

Slovene in everyday situations

Module 5: The first week at work

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Slovenian

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ob devetih, pol šestih

Form	Example	Meaning
ob	Delo se začne ob devetih.	Work starts at nine.
osem	Pet do devetih je osem petinpetdeset.	Five to nine is eight fifty-five.
trideset	Pol šestih je pet trideset.	Half past five is five thirty.
od	Delamo od devetih do pol šestih.	We work from nine to half past five.
osem	Utrujen sem. Delam osem ur.	I am tired. I work eight hours.
ob	Točen sem. Pridem ob devetih.	I am on time. I arrive at nine.

Ask **Koliko je ura?** and answer **Devet je** or **Ura je devet**. For when an action happens use **ob: ob devetih, ob pol šestih**. The hour forms are learned as useful time phrases.

Slovene **pol šestih** means half of the sixth hour, so 5:30, not 6:30. **Pol enih** is 12:30; **pol osmih** is 7:30. **Pet do devetih** is 8:55; **deset čez devet** is 9:10. **Od devetih do pol šestih** gives start and end.

v ponedeljek, vsak dan

Form	Example	Meaning
četrtek	Sestanek je v četrtek.	The meeting is on Thursday.
sredo	Pridem v sredo.	I come on Wednesday.
Nikoli	Nikoli ne zamudim.	I am never late.
soboto	V soboto ne delam.	I do not work on Saturday.
Včasih	Včasih sem lačen. Včasih jem torto.	I am sometimes hungry. I sometimes eat cake.
Vedno	Točen sem. Vedno pridem ob devetih.	I am on time. I always arrive at nine.

Use **v** plus accusative for a weekday: **v ponedeljek, v torek, v sredo, v četrtek, v petek, v soboto, v nedeljo**. Feminine weekday names change **-a** to **-o**.

Adverbs of frequency include **vedno** always, **navadno** usually, **pogosto** often, **včasih** sometimes and **nikoli** never. With **nikoli** use **ne**: **nikoli ne zamudim**. For repeated Saturdays, **ob sobotah** is a useful locative plural time phrase.

prham se, rad berem

Form	Example	Meaning
se	Zjutraj se prham.	I shower in the morning.
se	Prham se ob sedmih.	I shower at seven.
potem	Najprej se prham, potem grem v kavarno.	First I shower, then I go to the café.
berem	Rad berem.	I like reading, male speaker.
Rad	Rad kuham.	I like cooking.
Rad	Rad tečem.	I like running.

Some verbs use reflexive **se**: **prham se**, **umivam se**, **učim se**. The short word normally goes after the first phrase: **Zjutraj se prham**. If the verb is first, **Prham se** is natural.

For liking an activity use masculine **rad** or feminine **rada** plus a finite verb: **rad berem**, **rada kuham**. Do not use an infinitive directly after **rad**. Describe order with **najprej**, **potem** and **nato**.

zdaj iščem, vsak dan iščem

Form	Example	Meaning
iščem	Zdaj iščem ključ.	I am looking for a key now.
sedi	Muri sedi na mizi.	Muri is sitting on the desk.
gledaš	Ti gledaš računalnik.	You are looking at the computer.
iščemo	Mi iščemo miško.	We are looking for the mouse, three or more people.
delam	Vesel sem. Zdaj delam.	I am happy. I am working now.
delam	Utrujen sem. Vsak dan delam.	I am tired. I work every day.

Slovene has no special equivalent of English am doing. The same finite present covers a current action or a habit: **zdaj iščem ključ** versus **vsak dan iščem ključ**. The time phrase supplies the distinction.

Use ordinary present agreement: **jaz iščem**, **ti iščeš**, **on išče**, dual **midva iščeva**, plural **mi iščemo**. Short pronouns are optional when understood. Contrast **miška** (computer mouse) with **miš** (animal); both are feminine.

pridi, pridite, ne spi

Form	Example	Meaning
pridi	Nika, pridi sem.	Nika, come here.
pridite	Gospa Ana, pridite sem.	Ms Ana, please come here.
spi	Tomaž, ne spi v službi.	Tomaž, do not sleep at work.
pridita	Nika in Ana, pridita sem.	Nika and Ana, come here, both of you.
Počivaj	Utrujen sem. Počivaj, Jure.	I am tired. Rest, Jure.
Jejte	Lačen sem. Jejite, gospa Ana.	I am hungry. Please eat, Ms Ana.

The imperative expresses commands to familiar singular, dual or polite/plural addressees: **pridi, pridita, pridite; sedi, sedita, sedite.**

Add **prosim** to make a request courteous. The polite ending is normally **-te**.

Negative commands use **ne: ne spi, ne spite**. Many commands are irregular: **pojdi/pojdite, jej/jejte, bodi/bodite**. Learn the scene forms as a small set. A direction such as **Ne na računalnik!** can omit the verb naturally.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS**

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 Delo se začne ob devetih.

Meaning: Work starts at nine.

- 2 Sestanek je v četrtek.

Meaning: The meeting is on Thursday.

- 3 Zjutraj se prham.

Meaning: I shower in the morning.

- 4 Zdaj iščem ključ.

Meaning: I am looking for a key now.

- 5 Nika, pridi sem.

Meaning: Nika, come here.

6 Utrujen sem. Delam osem ur.

Meaning: I am tired. I work eight hours.

7 Utrujena sem. Delam osem ur.

Meaning: I am tired. I work eight hours.

8 Točen sem. Pridem ob devetih.

Meaning: I am on time. I arrive at nine.

