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Module 6: Around town

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Around town

Maltese

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Giving the way

The way is given in the imperative; to two or more people it ends in **-u**. Which way: **fuq il-lemin, fuq ix-xellug, dritt; fil-kantuniera**, at the corner; **it-tieni triq**, the second street. How far: **qrib, bogħod**.

Present	Imperative	Plural	Meaning
iddur	dur	duru	turn
timxi	imxi	imxu	walk, go
tieħu	ħu	ħudu	take
tiġi	ejja	ejjew	come

Fl-ewwel triq dur fuq ix-xellug, imbagħad imxi dritt.

At the first street turn left, then go straight on.

Measures

A measure goes straight before the thing, with no word for of: **kilo tadam, flixxun ħalib, tazza te**. After 2 to 10 it is plural; from 11 on, singular again. With a measure, a collective noun keeps its general form: **kilo tuffieħ**.

One	2 to 10	11 and up	Meaning
kilo	żewġ kili	ħdax-il kilo	a kilo
tazza	tliet tazzi	tnax-il tazza	a cup
tuffieħa	sitt tuffieħat	kilo tuffieħ	an apple · six apples · a kilo of apples

From, to, for: minn, sa, għal

minn ... sa ... is from ... to, for places and times. With **għal** they join the article and take a sun letter's sound; without the article they stay as they are: **minn Mgarr, sa nofsillejl**.

With il-	minn	sa	għal	Meaning
l-istazzjon	mill-istazzjon	sal-istazzjon	għall-istazzjon	the station
iċ- Ċirkewwa	miċ- Ċirkewwa	saċ- Ċirkewwa	għaċ- Ċirkewwa	Ċirkewwa

Kull nofs siegħa, mis-sitta sa nofsillejl.

Every half hour, from six until midnight.

Where to, where, where from, and how

għal is where to, **fi** where, **minn** where from. A name without the article takes them bare, and **fi** becomes **f'**. How you go is **bi**: **bil-karozza tal-linja**, by bus, **bil-vapur**, **bil-mixi**; **bil-karozza** alone is by car.

Place	għal	fi	minn	Meaning
il-Belt	għall-Belt	fil-Belt	mill-Belt	Valletta
Għawdex	għal Għawdex	f'Għawdex	minn Għawdex	Gozo

jien	int	hu	hi	aħna	intom	huma	Meaning
immur	tmur	imur	tmur	immorru	tmorru	imorru	go

With the endings: ħdejja, fuqu

The prepositions take the endings of **għandi**: after a consonant **-i**, **-ek**, **-u**, **-ha**; after a vowel **-ja**, **-k**, **-h**, **-ha**. The plural is **-na**, **-kom**, **-hom** for both.

Preposition	jien	int	hu	hi	aħna	intom	huma	Meaning
fuq	fuqi	fuq ek	fuqu	fuqha	fuqna	fuq kom	fuq hom	on
ħdejn	ħdej ja	ħdej k	ħdej h	ħdej ha	ħdej na	ħdej kom	ħdej hom	next to

Ejja, oqgħod ħdejja.

Come, sit next to me.

GRAMMAR**G1) FIND THE WORDS**

Underline the words where a preposition has joined the article or taken an ending.

- 1 Il-karozza mill-istazzjon saċ-Ċirkewwa.

Meaning: The bus from the station to Ċirkewwa.

- 2 Ejja, oqgħod ħdejja.

Meaning: Come, sit next to me.

- 3 Ġorġ idoqq fil-Belt, u jiġi lura mill-Belt bil-lejl.

Meaning: Ġorġ plays in Valletta, and comes back from Valletta at night.

- 4 Il-ħabiba tiegħi toqgħod f'Għawdex.

Meaning: My friend lives in Gozo.

- 5 Il-bejt, u l-X l-aħmar fuqu.

Meaning: The roof, and the red X on it.

- 6 Kif immur għall-istazzjon?

Meaning: How do I get to the station?

- 7 Il-mappa fuq il-mejda, u Ċikku fuqha.

Meaning: The map is on the table, and Ċikku is on it.

- 8 Aħna fuq is-sufan, u Ċikku ħdejna. Bil-lejl jorqod fuqna.

Meaning: We're on the sofa, and Ċikku is next to us. At night he sleeps on us.

G2) A BIT OF EVERYTHING

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 Intom it-tnejn, _____ fuq ix-xellug!

- (A) dur
(B) duru

Meaning: You two, turn left!

2 Nixtieq żewġ _____ patata.

- ☐ A kili
- ☐ B kilo

Meaning: I'd like two kilos of potatoes.

3 Hdx-il _____ tuffieħ għall-kejk.

- ☐ A kili
- ☐ B kilo

Meaning: Eleven kilos of apples for the cakes.

4 Tliet _____ te, jekk jogħġbok.

- ☐ A tazzi
- ☐ B tazza

Meaning: Three cups of tea, please.

