

QUESTIONS to discuss

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RUSSIA has invaded Ukraine and started a war. Why did they do that and what's going on?

First News and Sky Kids FYI will help you to:

- Find the facts
- Understand the history
- Think things through
- Address worries
- Ask questions



FINDING THE FACTS

1. What has happened?

- Who is Vladimir Putin?
- When did Vladimir Putin instruct the Russian army to invade Ukraine?
- When did the lead-up to the war begin?
- What did Putin instruct the Russian army to do at this stage?
- In what other country did the Russian army position soldiers?

2. Where is Ukraine?

- Whereabouts in Europe is Ukraine?
- Find the map and find all the countries that are on its borders.
- How far away is Ukraine from where you live? (You might need to do some research on Google Maps to work this out!)
- Do you have any connections with people who live in Ukraine, or any of the countries that border Ukraine?

GLOSSARY

Western leaders — Primarily the leaders of America, the UK and the countries of the European Union

UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY

1. What was the Soviet Union?

- What was it also known as?
- When did it exist?
- How many states made up this huge country? Can you name any?
- Which was the biggest power inside the Soviet Union?
- What happened to each of the states after the Soviet Union collapsed?

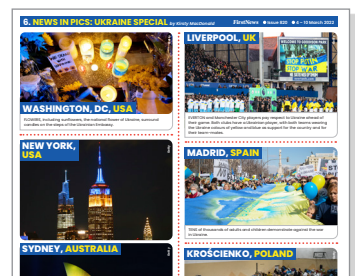
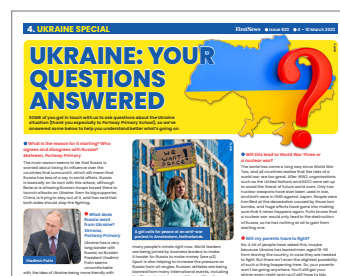
2. What is NATO? How has it changed since it was first formed?

3. What was the Cold War?

4. What happened to Ukraine after the Cold War? Why was 2014 a significant year for the country?

GLOSSARY

Russian Revolution — This took place in 1917 when the peasants and working-class people of Russia protested about their harsh living conditions and rose up against the government of Tsar Nicholas II. They were led by Vladimir Lenin and a group of revolutionaries called the Bolsheviks. The new communist government created the country of the Soviet Union



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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Why was Russia unhappy when former Soviet states started joining NATO?
2. What are world leaders doing to try to resolve the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine?
3. Why is the supply of fossil fuels an issue for world leaders?
4. How are people in Russia being affected by the war?
5. The government in Russia runs much of the media (newspapers, TV, radio and websites). How does this influence what people living in Russia think about what is happening in Ukraine at the moment?
6. How have people around the world been supporting the Ukrainian people?



ADDRESSING WORRIES ABOUT WAR

1. When faced with worrying news, such as the news about the conflict in Ukraine, why is it important to double check the information about what's happening?
2. Why is it important to share your worries and concerns with a trusted adult?
3. If you are feeling really worried, how might doing something positive help?
4. Dr Anna Colton says that giving anxiety attention is "like watering a plant". What do you think she means by this, and what should you do instead if you feel anxious because of world events?

5. UKRAINE SPECIAL FirstNews ● Issue 820 ● 4 – 10 March 2022

WORRYING ABOUT WAR?

The news from Ukraine is unsettling for everyone. We hope the information in this issue will help you understand what's going on and give you a bit of comfort. When you hear a worrying headline, or scary words are thrown about, it can be upsetting. It's like "hears of the unknown". Knowing more about what's going on hopefully will help you not to feel worried. But if you are still feeling uneasy, here is some advice from Childline, who have been talking to children who are worried about war in Ukraine.

by Childline

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Take a break

When the news is making you feel worried, it's important to take a break. This means taking a short break from the news, and doing something that makes you feel good. This could be reading a book, watching a TV show, or talking to a friend. It's important to take a break from the news, and doing something that makes you feel good. This could be reading a book, watching a TV show, or talking to a friend. It's important to take a break from the news, and doing something that makes you feel good. This could be reading a book, watching a TV show, or talking to a friend.

Dr Anna Colton

Dr Anna Colton is a clinical psychologist. She has been talking to children who are worried about war in Ukraine. She says that giving anxiety attention is "like watering a plant". What do you think she means by this, and what should you do instead if you feel anxious because of world events?

FYI: UKRAINE VIDEO EXPLAINER

Our partner weekly news show, Sky Kids FYI, has made a short film that explains what is going on in Ukraine. You can watch it right now on First News, educationTV, or by scanning this QR code. In the film, presenter Stephanie explains the background to the war and why it hasn't just come out of the blue, but has been building for years.

FOR YOUR INFO
first.news/educationTV

UKRAINE: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Young people's questions on the war have been answered on page 4 of *First News* this week. But this situation is changing rapidly and you will have more questions.

What questions do you have about what is happening?

- Read the *First News* special reports and watch the FYI: Ukraine video explainer to see if you can find the information you are after.
- Talk about your questions with a trusted adult.
- Send your questions to *First News* at first.news/ukrainequestions – or email newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk – and we'll answer more in an upcoming issue or programme.

THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE IS CHANGING RAPIDLY, BUT YOU CAN KEEP TRACK OF EVENTS WITH *FIRST NEWS'* DAILY UPDATE AT [FIRSTNEWS.CO.UK/UKRAINE](https://firstnews.co.uk/ukraine)