

# UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



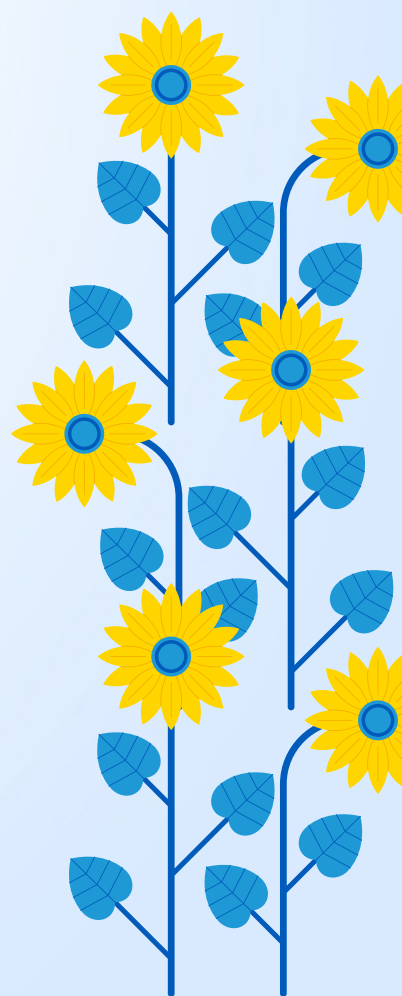
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# Ukrainian Independence Day



This year on August 24, 2023,  
**Ukraine celebrates**  
its **32nd Independence Day!**

**Clever Hedgehog** has a lot of fun activities for you and some interesting facts about this day!

1. The decision to announce Ukraine's independence was **made by citizens** during an event called the "All-Ukrainian referendum". In all 27 regions of Ukraine, **people said "YES!"**.



2. The Independence Day of Ukraine was celebrated for **the first time** on **July 16, 1991**. The date was later **moved to August 24**.



3. A **draft** of the Act on the Declaration of Independence of Ukraine **was written in a regular school notebook**.

4. The text of the Act consisted of **93 words**, was typed on a typewriter, and fit on **one** piece of paper.

5. **Poland** was **the first** country to congratulate Ukraine on becoming an Independent country.



6. The document on Ukraine's independence has inscriptions left by people who signed it: "**Glory to Ukraine**", "**Ukraine has not died and will not die**", and "**From today – let's be**".

This holiday is the day in which the **Past** and the **Future of Ukraine** meet **together** each year. The **past** should inspire **wisdom**. The **future** should teach us **responsibility** for making decisions.



**Find more Facts about Independence Day of Ukraine on our website**



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# How old is Ukraine?

Ukraine is a very old country. Ukraine began a long time ago when the state of Kievan Rus' started, which became the biggest and strongest state in Europe.

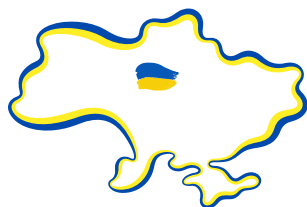
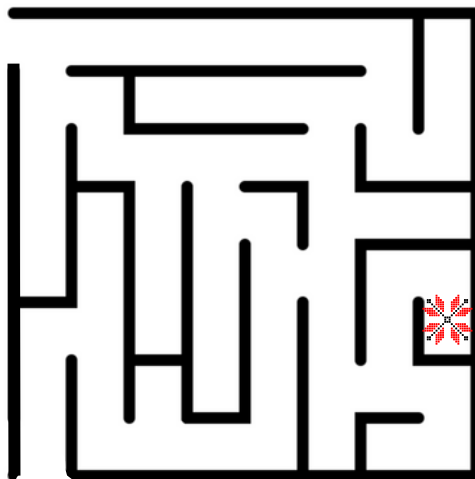


Kyiv was the historical capital of Kievan Rus' and is the capital of modern Ukraine.

The history of Kyiv begins with its founding year as 482, but the city may date back at least 2,000 years earlier.



## Help Clever Hedgehog find his way to Kyiv



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# Let's Travel to Ukraine

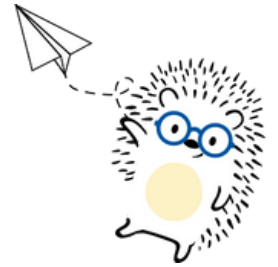


Look at the pictures and see if you can spot 10 differences.



