

Croatian in everyday situations

Module 8: A bad day

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Croatian

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Boli me, vruće mi je

With pain, the body part is the subject: **Boli me glava**, **Bole me leđa**. **Me** identifies the affected person. The verb agrees with one part or plural parts, not the learner's sex.

Bolestan sam • **bolesna sam** describes being ill. **Umoran sam** • **umorna sam** tired. Polite **Vi ste bolesni** • **umorni** takes masculine plural agreement for either single addressee.

Feelings can use dative pronouns: **hladno mi je**, **vruće mi je**, **loše mi je**. **Ne mogu doći** is unable to come, while **moram ostati kod kuće** gives obligation. Use **jer** or **zato što** for the reason.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Boli	Boli me glava.	My head hurts.
Bole	Bole me leđa.	My back hurts.
me	Boli me grlo.	My throat hurts.
sam	Bolestan sam.	I am ill.

Datum rođenja, ranije

Ask **Trebam termin kod liječnice**. **Kod** takes genitive for a person's place or office. **Ranije** means earlier, **kasnije** later; compare available dates and times.

The full birth date is **desetog srpnja tisuću devedeset pete godine**. A year with a date uses a feminine ordinal form with **godine**. Learn this exact practical year before expecting flexible year production.

Born can use **rođen sam • rođena sam** or reflexive perfect **rodio sam se • rodila sam se**. Keep the surname Becker unchanged while spelling. Street **Lipova ulica** and telephone digits must match every form.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
liječnice	Trebam termin kod liječnice.	I need an appointment with the doctor. (female)
ranije	Može li ranije?	Can it be earlier?
rođenja	Datum rođenja, molim.	Your date of birth, please.
Rođen	Rođen sam desetog srpnja.	I was born on the tenth of July.

Od subote, već dva dana

Od plus the genitive gives the beginning of a continuing state: **od subote**. **Već dva dana** describes a duration that has continued until now. A completed duration can be **dva dana** with a past action; do not automatically use a past verb for every since phrase.

Body plurals include **leđa, usta, uši, zubi**. **Leđa • usta** are used as plural nouns, not invented singular forms. Pain agrees: **Bole me zubi**.

Understand real commands **otvorite, recite, udahnite, jedite, pijte**. **Triput dnevno** or **tri puta dnevno** expresses frequency. Medicine instructions stay **prema uputama** rather than an invented dosage.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
subote	Grlo me boli od subote.	My throat has hurt since Saturday.
dana	Bolestan sam već dva dana.	I have been ill for two days.
Bole	Bole me zubi.	My teeth hurt.
Otvorite	Otvorite usta.	Open your mouth. (polite)

Prije jela, poslije jela

Prije • **poslije** • **nakon** take genitive: **prije jela, poslije jela, nakon koncerta**. These are ordinary time phrases, not a different verb tense.

Prema uputama na pakiranju says according to the packet instructions. **Uzimati** means take; do not confuse taking medicine with taking a tram ticket or picking an object when looking up a whole phrase.

Tek sam ustao • **ustala** is have just got up, a real perfect form. **Za dvije minute** is in two minutes. **Čepići za uši** are earplugs; **uši** is the ear plural, not a learner-sex variant.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
jela	Uzimam lijek poslije jela.	I take the medicine after meals.
doručka	Tuširam se prije doručka.	I shower before breakfast.
uputama	Uzimam lijek prema uputama.	I take medicine according to the instructions.
minute	Zatvaramo za dvije minute.	We close in two minutes.

Bolje mi je, smije li

Bolje mi je says I feel better. It uses an impersonal comparative and a dative pronoun, not an adjective changing for the learner's sex. **Recept je važniji od popisa** compares two masculine nouns.

Permission questions use **smije li...?**, **Smijem li...?**. Obligation remains **mora • moram**. In the doctor game, **pacijent • pacijentica** follows the learner's actual sex. The male cat's nurse role uses **medicinski tehničar**.

Lana is pretending to be a doctor. Her pancake prescription is a story joke. Real medicine phrases stay tied to the packet instructions. **Pregled je gotov** finishes the visit; this description agrees with **pregled**.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
mi	Bolje mi je.	I feel better.
popisa	Recept je važniji od popisa.	The prescription is more important than the list.
Smijem	Smijem jesti?	Am I allowed to eat?
smije	Pacijent smije jesti.	The patient is allowed to eat.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Bolestan sam.