9 Točna sem. Pridem ob devetih.

Meaning: I am on time. I arrive at nine.

10 Pol šestih je pet trideset.

Meaning: Half past five is five thirty.

11 Nikoli ne zamudim.

Meaning: I am never late.

- 12 Najprej se prham, potem grem v kavarno.

Meaning: First I shower, then I go to the café.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 Delo se začne _____ devetih.

- ☐ A iz
- ☐ B ob
- ☐ C za

Meaning: Work starts at nine.

- 2 Sestanek je v _____.

- ☐ A četrtnikom
- ☐ B četrtnka
- ☐ C četrtek

Meaning: The meeting is on Thursday.

3 Zjutraj _____ prham.

- ☐ A me
- ☐ B si
- ☐ C se

Meaning: I shower in the morning.

4 Zdaj _____ ključ.

- ☐ A išče
- ☐ B iščeš
- ☐ C iščem

Meaning: I am looking for a key now.

5 Nika, _____ sem.

- ☐ A pridem
- ☐ B pridite
- ☐ C pridi

Meaning: Nika, come here.

6 Lukas: Utrujen sem. Delam _____ ur.

- ☐ A minuta
- ☐ B trideset
- ☐ C osem

Meaning: I am tired. I work eight hours.

7 Lena: Utrujena sem. Delam _____ ur.

- ☐ A minuta
- ☐ B osem
- ☐ C trideset

Meaning: I am tired. I work eight hours.

8 Lukas: Točen sem. Pridem _____ devetih.

- ☐ A iz
- ☐ B ob
- ☐ C za

Meaning: I am on time. I arrive at nine.

9 Lena: Točna sem. Pridem _____ devetih.

- ☐ A ob
- ☐ B iz
- ☐ C za

Meaning: I am on time. I arrive at nine.

10 Pol šestih je pet _____.

- ☐ A petdeset
- ☐ B trideset
- ☐ C deset

Meaning: Half past five is five thirty.

11 _____ ne zamudim.

- ☐ A Pogosto
- ☐ B Nikoli
- ☐ C Vedno

Meaning: I am never late.

12 Najprej se prham, _____ grem v kavarno.

- ☐ A brez
- ☐ B potem
- ☐ C ker

Meaning: First I shower, then I go to the café.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

ob iz

Delo se začne _____ devetih.

Meaning: Work starts at nine.

četrtek četrta

Sestanek je v _____.

Meaning: The meeting is on Thursday.

se me

Zjutraj _____ prham.

Meaning: I shower in the morning.

iščem iščeš

Zdaj _____ ključ.

Meaning: I am looking for a key now.

pridi pridite

Nika, _____ sem.

Meaning: Nika, come here.

osem trideset

Lukas: Utrujen sem. Delam _____ ur.

Meaning: I am tired. I work eight hours.

osem trideset

Lena: Utrujena sem. Delam _____ ur.

Meaning: I am tired. I work eight hours.

ob za

Lukas: Točen sem. Pridem _____ devetih.

Meaning: I am on time. I arrive at nine.

ob za

Lena: Točna sem. Pridem _____ devetih.

Meaning: I am on time. I arrive at nine.

trideset petdeset

Pol šestih je pet _____.

Meaning: Half past five is five thirty.

Nikoli Vedno

_____ ne zamudim.

Meaning: I am never late.

potem ker

Najprej se prham, _____ grem v kavarno.

Meaning: First I shower, then I go to the café.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1 ob se začne Delo devetih.

Meaning: Work starts at nine.

2 je v Sestanek četrtek.

Meaning: The meeting is on Thursday.

3 se Zjutraj prham.

Meaning: I shower in the morning.

4 iščem Zdaj ključ.

Meaning: I am looking for a key now.

5 Nika, pridi sem.

Meaning: Nika, come here.

6 ur. Utrujen Delam osem sem.

Meaning: I am tired. I work eight hours.

7 Utrujena Delam osem ur. sem.

Meaning: I am tired. I work eight hours.

8 devetih. Pridem sem. ob Točen

Meaning: I am on time. I arrive at nine.

9 sem. devetih. ob Točna Pridem

Meaning: I am on time. I arrive at nine.

10 pet trideset. je Pol šestih

Meaning: Half past five is five thirty.

11 ne Nikoli zamudim.

Meaning: I am never late.

12 Najprej grem prham, kavarno. potem v se

Meaning: First I shower, then I go to the café.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Work starts at nine. You say:

- ☐ A Delo se začne iz devetih.
- ☐ B Delo se začne ob devetih.

2 The meeting is on Thursday. You say:

- ☐ A Sestanek je v četrtek.
- ☐ B Sestanek je v četrтка.

3 I shower in the morning. You say:

- ☐ A Zjutraj se prham.
- ☐ B Zjutraj me prham.

4 I am looking for a key now. You say:

- ☐ A Zdaj iščem ključ.
- ☐ B Zdaj iščeš ključ.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ① Točna sem. Pridem ob devetih. | ⑨ The meeting is on Thursday. |
| ② Pol šestih je pet trideset. | ⑩ I am looking for a key now. |
| ③ Zdaj iščem ključ. | ⑪ I shower in the morning. |
| ④ Delo se začne ob devetih. | ⑫ Nika, come here. |
| ⑤ Nika, pridi sem. | ⑬ I am tired. I work eight hours. |
| ⑥ Sestanek je v četrtek. | ⑭ I am on time. I arrive at nine. |
| ⑦ Zjutraj se prham. | ⑮ Half past five is five thirty. |
| ⑧ Utrujena sem. Delam osem ur. | ⑯ Work starts at nine. |