

Ukraine and Russia sign deal to resume grain exports

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Ukraine and Russia have signed a deal to allow much-needed exports of grain to resume from Ukraine's Black Sea ports. The resumption should ease a world shortage of wheat that has left millions of people in Africa and India at risk of hunger. Russia's

invasion of Ukraine has also resulted in a global rise in food prices. Millions of tons of grain are currently waiting for export at ports. The deal to allow exports should ease the pressure on food prices. Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov signed the deal at a ceremony in Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to broker the agreement.

The sides took two months to reach the deal, after intensive negotiations. It is set to last for 120 days. Ukraine has warned that any Russian provocation could put the deal in jeopardy. This has already been tested after Russian forces attacked the Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal being penned. Mr Shoigu told reporters that the deal might facilitate the export of more products. He said: "I'm not talking about beginning only the export of agricultural products from Ukrainian ports, but also the export of agricultural products and fertiliser from Russian ports." The US said more exports were needed, "to prevent the world's most vulnerable from sliding into deeper food insecurity and malnutrition."

Sources: [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com) / [bangkokpost.com](https://www.bangkokpost.com) / [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com)

Writing

More countries should aim to be self-sufficient regarding food. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Ukraine / Russia / deal / grain / shortage / risk / food prices / exports / ceremony / negotiations / provocation / jeopardy / port / products / agricultural / malnutrition

True / False

- 1) The deal will end hunger in Africa and India. T / F
- 2) Wheat sitting in Ukrainian ports has increased food prices worldwide. T / F
- 3) Ukraine's Defense Minister signed the deal for Ukraine. T / F
- 4) Wheat should now be able to leave from Ukraine's Black Sea ports. T / F
- 5) The deal is set to continue for about four months. T / F
- 6) The port of Odesa was attacked within 24 hours of the deal. T / F
- 7) The deal could mean Russia also exporting wheat. T / F
- 8) The USA wants controls to limit the amount of exports. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. deal | a. arrange |
| 2. resume | b. relieve |
| 3. rise | c. talks |
| 4. ease | d. danger |
| 5. broker | e. hike |
| 6. negotiations | f. slipping |
| 7. last | g. recommence |
| 8. jeopardy | h. hunger |
| 9. sliding | i. continue |
| 10. malnutrition | j. pact |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about the Ukraine War?
- b) How has the Ukraine War affected you?
- c) What do you think of this deal?
- d) How can the Ukraine War be ended?
- e) Should more countries become more self-sufficient in food?
- f) How can the world alleviate food shortages?
- g) What more can be done to get grain out of Ukraine?
- h) What could people eat instead of wheat?

Phrase Match

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| 1. a deal to allow much-needed exports | a. the pressure on food prices |
| 2. ease a world | b. ceremony in Istanbul |
| 3. exports should ease | c. and malnutrition |
| 4. Kubrakov signed the deal at a | d. for 120 days |
| 5. President Erdogan helped to | e. of grain to resume |
| 6. after intensive | f. of the deal being penned |
| 7. It is set to last | g. shortage of wheat |
| 8. within 24 hours | h. and fertiliser |
| 9. agricultural products | i. broker the agreement |
| 10. sliding into deeper food insecurity | j. negotiations |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Why did it take so long to reach an agreement?
- How long do you think the deal will last?
- Should Russian exports of grain also be allowed?
- Why are there so many people suffering from malnutrition?
- What would you do if food was insecure?
- What three adjectives best describe this story?
- What questions would you like to ask the negotiators?

Spelling

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- Russia's ionisavn of Ukraine
- exports should sae the pressure
- Ukraine's rtusIrrefautnc Minister
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- food insecurity and outmtalnrii

Answers – Synonym Match

1. j	2. g	3. e	4. b	5. a
6. c	7. i	8. d	9. f	10. h

Role Play

Role A – War

You think war is the biggest problem. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as worrying. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): food shortages, viruses or nuclear proliferation.

Role B – Food Shortages

You think food shortages is the biggest problem. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as worrying. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): war, viruses or nuclear proliferation.

Role C – Viruses

You think viruses is the biggest problem. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as worrying. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): food shortages, war or nuclear proliferation.

Role D – Nuclear Proliferation

You think nuclear proliferation is the biggest problem. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as worrying. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): food shortages, viruses or war.

Speaking – World problems

Rank these with your partner. Put the worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • War | • Climate change |
| • Viruses | • Water shortages |
| • Cyber crime | • Erosion of democracy |
| • Food shortages | • Nuclear proliferation |

Answers – True False

1	F	2	T	3	F	4	T	5	T	6	T	7	T	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.