Meaning: I am ill.

2 Bolesna sam.

Meaning: I am ill.

3 Ja sam umoran.

Meaning: I am tired.

4 Ja sam umorna.

Meaning: I am tired.

5 Boli me glava.

Meaning: My head hurts.

- 6 Trebam termin kod liječnice.

Meaning: I need an appointment with the doctor. (female)

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

- 1 Lukas: Bolestan _____.

- ☐ A si
- ☐ B ste
- ☐ C sam

Meaning: I am ill.

- 2 Lena: Bolesna _____.

- ☐ A sam
- ☐ B si
- ☐ C ste

Meaning: I am ill.

3 Lukas: Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A umoran
- ☐ B umorno
- ☐ C umornima

Meaning: I am tired.

4 Lena: Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A umorno
- ☐ B umornima
- ☐ C umorna

Meaning: I am tired.

5 _____ me glava.

- ☐ A Boli
- ☐ B Bolim
- ☐ C Bole

Meaning: My head hurts.

6 Trebam termin kod _____.

- ☐ A liječnice
- ☐ B liječnicom
- ☐ C liječnica

Meaning: I need an appointment with the doctor. (female)

7 Grlo me boli od _____.

- ☐ A subote
- ☐ B subota
- ☐ C subotom

Meaning: My throat has hurt since Saturday.

8 Uzimam lijek poslije _____.

- ☐ A jelo
- ☐ B jela
- ☐ C jelom

Meaning: I take the medicine after meals.

9 Bolje _____ je.

- ☐ A joj
- ☐ B mi
- ☐ C ti

Meaning: I feel better.

10 _____ me leđa.

- ☐ A Bole
- ☐ B Boli
- ☐ C Bolim

Meaning: My back hurts.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Boli Bole

_____ me glava.

Meaning: My head hurts.

liječnice liječnica

Trebam termin kod _____.

Meaning: I need an appointment with the doctor. (female)

subote subota

Grlo me boli od _____.

Meaning: My throat has hurt since Saturday.

jela jelo

Uzimam lijek poslije _____.

Meaning: I take the medicine after meals.

mi ti

Bolje _____ je.

Meaning: I feel better.

Bole Boli

_____ me leđa.

Meaning: My back hurts.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

sam

umoran.

Ja

Meaning: I am tired.

2 Ja sam umorna.

Meaning: I am tired.

3 Boli glava. me

Meaning: My head hurts.

4 termin kod liječnice. Trebam

Meaning: I need an appointment with the doctor. (female)

5 od me boli subote. Grlo

Meaning: My throat has hurt since Saturday.

6 Uzimam jela. lijek poslije

Meaning: I take the medicine after meals.

7 mi je. Bolje

Meaning: I feel better.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 **Lukas: I am ill. You say:**

- ☐ A Bolestan si.
- ☐ B Bolestan sam.

2 **Lena: I am ill. You say:**

- ☐ A Bolesna sam.
- ☐ B Bolesna si.

3 Lukas: I am tired. You say:

- ☐ A Ja sam umorno.
- ☐ B Ja sam umoran.

4 Lena: I am tired. You say:

- ☐ A Ja sam umorna.
- ☐ B Ja sam umorno.

5 My head hurts. You say:

- ☐ A Bole me glava.
- ☐ B Boli me glava.

6 I need an appointment with the doctor. (female) You say:

- ☐ A Trebam termin kod liječnica.
- ☐ B Trebam termin kod liječnice.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|--------------------------------|---|
| ① Ja sam umorna. | ① I take the medicine after meals. |
| ② Bole me leđa. | ② I am ill. |
| ③ Bolesna sam. | ③ I feel better. |
| ④ Grlo me boli od subote. | ④ My throat has hurt since Saturday. |
| ⑤ Trebam termin kod liječnice. | ⑤ My head hurts. |
| ⑥ Boli me glava. | ⑥ I need an appointment with the doctor. (female) |
| ⑦ Uzimam lijek poslije jela. | ⑦ My back hurts. |
| ⑧ Bolje mi je. | ⑧ I am tired. |