

Emergency Bulletin #5 for Language Teachers

Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Online Data & Resources

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Bulletin #5: Opposing a Brutal War – 1 Month On

Vladimir Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine has entered its second month with no let-up in the death, destruction and misery meted out by Russian troops. We educators have a moral duty to oppose these vicious attacks. I hope this 5th bulletin, class activities and Ukraine statements can help in our work to end this war.

Bulletin #5 (March 28, 2022)

1. Part 5: Teaching resources / News, info, links
2. Initiatives & news in Japan (English & Japanese)

Ukraine statements by language associations

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CD2gEZ3rdmAskuDnSkWRInyHERzO_sw3/view?usp=sharing

Class Research Tasks: NGOs, Russia, Interviews

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15L9E4MOrYd-35ME8veDwDB4PMNYzPrGe/view?usp=sharing>

Bulletin #4 (March 18, 2022)

- Part 4: Teaching resources / News, info, links
- Celebrity quotes / Putin jokes / Zelensky appeal
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iN9i4xsU1fXE20xg49V_FUgt1PFLHCQT/view

Teaching Resource: Songs for Ukraine

- 10 songs with lyrics, info and video links
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PeL7yc-jv906B47gCkDHsXBaS9zFU4vP/view?usp=sharing>

Bulletin #3 (March 8, 2022)

- Part 3: Teaching resources / News, info, links
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16auqhWsHgTIWJIWvCUz3PNTnWlbGRQg3/view?usp=sharing>

An Open Letter to Russian Teachers

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YHQYKDUlgWI8vGFXFEYzAuWkdp23rxZk/view?usp=sharing>

3 Teaching Activities (10 tasks, letters, opinions)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/IRS_1Z51mwmEghw85n1uoiqmmWQ8Oxx5K/view?usp=sharing

Bulletin #2 (March 3, 2022)

- Part 2: Teaching resources / News, info, links
- Inspiring quotes, slogans, celebrity statements
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lqSBYlHjUyuvVoMBWGGwN28isQQUp2W/view?usp=sharing>

Ukraine: 14 Things We Can Do (+ Ukraine celebs)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k8UO5bJmOPiQ6tZrYOdJf142W6WIRFLb/view?usp=sharing>

Bulletin #1 (February 27, 2022)

- Part 1: Teaching resources / News, info, links
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ppjedWviu7PYBN3wBCG3Cy1xM4NitvYb/view?usp=sharing>

Ukraine: Grim Figures (March 28, 2022 online sources)

Exact numbers are hard to determine. Rough statistics:

- Ukrainian civilians killed: 1,100 ~ 4,300 +
- Ukrainian children killed: 120 +
- Ukraine schools attacked: 750 schools (UNICEF)
- Ukraine hospitals attacked: 64 hospitals (WHO)
- Ukrainian refugees: 3.7 million +
- Internally displaced people: 6.5 million +
- Russian soldiers killed: 1,300 ~ 15,000
- Russian protesters arrested: 15,000+ in 151 cities
- Russians fleeing abroad: ~ 200,000 (BBC/Jazeera)

PART 5: Resources for Teaching about Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Below is our 5th set of teaching resources. Check the links at left for more resources listed in past bulletins.

Helping Students to Understand Russia-Ukraine

<https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/opinion-an-unlikely-tool-can-help-students-understand-the-russia-ukraine-war-sports/2022/03>

- A great set of classroom activities that uses "sports" to help students understand the crisis (Mar 17)

Teaching about the Ukraine Refugee Crisis

<https://www.facinghistory.org/educator-resources/current-events/teaching-about-ukrainian-refugee-crisis>

- Guidelines and resources on how to teach about the refugee crisis from "Facing History" (Mar 11)

Russia Invades Ukraine: EFL Lesson Plan

<https://www.linguahouse.com/esl-lesson-plans/general-english/russia-invades-ukraine>

- An English lesson on the invasion with handouts and a statement on the crisis by Linguahouse (Mar 1)

Support for Teachers During the Crisis

<https://www.twinkl.jp/blog/how-can-we-support-you-during-the-ukraine-and-russia-conflict>

- this great Twinkl article discusses how to welcome refugees and teach the crisis to children (Mar 4)

