

THE UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE (УКРАЇНСЬКА МОВА)

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У доповіді йдеться про розвиток української мови, її популяризацію й захист.

The Ukrainian language belongs to the Slavic group of the Indo-European language family.

The number of speakers is about 45 million, most of whom live in Ukraine. Ukrainian is spoken by 41 to 45 million people in the world, it is the second or third Slavic language in terms of the number of speakers (after Russian and possibly Polish) and is among the third ten most common languages in the world.

Ukrainian language is studied by Ukrainian linguistics, as well as Ukrainian studies (Ukrainian studies). According to the recently published hypothesis of K.M. Tyshchenko, the Ukrainian language reflects the formation of Ukrainians as an ethnic group, formed in the VI–XVI centuries due to the integration of dialects of three Slavic tribes – Polyany, Derevlyany and Severyan with the participation of Iranian and Turkic steppe populations.

The history of the Ukrainian language begins with the Proto-Slavic linguistic unity (up to the 6th century AD). Different scholars interpret the time of the separation of the Ukrainian language from other Slavic languages differently. The history of its origin and formation to this day is the subject of sharp controversy, both purely linguistic and political.

Most information about the language was viewed through the prism of foreign, primarily Russian, concepts. The existence of a separate Ukrainian language was not generally recognized until the beginning of the XX century. In the Russian Empire, the Ukrainian language was considered a «Little Russian dialect» of the Russian language.

Since 1991, Ukrainian has been the official state language in Ukraine, and the state administration implemented government policies to broaden the use of Ukrainian. The educational system in Ukraine has been transformed over the first decade of independence from a system that is partly Ukrainian to one that is overwhelmingly so. The government has also mandated a progressively increased role for Ukrainian in the media and commerce.