

# YULIA TYMOSHENKO

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Yulia Tymoshenko is Ukraine's prime minister and one of the world's few female leaders. She is head of the All-Ukrainian Union "Fatherland" party and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc. She was born in 1960 and spent her teenage years rising through the Soviet Communist Youth Organization. She has a Ph.D. in economics and has written over 50 research papers.

Before she entered politics, Tymoshenko was a successful businesswoman. In 1989, she started a chain of video rental stores, which made her quite rich. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, she had several high positions in Ukraine's oil and gas industries and became one of Ukraine's richest people. Her newly found fortune allowed her to start up her own political party.

During Ukraine's Orange Revolution, the Western media dubbed her as the nation's Joan of Arc. She was appointed as acting prime minister in January 2005, but lost power in September that same year when Ukraine's president dismissed her government. She returned to power in June 2006, following national elections. She is widely tipped to one day become President of Ukraine.

There are many other sides to Tymoshenko's life. In 2001, she was voted as one of the most beautiful women to ever enter politics. She is also known for her trademark plaited hairstyle, which became iconic during the Orange Revolution, and which she keeps to this day. She once joked her hairstyle was "a steering wheel to drive the state".

240 words

**SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

*Paragraphs 1 and 2*

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. head     | a. wealth    |
| 2. rising   | b. authored  |
| 3. written  | c. fall      |
| 4. chain    | d. going up  |
| 5. collapse | e. boss      |
| 6. fortune  | f. franchise |

*Paragraphs 3 and 4*

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| 7. dubbed     | g. fired     |
| 8. dismissed  | h. parts     |
| 9. tipped     | i. called    |
| 10. sides     | j. predicted |
| 11. enter     | k. symbolic  |
| 12. trademark | l. get into  |

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. one of the world's few              | a. gas industries              |
| 2. her teenage                         | b. Tymoshenko's life           |
| 3. rising through the Soviet Communist | c. female leaders              |
| 4. the collapse                        | d. day become President        |
| 5. Ukraine's oil and                   | e. the nation's Joan of Arc    |
| 6. the Western media dubbed her as     | f. Youth Organization          |
| 7. She is widely tipped to one         | g. of the Soviet Union         |
| 8. There are many other sides to       | h. trademark plaited hairstyle |
| 9. one of the most beautiful women     | i. years                       |
| 10. She is also known for her          | j. to ever enter politics      |

**LISTENING GAP FILL:**

Yulia Tymoshenko is Ukraine's prime minister \_\_\_\_\_ world's few female leaders. She \_\_\_\_\_ All-Ukrainian Union "Fatherland" party and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc. She was born in 1960 and spent her teenage \_\_\_\_\_ the Soviet Communist Youth Organization. She has a Ph.D. in economics \_\_\_\_\_ 50 research papers.

Before \_\_\_\_\_, Tymoshenko was a successful businesswoman. In 1989, she started a chain of video rental stores, which \_\_\_\_\_ rich. After the \_\_\_\_\_ Soviet Union, she had several high positions in Ukraine's oil and gas industries and became one of Ukraine's richest people. Her newly found fortune \_\_\_\_\_ up her own political party.

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There are \_\_\_\_\_ to Tymoshenko's life. In 2001, she was voted as one of the most beautiful women \_\_\_\_\_ politics. She is also known for her trademark plaited hairstyle, which became iconic during the Orange Revolution, and which \_\_\_\_\_ day. She once joked her hairstyle was "a steering wheel to drive the state".

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:**

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Yulia Tymoshenko is Ukraine's prime minister and one of the world's *few / true* female leaders. She is *brain / head* of the All-Ukrainian Union "Fatherland" party and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc. She was born in 1960 and *spent / used* her teenage years rising through the Soviet Communist Youth Organization. She has a Ph.D. in economics and has *writing / written* over 50 research papers.

Before she entered *politics / political*, Tymoshenko was a successful businesswoman. In 1989, she started a chain of video rental stores, which made her *quit / quite* rich. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, she had several high positions *on / in* Ukraine's oil and gas industries and became one of Ukraine's richest people. Her newly found fortune allowed her to start *down / up* her own political party.

