

WHAT NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES WE READ IN UKRAINE

Millions of people all over the world read newspapers and magazines. They play an important role in the life of any nation.

Among the first newspapers in Ukraine were the *Lviv Courier* (started in 1749) and *Kharkiv Weekly* (started in 1812). Since Ukraine became an independent state, the proportion of newspapers and magazines in the Ukrainian language has increased. A total of more than 1200 newspapers are published in Ukraine, plus 1700 magazines.



The main national newspapers are *Holos Ukrayiny*, *Silski Visti*, *Ukraina Moloda*, *Den* and some others. They report national and international news thoroughly¹.

Some popular online media include *Ukrainska Pravda*, *Suspilne*, *Dzerkalo Tyzhnia* and *Radio Svoboda*.

Among popular magazines are *Dilovyi Visnyk*, *Korespondent*, *Ukrainskyi Tyzhden* etc. There are magazines and periodicals for many trades, professions and interests. They can print interesting facts about anyone and anything: the army, officials, private [*pravvət*] individuals, politics and so on. There are many local editions, too. Newspapers can be of daily or weekly publication. Magazines are usually monthlies. They vary in contents, size and appeal to different kinds of readers.



Ukrainian periodicals are independent today. The state of Ukraine guarantees their economic independence. But in practice editors and journalists sometimes face different problems. In any democratic society press is a real ‘fourth estate’¹ that provides the control of different aspects of the life of society.

¹ thoroughly ['θʌrəli] — старанно, як належить

² fourth estate [*feɪt̬st̬eɪt̬*] — преса, тут “четверта гілка влади” (окрім законодавчої, виконавчої і судової)

Choose and complete the sentences.

1. Lviv Courier and Kharkiv Weekly . . .

a) are very popular newspapers nowadays.

b) were among the first newspapers in Ukraine in the 18th-19th centuries.

c) are well-known newspapers of independent Ukraine.

2. The number of newspapers and magazines which are published in Ukrainian has increased . . .

a) since Ukraine became an independent state.

b) in the 18th-19th centuries.

c) after World War II.

3. National newspapers report . . .

a) national news.

b) on private individuals.

c) national and international news.

4. The army, top officials, private individuals . . .

a) are those who the periodicals make their publications about.

b) have increased in their number.

c) are a real 'fourth estate'.

5. Ukrainian newspapers are usually . . .

a) monthlies.

b) dailies.

c) dailies and weeklies

6. Magazines and newspapers differ . . .

a) in size and contents.

b) in their interests.

c) in shops where they are sold.

7. In any democratic society newspapers and magazines . . .

a) face different problems.

b) are in the control of the life of society.

c) are local.

