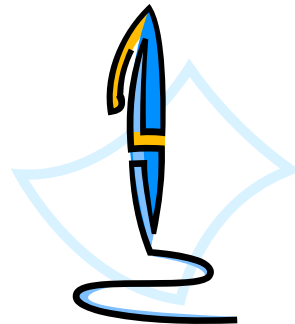




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Writing the Alphabet

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Simple syllables and words

Do we **have** to learn handwriting? Can't we just print?

This is a good question! Some evidence supports the notion that printing can be produced as speedily as cursive handwriting and can be just as legible. While this might be the case, most North American schools still view printing as a preliminary step to cursive handwriting.

Learning to write in Ukrainian has a strong cultural association with the education system in Ukraine, where children rarely learn to print. They are introduced to handwriting in the first grade. Great emphasis is placed on neatness and good penmanship, and this emphasis has been transferred to Ukrainian language programs outside Ukraine.

At upper education levels, computer-formatted assignments and reports are quickly becoming the preferred format for Ukrainian coursework. However, if you do not have access to a computer or if you find it difficult to use a Ukrainian keyboard, handwritten assignments are equally acceptable.

You are encouraged to develop good handwriting skills in Ukrainian throughout this course. You will have an opportunity to practice your handwriting skills in this Introductory Unit. There will also be opportunities for additional practise in the **Cultural Enrichment segments of Units I – IV** of this course.

An excellent website!

The first step is to spend some time familiarizing yourself with the written form of each letter. Thanks to a wonderful computer project at the University of Alberta*, you can see how each Ukrainian letter is formed. Consider placing the link below under 'Favorites' on your computer. This site is an excellent source of support for Ukrainian language beginners.

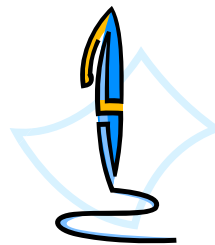
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** Special thanks to the Ukrainian Language and Literature Program at the University of Alberta for permission to access this link (Dr. Oleh Ilnytskyj, Professor, Modern Languages and Cultural Studies, University of Alberta) Website Location: <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~ukraina/Homepage.html> . See UMM*IL*DP.*

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Both of the Ukrainian words given above are used as synonyms for the word 'pen'

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Forming each letter of the Alphabet

The formation of the letters below is taken from the *Mova i Rozmova* Writing Exercises Workbook (UCC © 1998). As you practise each letter of the alphabet, check the formation of the letter by using the web link given at the top of each page. You may notice a slight difference between the appearance of the letters as given on these pages and the formation as shown on the website. Both forms are equally correct.

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Simple syllables and words

Now that you have practised writing each letter individually, the next step will be to practise putting these letters together in syllables and words. For this, you will be using the Writing Exercises found in the next segment of this course. The writing exercises are taken from a Ukrainian language course titled 'Mova i Rozmova'. These exercises reinforce vocabulary which you will hear in the context of simple dialogues in Units I, II and III of the online course. If you would like to check the meaning of the words, refer to the dictionaries provided in each Unit.

NOTE: Try to complete all segments of the *Introduction to Writing* by Day 12 of your course.