

## Key stage 2

### Pupil A – Piece C: a news report

Context: after studying news reports, Pupil A chose to write about the situation in Ukraine in Spring 2022. The piece is presented as a live blog which gives readers updates in real time, and the pupil carried out their own research to add authenticity to this partly fictionalised report.

#### Live Updates: War rages on in Ukraine

##### Round up of latest news:

- Zelensky's speech at UN
- Death toll rises
- Putin's next move
- Bomb falls on primary school
- Russia vs the world
- Charities help displaced civilians

##### 6 Seconds ago: Zelensky directs speech at UN

President Zelensky has addressed UN officials asking for further support in the form of military aid. The plea comes after heavy bombing on what was thought to be a Ukrainian strong-hold over night, and an attack on a primary school, demonstrating the true volatility of the situation. "We must continue to fight against evil for Ukraine but also for the future of democracy," he stated in his emotional address from the presidential office in Ukraine's capital city, Kiev.

##### 5 minutes ago: Death toll rises

The number of deaths as a consequence of attacks on several Ukrainian buildings, including a primary school, has now risen to 96, with a further 300 civilians injured. Boris Johnson has taken to Twitter to condemn the attacks, regretting to them as heartless and cruel.

12 minutes ago: What is Putin's next move?

Sources on the ground in Moscow have shared information which claims Putin has given the green light for nuclear weapons to be put on standby. Analyst Jacob Jones explains, "This is a significant development and one not to be underestimated. The UK and other western countries are becoming increasingly nervous of full-scale nuclear attack. The peace agreement signed by countries, including Russia, prohibited any use of nuclear weapons. Doing so could see the UK and its allies forced into direct military action. To be clear: if Russia presses the nuclear button, so to speak, the west will have to respond." He continues, "Despite the reports, it is unlikely that Putin would instigate a nuclear war.

Preparation of the missiles is more likely to be a scare tactic in retaliation for the financial sanctions imposed against his country by the majority of Western nations. Still Putin is known for unpredictable and unjustifiable actions and so there will be serious talks in the cabinet office of 10 Downing Street this evening putting into place contingency plans for if this war does turn nuclear."

26 minutes ago: Bomb hits primary school in outskirts of Kiev

A Russian missile has blown apart a primary school on the Kiev border in what is thought to have been a targeted attack by Russian troops. The callous act is thought to have killed at least twenty people as the war intensifies. The school, closed to pupils but being used as a medical centre to provide care for civilians caught up in attacks, was hit in a coordinated attack on several buildings as Russian troops struggle to gain entry into the capital city. An urgent stay-at-home order has been issued across the city with more attacks expected in the coming hours. Despite this new <sup>wave</sup> ~~wave~~ of devastation, it is thought that Russian plans to take the capital are severely behind schedule due to the unexpected ferocity shown by Ukrainian fighters - a realisation sure to have angered Putin.

32 minutes ago: Russia Vs the world: who would win? - special report by Michael Robinson

Whilst Putin may believe other countries are inferior to Russia, how would Russia's military aggression hold up against united powers from around the world? Michael Robinson, Warfare expert, explains, "Russia is inherently secretive so knowing what they have up their sleeves is difficult but it is unlikely that it matches up to NATO's combined force. World War 2 is a good example which shows what allied nations can achieve."

1 hour ago: charities rush to provide further support to displaced Ukrainians

Approximately 5 million civilians have been forced to flee Ukraine over the past two weeks as war wages on and their livelihoods are torn apart. The British Red Cross has warned that tensions are continuing to rise and violence is increasing - they are urgently seeking supplies such as: clothing, money to provide shelter, medical supplies and ~~shelter~~ <sup>refugees</sup> as camps fill with displaced refugees. The British Red Cross and other charities have been quick to set up sites of safety but now need further funding from the public. To donate click [here](#).

1 hour ago: Responses from around the world.

How have different countries responded to the horror scenes witnessed so far in Ukraine?

- USA - The USA have always had a difficult relationship with Russia so it is no surprise that they have been in full support of Ukraine from the beginning and have provided them with millions of dollars worth of aid so far.
- China - China has stayed quiet so far. Known to be an ally of Russia, China has not provided any support to Ukraine.
- UK - The UK, a member of the UN and a country with a substantial military budget given its size, has publically expressed its support for Ukraine and has been integral in pushing the UN to impose financial sanctions on Ukraine. Critics however claim the UK has not done enough and could do more to restrict Russia's income. The UK relies heavily on petrol and diesel from Russia and so it is in a difficult position. The UK has provided over 300 missiles and 200 tanks to Ukrainian forces over the last week with Boris Johnson promising 'ultimate Unlimited assistance to the country.'