Talking to Kids about the War in Ukraine

<https://www.aps.edu/news/news-from-2021-2022/talking-to-kids-about-the-war-in-ukraine>

- a guide to useful resources for teachers from the Albuquerque Public Schools website (March 3)

EU Support for Ukraine Teachers and Students

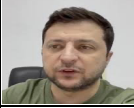
<https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/measures-in-support-of-pupils-and-educational-staff-fleeing-ukraine-following-the-russian-invasion>

- report by the European Commission on how it's supporting Ukrainian teachers and students (Mar 17)

Keeping Up to Date on the Crisis

Wikipedia: 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_Russian_invasion_of_Ukraine

Zelensky Appeal for Worldwide Protests



Click the links to see Pres. Zelensky's appeal (in English) asking the world's people to stand up and protest (Mar 24).

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OCnYWqyY_Y
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KxjrOLYdoQ>

Worldwide Protests Against Russian Invasion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K4eVSSnflI>

▪ March 27: Video report of protests in London and Prague held in response to Zelensky's Mar 24 appeal

Ukrainian Civilians Protest Russian Occupation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcT9184_fzo

▪ Mar 21: Radio Liberty video report of Ukrainians protesting the Russian occupation of their regions.

Anti-War Initiatives in Russia

Wikipedia: 2022 Anti-war Protests in Russia
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_anti-war_protests_in_Russia

▪ this detailed Wikipedia site has the best general overview of the Russian anti-war movement

Russian Academics Risk Arrest to Oppose War

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2022/03/03/russian-academics-oppose-invasion-ukraine>

▪ article on protests by Russian academics (Mar 3)

Russia Faces Brain Drain as Thousands Flee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=635iLwWdsU4>

▪ liberal young Russians are fleeing abroad (Mar 14)

Poems of Solidarity for Ukraine

British ELT expert Alan Maley has put together a powerful collection of texts and poems contributed by English language educators that express solidarity with Ukraine. To get a copy of these, contact him at:

▪ Alan Maley <yelamoo@yahoo.co.uk>

Russian Teacher Refuses to Brainwash

Russian teacher who refused to teach propaganda
<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-the-monday-edition-1.6392168/this-russian-teacher-refused-to-show-kids-propaganda-about-ukraine-it-co-st-him-his-job-1.6393443>

▪ Mar 22: CBC radio report on a Moscow teacher who refused to teach propaganda and was then fired.

Free EFL Courses for Refugees

Free Online EFL Courses for Ukrainian Refugees
<https://www.oxfordinternationaleducationgroup.com/free-online-english-courses-for-refugees/>

▪ Oxford International Education has launched 2 free online courses for displaced people and those fleeing the war in Ukraine: (1) *English for Culture* and (2) *Business English*. Full details at the website above.

Ukraine Statements by ELT Groups



Click the link below to read statements about Russia and Ukraine issued by 20 language teaching associations and groups.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CD2gEZ3rdmAskuDnSkWRInyHERzO_sw3/view

EFL Article: *Should we teachers be talking about war with our students?*



Click the link below to read this Feb. 26th blog post by Katherine Bilsborough posted on the *Creating ELT Materials* website.

<https://www.creatingeltmaterials.com/should-we-be-talking-about-war-with-our-students/>

Songs for Ukraine



Click the link below to access 10 powerful songs of protest, solidarity and resistance that you can teach to your students.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PeL7yc-jv906B47gCkDHsXBaS9zFU4vP/view?usp=sharing>

Three Class Activities on Russia-Ukraine



Click the link below to access 3 class activities about the Russia-Ukraine crisis:

- 10 research tasks for students to do
- 10 letters for students to read and write
- 10 opinions for students to discuss

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15L9E4MOrYd-35ME8veDwDB4PMNYzPrGe/view>

Why did Russia Invade Ukraine?

Putin's War on Ukraine, Explained

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVu8QbxfJE>

▪ Good visual explanation of the crisis by Vox (Mar 3)

Why is Russia Invading Ukraine?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUKblujiRyk>

▪ Pre-invasion analysis by *The Economist* (Feb. 10)

For more info: Do a Google / Youtube search for
▪ Why did Russia invade Ukraine?