5 Hu, _____ għalik!

- ☐ A tuffieħa
- ☐ B tuffieħat

Meaning: Here, an apple for you!

6 Il-karozza mill-istazzjon _____.

- ☐ A saċ-Ċirkewwa
- ☐ B sal-Ċirkewwa

Meaning: The bus from the station to Ċirkewwa.

7 Il-ħabiba tiegħi toqgħod _____.

- ☐ A fil-Għawdex
- ☐ B f'Għawdex

Meaning: My friend lives in Gozo.

8 Il-Ħadd _____ Għawdex bil-vapur.

- ☐ A imorru
- ☐ B tmorru
- ☐ C immorru

Meaning: On Sunday we're going to Gozo by ferry.

9 Ejja, oqgħod _____.

- ☐ A ħdejja
- ☐ B ħdejk

Meaning: Come, sit next to me.

10 Il-mappa fuq il-mejda, u Ċikku _____.

- ☐ A fuqu
- ☐ B fuqha

Meaning: The map is on the table, and Ċikku is on it.

G3) PERSONS AND ENDINGS

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 _____ miegħi, it-tnejn!

- ☐ A Ejja
- ☐ B Ejjew

Meaning: Come with me, both of you!

2 Int _____ bil-mixi?

- ☐ A imur
- ☐ B immur
- ☐ C tmur

Meaning: Are you going on foot?

3 Ġorġ _____ il-Belt bil-karozza tal-linja.

- ☐ (A) immur
- ☐ (B) imur
- ☐ (C) tmur

Meaning: Ġorġ goes to Valletta by bus.

4 Intom _____ bil-vapur?

- ☐ (A) tmorru
- ☐ (B) immorru
- ☐ (C) imorru

Meaning: Are you two going by ferry?

5 Il-ġirien _____ is-suq kull Sibt.

- ☐ (A) imur
- ☐ (B) immorru
- ☐ (C) imorru

Meaning: The neighbours go to the market every Saturday.

6 Ġorġ idoqq _____.

- ☐ (A) għall-Belt
- ☐ (B) fil-Belt

Meaning: Ġorġ plays in Valletta.

7 Aħna fuq is-sufan, u Ċikku _____.

- ☐ A ħdejna
- ☐ B ħdejhom
- ☐ C ħdejkom

Meaning: We're on the sofa, and Ċikku is next to us.

8 Intom fuq is-sufan, u Ċikku _____.

- ☐ A ħdejna
- ☐ B ħdejhom
- ☐ C ħdejkom

Meaning: You two are on the sofa, and Ċikku is next to you.

9 Ġorġ u Lina? Ċikku jorqod _____.

- ☐ A fuqhom
- ☐ B fuqkom
- ☐ C fuqna

Meaning: Ġorġ and Lina? Ċikku sleeps on them.

10 Ċikku, le! Mhux _____!

- ☐ A fuqi
- ☐ B fuqek

Meaning: Ċikku, no! Not on me!

G4) QUESTIONS ON THE TRIP

Choose the right answer.

1 Minn fejn titlaq il-karozza, u sa fejn?

- ☐ A Mill-istazzjon sal-Ċirkewwa.
- ☐ B Fl-istazzjon saċ-Ċirkewwa.
- ☐ C Mill-istazzjon saċ-Ċirkewwa.

Meaning: Where does the bus leave from, and how far does it go?

2 U l-vapur? Minn fejn jitlaq?

- ☐ A Miċ-Ċirkewwa, u lura mill-Mgarr.
- ☐ B Mill-Ċirkewwa, u lura minn Mgarr.
- ☐ C Miċ-Ċirkewwa, u lura minn Mgarr.

Meaning: And the ferry? Where does it leave from?

3 X'tixtri fis-suq?

- ☐ A Kili tadam u tazza kafè.
- ☐ B Kilo tadam u tazza kafè.
- ☐ C Kilo tadam u tazzi kafè.

Meaning: What are you buying at the market? (a kilo of tomatoes, and a cup of coffee)

4 Kemm għandek tuffieħ?

- ☐ A Għandi sitt tuffieħ.
- ☐ B Għandi sitt tuffieħat.
- ☐ C Għandi sitt tuffieħa.

Meaning: How many apples have you got? (six)

5 Fejn tmur Ella?

- ☐ A Tmur mill-istazzjon, imbagħad mill-Belt.
- ☐ B Tmur fil-istazzjon, imbagħad fil-Belt.
- ☐ C Tmur għall-istazzjon, imbagħad għall-Belt.

Meaning: Where is Ella going?

6 Ġorġ, minn fejn tiġi bil-lejl?

- ☐ A Mill-Belt. Indoqq fil-Belt.
- ☐ B Fil-Belt. Indoqq mill-Belt.
- ☐ C Għall-Belt. Indoqq fil-Belt.

Meaning: Ġorġ, where do you come from at night?

