

Ukrainian for Beginners

Practical Learning with SynapseLingo

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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: Have in Ukrainian: мати (maty) – Fun Podcast Lesson

Learn English – Ukrainian basics with the verb have. We practice “have,” “I have,” “you have,” “he has,” “she has,” “it has,” “we have,” “you have (plural),” and “they have,” mapping each to маму (maty), я маю (ya mayu), ти маєш (ty mayesh), він має (vin maye), вона має (vona maye), воно має (vono maye), ми маємо (my mayemo), ви маєте (vy mayete), and вони мають (vony mayut’). Enjoy a lively mini-dialogue, drills, and a speed quiz to lock in Ukrainian conjugation and present tense. Perfect for beginners searching “English Ukrainian learn,” “verb have,” and “Ukrainian маму (maty) conjugation.”

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources. Ready to laugh and learn?

Today you'll master have = мати (maty) with jokes, a quick dialogue, and a speedy quiz. Deep breath, smile – your brain loves this stuff!

Your goal today

You'll nail the core forms of “have” in Ukrainian in minutes.

- Goal 1: Recognize and say the infinitive: have → мати (maty).
- Goal 2: Speak clearly: I have → я маю (ya mayu); you have (sing.) → ти маєш (ty mayesh).
- Goal 3: Handle all people: he/she/it → він має (vin maye) / вона має (vona maye) / воно має (vono maye).
- Goal 4: Sound teamwork-ready: we/you(pl)/they → ми маємо (my mayemo) / ви маєте (vy mayete) / вони мають (vony mayut').

Quick forms you need

Echo after me; keep it punchy.

- have – мати (maty)
- I have – я маю (ya mayu)
- you have (sing.) – ти маєш (ty mayesh)
- he has – він має (vin maye)
- she has – вона має (vona maye)
- it has – воно має (vono maye)

- we have – ми маємо (my mayemo)
- you have (plural) – ви маєте (vy mayete)
- they have – вони мають (vony mayut')

Mini-dialogue: Coffee run chaos

Picture this – you and friends are ordering before a movie.

- You: I have cash – я маю готівку (ya mayu hotivku).
- Friend (to you): Great, you have the tickets – ти маєш квитки (ty mayesh kvytky), right?
- You: Yes, and he has the keys – він має ключі (vin maye klyuchi).
- Another friend: She has the map – вона має карту (vona maye kartu).
- Barista points at the machine: It has oat milk now – воно має (vono maye) вівсяне молоко. (vivsiane moloko)
- You to the group: We have time – ми маємо час (my mayemo chas), relax.
- Barista to the group: You (all) have a discount – ви маєте знижку (vy mayete znyzhku)!
- Everyone cheers: They have our order ready – вони мають наше замовлення (vony mayut' nashe zamovlennia).

Call-and-response drill

Your turn – strong voice, quick rhythm.

- Say “have”: мати (maty).
- Say “I have”: я маю (ya mayu).
- Say “you have” (sing.): ти маєш (ty mayesh).
- Say “he has”: він має (vin maye).
- Say “she has”: вона має (vona maye).
- Say “it has”: воно має (vono maye).
- Say “we have”: ми маємо (my mayemo).
- Say “you have” (plural): ви маєте (vy mayete).
- Say “they have”: вони мають (vony mayut’).

Culture tip and pro trick

Small insights = big wins.

Ukrainian often uses an alternative “have” structure: “I have” can also be у мене є (u mene ye). Both я маю (ya mayu) and у мене є (u mene ye) are common. Bonus tip: in some contexts ми маємо (my mayemo) can mean “we must,” so listen to context.

Speed quiz

Answer out loud; I’ll reveal it after a tiny pause.

- Q: How do you say “she has”? A: вона має (vona maye).