# Quiz “What Do You Know About Ukraine”

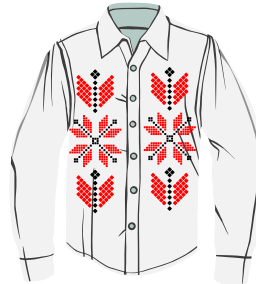
Do you know what the national symbols of Ukraine are?  
Try this yourself or with your parent.



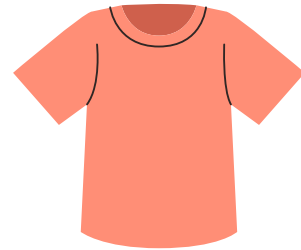
## 1. What festive clothes do Ukrainians wear?



**Shirt**



**Vyshyvanka**



**T-shirt**

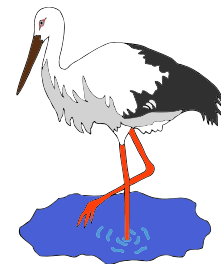
## 2. What bird is a national bird of Ukraine?



**Owl**



**Parrot**



**Stork**

## 3. What flower is the Ukrainian national symbol?



**Rose**



**Sunflower**



**Tulip**

Answers: 1. Vyshyvanka 2. Stork. 3. Sunflower

# Let's Read a Story

## UKRAINIAN FOLKTALE "THE ENORMOUS TURNIP"

An old man planted a **turnip** 🥕.  
The turnip 🥕 grew and grew... It was enormous!

The story shared in English

by **Stories to Grow By**



The old **man** started to pull the turnip 🥕 out of the ground.  
He pulled and pulled, but could not pull it out.

So he called over his **wife** 👵. The old woman took hold of the old man, and the old man took hold of the turnip 🥕. They pulled and pulled, but could not pull it out.

So the old woman called over the **granddaughter** 👧. The granddaughter took hold of the old woman, the old woman took hold of the old man, the old man took hold of the turnip 🥕. They pulled and pulled, but could not pull it out.

So the granddaughter called over the **dog** 🐕. The dog took hold of the granddaughter, the granddaughter took hold of the old woman, the old woman took hold of the old man, and the old man took hold of the turnip 🥕. They pulled and pulled, but could not pull it out.

So the dog called over the **cat** 🐈. The cat took hold of the dog, the dog took hold of the granddaughter, the granddaughter took hold of the old woman, the old woman took hold of the old man, and the old man took hold of the turnip 🥕. They pulled and pulled, but could not pull it out.

So the cat called over the **mouse** 🐭. The mouse took hold of the cat, the cat took hold of the dog, the dog took hold of the granddaughter, the granddaughter took hold of the old woman, the old woman took hold of the old man, and the old man took hold of the turnip 🥕.