7 Intom meta tmorru Għawdex?

- ☐ A Il-Ħadd imorru Għawdex.
- ☐ B Il-Ħadd tmorru Għawdex.
- ☐ C Il-Ħadd immorru Għawdex.

Meaning: When are you going to Gozo?

8 Fejn hu Ċikku? Fuqek?

- ☐ A Iva, fuqi, u Ella ħdejja.
- ☐ B Iva, fuqek, u Ella ħdejk.
- ☐ C Iva, fuqu, u Ella ħdejh.

Meaning: Where's Ċikku? On you?

9 Fejn hi l-ispizerija? Ƨdejn il-posta?

- ☐ A Iva, ħdejja.
- ☐ B Iva, ħdejh.
- ☐ C Iva, ħdejha.

Meaning: Where's the pharmacy? Next to the post office?

10 Tonio u Marta, Ċikku fuqkom?

- ☐ A Iva, fuqna! Ajma!
- ☐ B Iva, fuqkom! Ajma!
- ☐ C Iva, fuqhom! Ajma!

Meaning: Tonio and Marta, is Ċikku on you?

G5) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Put the words in order.

- 1**
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Meaning: Go straight on, then turn right, both of you.

- 2**
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Meaning: I'd like a kilo of tomatoes and two kilos of potatoes.

- 3 u il-mejda, tliet oħra. tazza fuq tazzi Tnax-il

Meaning: Twelve cups on the table, and three more.

- 4 tuffieħa, tuffieħat. sitt Għandi Ella u għandha

Meaning: I have one apple, and Ella has six.

- 5 jitlaq minn u miċ-Ċirkewwa, Mġarr. Il-vapur lura

Meaning: The ferry leaves from Ċirkewwa, and back from Mġarr.

- 6 u għall-istazzjon. int għall-Belt, tmur immur Jien

Meaning: I'm going to Valletta, and you're going to the station.

7 u Ġorġ il-Belt, imur imorru l-ġirien s-suq.

Meaning: Ġorġ goes to Valletta, and the neighbours go to the market.

8 Għawdex. immorru intom, Il-Ħadd l-Belt? U tmorru

Meaning: On Sunday we're going to Gozo. And you two, are you going to Valletta?

9 Intom ħdejkom. Ċikku fuq u is-sufan,

Meaning: You two are on the sofa, and Ċikku is next to you.

10 jorqod fuqi. fuqhom, mhux u Lina? Ġorġ Ċikku

Meaning: Ġorġ and Lina? Ċikku sleeps on them, not on me.

G6) THE RIGHT WORDS

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 A stranger asks the way to the station. Tell her to go straight on, then right. You say:**

- ☐ (A) Imxu dritt, imbagħad duru fuq il-lemin.
- ☐ (B) Imxi dritt, imbagħad dur fuq ix-xellug.
- ☐ (C) Imxi dritt, imbagħad dur fuq il-lemin.

- 2 At the market, ask for two kilos of potatoes and a bottle of milk. You say:**

- ☐ (A) Żewġ kilo patata u flixxun ħalib, jekk jogħġbok.
- ☐ (B) Żewġ kili patata u flixxun ħalib, jekk jogħġbok.
- ☐ (C) Żewġ kili patata u flixxun tal-ħalib, jekk jogħġbok.

- 3 Lukas: Tell Marija you're going to the station on foot. You say:**

- ☐ (A) Sejjer mill-istazzjon bil-mixi.
- ☐ (B) Sejjer għall-istazzjon bil-mixi.
- ☐ (C) Sejjer għall-istazzjon bil-karozza.

4 Lena: Tell Marija you're going to the station on foot. You say:

- ☐ A Sejra għall-istazzjon bil-karozza.
- ☐ B Sejra mill-istazzjon bil-mixi.
- ☐ C Sejra għall-istazzjon bil-mixi.

5 Lukas: Tonio asks if you're sure it's the right bus. You're not. You say:

- ☐ A Le, m'intix tard.
- ☐ B Le, m'inix ċert.
- ☐ C Iva, jien ċert.

6 Lena: Tonio asks if you're sure it's the right bus. You're not. You say:

- ☐ A Le, m'intix tard.
- ☐ B Iva, jien ċerta.
- ☐ C Le, m'inix ċerta.

7 Ella asks if the pharmacy is next to the post office. It is. You say:

- ☐ A Iva, ħdejha.
- ☐ B Iva, ħdejja.
- ☐ C Iva, ħdejh.

8 Ġorġ wants you and Tonio to come with him. Ġorġ says:

- ☐ A Ejjew miegħi!
- ☐ B Ejja miegħi!
- ☐ C Ejjew miegħek!

9 Tell Tonio and Marta that the ferry leaves from Ċirkewwa. You say:

- ☐ A Il-vapur jitlaq mill-Ċirkewwa.
- ☐ B Il-vapur jitlaq saċ-Ċirkewwa.
- ☐ C Il-vapur jitlaq miċ-Ċirkewwa.