust, like Newsround. **By Eugene and Darius**



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Our in house journalists

Aminah Farid and Areeza Shah interviewed Mrs. Fuzzi.

Read on to find out more!

What other languages can you speak?

I can also speak Italian and Spanish.

Who is your hero and why?

My Dad is my hero because he works with children.

Why did you want to become a teacher?

There is joy in learning. I enjoy bringing joy to my students.

What are your hobbies?

Reading, gym and ballet.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I remember all the lyrics to songs!



War in Ukraine: What do all the words mean?

While you're keeping up to date with what's going on, you might be coming across a lot of new words and phrases.

So, we've taken some of the key terms you need to know about the war in Ukraine and explained what they mean.

Annexation

Annexation is when a country decides it now controls another area, without the agreement of the people involved or anyone else they might need to get permission from.

It is forbidden by international law.

It's what was done to Crimea by Russia in 2014 -

something that is seen to have been the start of the current war in Ukraine.

Displaced

If a person is displaced, it means that they've been forced to leave their home because it's no longer safe to live there. If someone displaces another person, it means they are the reason the other person is forced out of where they live.

Invasion

An invasion is when an army enters another country by force. It's usually done to take control of the area or country they're entering.

Kyiv

Kyiv is the capital of Ukraine. It sits just to the north of the centre of the country, astride the biggest river in Ukraine - the Dnieper.

NATO

NATO stands for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. It is an international organisation which brings together the armies of various countries, including the UK, the United States and France. The aim of NATO is to make sure that its member countries all defend each other against anybody that might attack them, like Russia. Ukraine isn't a member of NATO, which is why NATO isn't getting involved. It was formed by 12 countries in 1949, four years after the Second World War (WW2).

As of 2022, NATO now has 30 member countries.

Refugee

A refugee is someone who leaves their country because it has become unsafe for them to stay there. They then go and look for somewhere to live in a different country.

Putin

Vladimir Putin is the President of Russia. It's he who has given the order for Russian troops to enter Ukraine.

Sanctions

A sanction is a penalty applied to a country by another when they are seen to be doing something wrong.

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Never spell it wrong again!

Here's an easy way to remember.



Your

Adjective.

Refers to something that belongs to you.

For example:

- Is that **your** laptop?
- I love **your** shoes!
- **Your** garden is huge.



You're

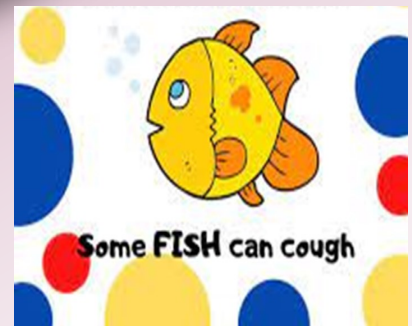
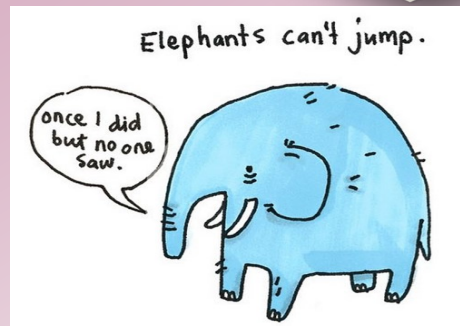
Contraction of "you are".

For example:

- **You're** so funny!
- **You're** a brilliant teacher.
- Call me when **you're** free.



did you know?



Why did the gym close down?



ANSWER:

It just didn't work out!