During Ukraine's Orange Revolution, the Western media dubbed her *as / was* the nation's Joan of Arc. She was appointed *as / was* acting prime minister in January 2005, but lost power in September that *some / same* year when Ukraine's president dismissed her government. She returned to power in June 2006, following national elections. She is *widely / wide* tipped to one day become President of Ukraine.

There are many *other / another* sides to Tymoshenko's life. In 2001, she was voted as one of the most beautiful women to *never / ever* enter politics. She is also known for her trademark plaited hairstyle, which became *iconic / icon* during the Orange Revolution, and which she keeps to this day. She once joked her hairstyle was "a steering wheel to *drive / ride* the state".

## SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

### *Paragraph 1*

1. one of the world's few faemel leaders
2. her geetnae years
3. rising ohrgthu the Soviet Communist Youth Organization
4. written over 50 areshrce papers

### *Paragraph 2*

5. Before she entered pcoiisl
6. the calspelo of the Soviet Union
7. Ukraine's oil and gas stiuendsri
8. Her newly found ufoernt

### *Paragraph 3*

9. the Western idmea
10. lost opewr in September
11. Ukraine's president seidsmsid her government
12. She is iyldew tipped to one day become President of Ukraine

### *Paragraph 4*

13. There are many other dseis to Tymoshenko's life
14. she met at ysisntivreu in England
15. known for her rmdaetrak plaited hairstyle
16. became iconic uidgrn the Orange Revolution

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) During Ukraine's Orange Revolution, the Western media dubbed her as the nation's
- ( ) years rising through the Soviet Communist Youth Organization. She has a Ph.D. in economics and has written over 50 research papers.
- ( ) president dismissed her government. She returned to power in June 2006, following
- ( ) ever enter politics. She is also known for her trademark plaited hairstyle, which became iconic
- ( ) national elections. She is widely tipped to one day become President of Ukraine.
- ( ) of video rental stores, which made her quite rich. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, she had several high positions in Ukraine's oil and
- ( ) her hairstyle was "a steering wheel to drive the state".
- ( ) Before she entered politics, Tymoshenko was a successful businesswoman. In 1989, she started a chain
- ( ) There are many other sides to Tymoshenko's life. In 2001, she was voted as one of the most beautiful women to
- ( ) during the Orange Revolution, and which she keeps to this day. She once joked
- ( ) of the All-Ukrainian Union "Fatherland" party and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc. She was born in 1960 and spent her teenage
- ( **1** ) Yulia Tymoshenko is Ukraine's prime minister and one of the world's few female leaders. She is head
- ( ) gas industries and became one of Ukraine's richest people. Her newly found fortune allowed her to start up her own political party.
- ( ) Joan of Arc. She was appointed as acting prime minister in January 2005, but lost power in September that same year when Ukraine's

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. leaders of world's female one the few

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2. youth rising the Communist organization through Soviet

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3. stores rental video of chain a started she

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4. Ukraine's oil and gas industries several high positions in

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5. her up start party political own

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6. was as prime She appointed acting minister

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7. power June She to in 2006 returned

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8. many are There life Tymoshenko's to sides other

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9. enter of beautiful ever one most to politics the women

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10. hairstyle for She her is trademark also plaited known

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**DISCUSSION (Write your questions):**

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. What do you know about Yulia Tymoshenko?
2. Would you like to meet Yulia Tymoshenko?
3. What would you like to know about Yulia Tymoshenko and why?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSSION (Write your questions):**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. What did you learn from this text about Yulia Tymoshenko?
2. What questions would you like to ask Yulia Tymoshenko?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE YULIA TYMOSHENKO SURVEY:

Write five questions about Yulia Tymoshenko in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

**Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.**



## HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information about Yulia Tymoshenko. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. YULIA TYMOSHENKO POSTER:** Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Yulia Tymoshenko. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

**4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Yulia Tymoshenko. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Yulia Tymoshenko. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Yulia Tymoshenko expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

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## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.