- Q: Translate “they have.” A: вони мають (vony mayut’).
- Q: Say “you have” to one friend. A: ти маєш (ty mayesh).
- Q: The device “it has” a camera. How do you start?
A: воно має (vono maye).
- Q: Quick – “we have”? A: ми маємо (my mayemo).
- Q: Infinitive “have”? A: мати (maty).

Challenge rhyme

Say it like a rap; hit the beats.

I have the plan – я маю (ya mayu); you have the snacks – ти маєш (ty mayesh); he has the keys – він має (vin maye); she has the map – вона має (vona maye); it has wheels – воно має (vono maye); we have tickets – ми маємо (my mayemo); you all have the playlist – ви маєте (vy mayete); they have the vibes – вони мають (vony mayut’).

Wrap-up

Nice work – high five!

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing these forms daily, and revisit the rhyme when you need a boost. For more lessons, games, and resources, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. Brought to you by SynapseLingo – see you next time!

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: Learn Ukrainian To Be – бути (buty): I am, you are, we are

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this English – Ukrainian mini-lesson makes the verb to be – буму (buty) – fun and easy. You'll master the essentials: I am, you are, he is, she is, it is, we are, you (plural/formal) are, they are, with clear Ukrainian pairs like я є (ya ye), ти є (ty ye), він є (vin ye), вона є (vona ye), це (tse), ми є (my ye), ви є (vy ye), вони є (vony ye). Practice with quick drills, jokes, and a pop quiz to lock in the forms across English and Ukrainian. Visit SynapseLingo for more English – Ukrainian lessons and resources.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey there, du-learner! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more goodies at www.synapse-lingo.com.

Today you'll master English to be and its Ukrainian superpower twin бути (buty). Buckle up, smile, and let's be awesome together!

Your goal today

You'll confidently say I am, you are, he is, she is, it is, we are, you are (plural), they are – all in Ukrainian.

By the end, you can point at people and things and declare their identity like a friendly wizard: it is – це (tse); we are – ми є (my ye); they are – вони є (vony ye).

Meet the forms

Repeat after me and feel the rhythm.

- to be = бути (buty)
- I am = я є (ya ye)
- you are (singular, informal) = ти є (ty ye)
- he is = він є (vin ye)
- she is = вона є (vona ye)
- it is = це (tse) (also possible: воно є (vono ye))
- we are = ми є (my ye)
- you are (plural/formal) = ви є (vy ye)
- they are = вони є (vony ye)

Tiny dialogues

Let's make the forms talk – short, snappy, and a bit silly.

- You: I am here – я є тут (ya ye tut). Friend: Great, you are on time – ти є вчасно (ty ye vchasno).
- You: He is my buddy – він є моїм другом (vin ye moyim druhom). Barista: She is the boss – вона є керівницею (vona ye kerivnytseiu).
- You: It is coffee – це кава (tse kava). Barista: We are coffee people – ми є каволюбамі (my ye kavoliubamy)!
- Coach: You are champions – ви є чемпіони (vy ye chempiony)! Crowd: They are ready – вони є готові (vony ye hotovi)!

Call-and-repeat drill

Say it out loud; your mouth remembers what your brain forgets.

- I am a student – я є студент(ка) (ya ye student(ka))
- you are my friend – ти є моїм другом (ty ye moyim druhom)
- he is here – він є тут (vin ye tut)
- she is kind – вона є доброю (vona ye dobroiu)
- it is important – це важливо (tse vazhlyvo)
- we are together – ми є разом (my ye razom)

- you are awesome (plural) – ви є чудові (vy ye chudovi)
- they are from Kyiv – вони є з Києва (vony ye z Kyieva)

Culture tip: natural Ukrainian

Here's a pro-tip to sound natural.

In everyday Ukrainian, the present 'are/is' often drops out. So "I am a student" can be я студент (ya student) instead of я є студент (ya ye student). "It is coffee" is simply це кава (tse kava). For learning clarity today, you used the full forms with є (ye) – great job!

Pop quiz

Quick check – answer out loud, then I'll reveal the target.