News from Japan about Russia's War on Ukraine

News and Resources in English

Ukraine Crisis: Japanese Students Ponder Peace
[the-japan-news.com/news/article/0008389151](https://www.asahi.com/news/article/0008389151)

- Mar 27th Japan News article on how Japanese elementary and junior high schools are increasing peace education activities and support for Ukraine

Educators in Japan Fear a Decline in Student Interest in Studying the Russian language
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/03/19/national/russian-language-study-decline/>

- Mar 19th Japan Times article on how university Russian language departments fear a backlash against the learning of Russian due to the crisis

Japanese Schools Do Crowdfunding for Ukraine
www.nippon.com/en/news/ntv20220324002/

- March 24th Nippon TV video report on how Japanese language schools in Japan have launched a crowdfunding campaign for Ukrainian refugees.

Ukrainian Woman in Aichi Loses Her Mother
<https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/14570699>

- March 25th Mainichi Shimbun article about a Ukrainian woman in Aichi whose sick mother in Ukraine died as a result of the Russian invasion

Haruki Murakami Protests with Anti-War Songs
<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/entertainment/1967790-murakami-plays-antiwar-songs-on-radio-to-protest-ukraine-war>

- Mar 18th report on how writer Haruki Murakami played anti-war songs to protest Russia's actions

Japanese in Poland Assists Ukraine Refugees
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/03/25/national/japanese-man-ukrainian-refugees-poland/>

- March 25th article on a Japanese man in Poland who opened his home to Ukrainian refugees

Nagasaki University to Accept Ukraine Students
<https://www.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/en/news/news105.html>

- March 23rd statement from Nagasaki University announcing they will accept students from Ukraine

Japan Displays Peace Paintings by Ukraine Kids
<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20220304/p2a/00m/0na/028000c>

- March 4th article on a "Kids Guernica" project that displayed 100 Ukrainian kids' peace paintings

"Russia Bashing" in Japan Hits Russian Expats
<https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/14566964>

- March 8th Asahi Shimbun article about how even anti-war Russian expats are being harassed online

News and Resources in Japanese

山梨大、ウクライナの学生に遠隔授業を提供
Yamanashi Univ: Distance Learning for Ukraine
<https://www.asahi.com/articles/ASQ3T74T1Q3SUZO005.html>

- Mar 26th article on how Yamanashi University is providing distance learning for Ukraine grad students

ウクライナの女子学生3人、日本に避難
3 Ukrainian University Students Escape to Japan
<https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/df2d9b00e5ca45ef505a92bc9ff428182dc18287>

- Mar 25th article on 3 women students who escaped Ukraine to study at Nihon Keizai Univ. in Fukuoka

ウクライナ学生「日本で勉強したい」
日本語学校が無償で日本語教育提供
Japanese Language Schools Offer Free Classes to Ukrainian Students in Japan
<https://www.fnn.jp/articles/-/336136>

- Mar 25th article and video explaining how 19 Japanese language schools nationwide are joining to provide free Japanese classes to Ukrainian students

Youtube Videos in Japanese

「ウクライナ支援」日本語学校など難民を支援
Japan Project to Support 100 Ukraine Students
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J19J4-wpBtQ>

- Mar 23rd NTV report on how Japanese language schools are raising money to support Ukraine students

新宿でウクライナ支援の募金活動
Ukraine Fundraising Efforts in Shinjuku, Tokyo
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcYA9jLrXnM>

- Mar 26th video about fundraising in Shinjuku carried out by Ukrainians in Tokyo and Japanese volunteers

ウクライナ支援の輪 福岡でも広がる
Ukrainian Students Welcomed to Fukuoka
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0bMYpMPEOs>

- Mar 17th video on how Ukrainian students were welcomed to Fukuoka by Nihon Keizai Univ. students

Japan Crowdfunding for Ukraine

ウクライナ学生100人受け入れ支援プロジェクト
Japan Project to Support 100 Ukraine Students
camp-fire.jp/projects/view/568504?list=popular

- Check out this Campfire crowdfunding project run by JSUS (*Japanese Support for Ukrainian Students*) that aims to raise money to support 100 Ukrainians