**They pulled and pulled ....  
and finally out came the enormous turnip 🥕!**

# The End



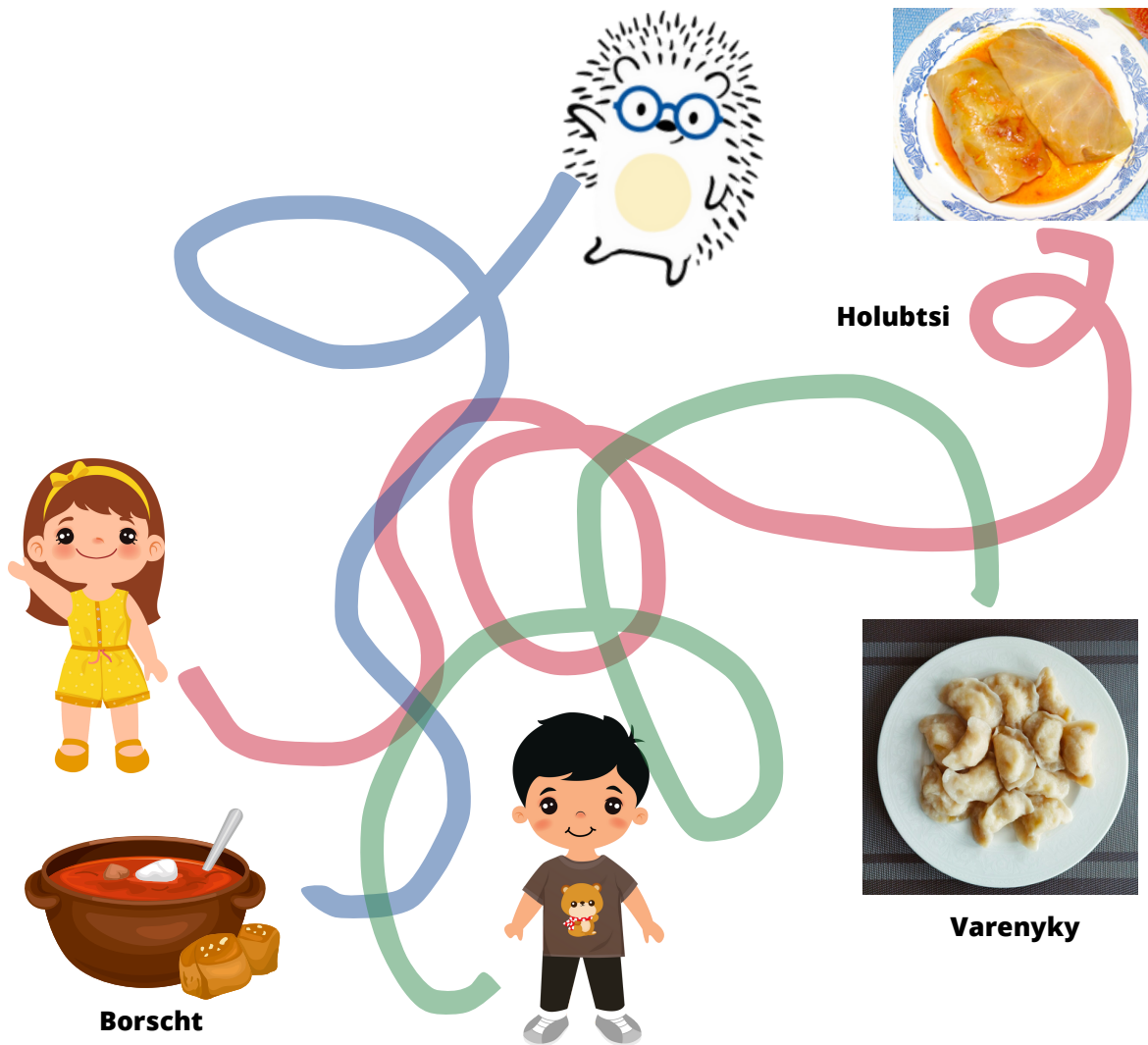
# Ukrainian Traditional Food

The national dish of Ukraine is **borscht**, the well-known beet soup. There are many different kinds of it.

Other favorite foods are **varenyky** (boiled dumplings similar to pierogies) and **holubtsi** (a type of cabbage roll).

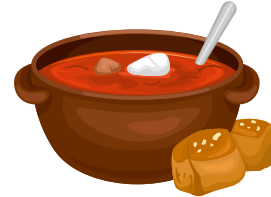
These are common meals in traditional Ukrainian families and restaurants.

**See what kids' favorite meals are.  
And what do you think is Clever Hedgehog's favorite?**



Pictures: Wikimedia File:Pierogi z masłem, File:Golubzi5.jpg

# Ukrainian Crossword Puzzle!



## Across

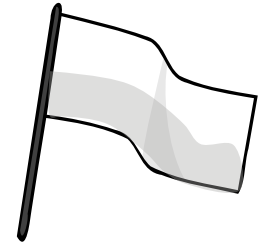
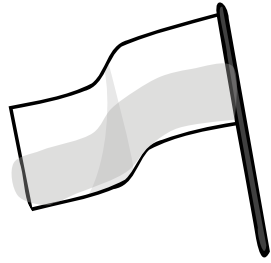
1. The upper color of the Ukrainian flag
3. The largest lake in Ukraine
6. Ukrainian currency
7. The capital of Ukraine
8. Ukrainian traditional dumplings stuffed with fillings like potatoes, sauerkraut, or strawberries
9. Ukraine's longest river

## Down

1. Ukrainian traditional hot beetroot soup
2. Current president
4. The deepest metro station in the world, located in Ukraine
5. Official language

Across: 1. Blue 3. Yalpuh 6. Hryvnia 7. Kyiv 8. Varenky 9. Dniπρο  
Down: 1. Borscht 2. Zelensky 4. Arsenalna 5. Ukrainian





# HAPPY UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