- Translate: they are ready. Answer: вони є готові (vony ye hotovi).
- Translate: it is my book. Answer: це моя книга (tse moia knyha).
- Translate: I am here. Answer: я є тут (ya ye tut).
- Translate: you are (singular) kind. Answer: ти є добрий/добра (ty ye dobryi/dobra).
- Translate: he is a doctor. Answer: він є лікарем (vin ye likarem).

Speed challenge

Ready, set, be!

Say them in order, fast but clear: to be – бути (buty); I am – я є (ya ye); you are – ти є (ty ye); he is – він є (vin ye); she is – вона є (vona ye); it is – це (tse); we are – ми є (my ye); you (plural) are – ви є (vy ye); they are – вони є (vony ye).

Goodbye and keep going

You crushed it today – high five!

Thanks for listening to SynapseLingo. Practice these every day, be brave, and keep saying бути (buty) out loud. For more English – Ukrainian lessons, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. See you next time!

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: Learn Ukrainian: go = йти (yty) – English – Ukrainian Walk-and- Talk

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun English – Ukrainian mini-podcast helps you master the verb go = йти (yty) with real-life bites. You'll hear and practice forms like ти йдеш (ty ydesh), він іде (vin ide), вона йде (vona yde), ми йдемо (my ydemo), ви йдете (vy ydete), вони йдуть (vony ydut), plus the handy mood phrase так собі (tak sobi). Perfect for beginners learning Ukrainian from English: clear rhythm, short dialogues, and a quick quiz so you can go – йти (yty) – with confidence.

SynapseLingo welcome

Hey you, grab your comfy shoes – your Ukrainian is about to get moving! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo; visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources and freebies.

Quick promise: by the end, you'll say go = йти (yty) like a pro, and flex forms from “you go” to “they go.” Ready? Let's roll – uh, walk!

Your goal today

You'll learn the core Ukrainian motion verb and its everyday present forms. Keep your ears open and your feet tapping.

- Base meaning: go (on foot) = йти (yty).
- I go: я йду (ya ydu) • You (singular) go: ти йдеш (ty ydesh)
- He goes: він іде (vin ide) • She goes: вона йде (vona yde)
- We go: ми йдемо (my ydemo) • You (plural) go: ви йдете (vy ydete)
- They go: вони йдуть (vony ydut)

Rhythm \ pronunciation

Drum your fingers and speak on the beat; rhythm makes memory sticky.

- Beat 1-2-3-4: й-ти (y-ty)... я й-ду (ya y-du)... ти й-де-ш (ty y-de-sh).

- Call-and-walk: You say “вона йде (vona yde)”, take one step. You say “вони йдуть (vony ydut)”, take two steps.
- Pro tip: Don't mix on foot йти (yty) with by vehicle їхати (yikhaty). Your shoes will file a complaint.

Mini dialogues

You and I do a quick scene – short, friendly, and a little silly.

- A: Are you ready to go? B: Yes – “ти йдеш (ty ydesh) зі мною?” (zi mnoiu? (zi mnoiu?))
- A: Where is he? B: “він іде (vin ide) до офісу.” (do ofisu (do ofisu))
- A: And her? B: “вона йде (vona yde) по каву.” (po kavu (po kavu))
- A: Team status? B: “ми йдемо (my ydemo) зараз;” the class: “ви йдете (vy ydete) за нами!”
- Narrator: The crowd nods: “вони йдуть (vony ydut)” across the street.
- Mood check – How's your day? You: “так собі (tak sobi)... but my Ukrainian is going places!”

Culture tip: Kyiv stroll

Imagine evening on Khreshchatyk – music, lights, friends.

Locals love to walk the main avenue; when it's time to move, someone smiles and says, “Let's go – йти (yty)!” or simply “Йдемо! (Ydemo!)” Add a coffee and small talk: if it's just okay, you'll hear “так собі (tak sobi).”