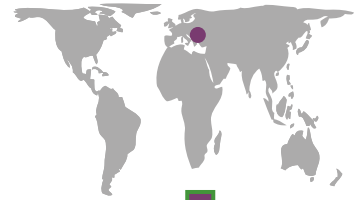


for children

# hello

## UKRAINE

How do you say hello in Russian?



# preevyet

(Say "pre-VEE-ET")

### My name is Valya Proshak.

Age: 12

Lives in: Zaporozhye, Ukraine

My father is a pastor in the Baptist church and has a project (supported by MCC's Global Family education program) working with children in an orphanage and helping them learn life skills. My mother runs an English club there. On Saturdays, she tutors students at our house. I have two sisters, Tanya who is 10 and Angelina who is 4.

On weekends and at Christmas and other holidays, Kristina Naidyonova stays with us. She's 14 and lives in the orphanage.

I am in seventh grade at school and I also go to music school, where I play the piano. In the evenings after I have done my homework, I play board games with my sisters. Sometimes we read the Bible before we go to sleep. I like to read and sometimes I take a book with me to bed.

We have 30 chickens in our yard. We also have some fish and a dog named Gerda. I like to ride my bike with my friends in the summer, and I like sledding in the winter.

My favorite food: Fruit salad (bananas, oranges, apples, kiwi)

My favorite subject: English

What I want to be: English teacher or translator



Valya Proshak plays with her dog, Gerda, at her home in Zaporozhye, Ukraine.



### Exquisite eggs

Ukraine is famous for *pysanka* (pis-ON-ka) eggs, eggs decorated with beautiful, complex patterns. Designs are drawn on an egg in hot beeswax, then the egg is dipped in dye. The process is repeated with more colors. Color these examples of traditional *pysanka* designs.

