

SCENE 39 • GRAMMAR

am luat, am fost

Completed past actions

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

A bad day

Romanian

Read & listen online 

Completed past actions

The compound past uses a short auxiliary plus a past participle: **am, ai, a, am, ați, au** plus a form such as **luat**. The auxiliaries distinguish the people: **eu am luat, noi am luat**.

Common participles end in **-at, -ut, -it: lucrat, băut, vorbit**. Useful irregular forms include **fost** (been), **făcut** (done), **văzut** (seen), **auzit** (heard). They do not change for the subject's gender or number.

For reflexive verbs, the pronoun joins the auxiliary: **m-am trezit, te-ai trezit, s-a trezit, ne-am trezit, v-ați trezit, s-au trezit**. Put **nu** before the auxiliary or pronoun group.

Eu am luat pastila.

I took the tablet.

Tu ai luat pastila.

You took the tablet.

Ea a luat pastila.

She took the tablet.

Noi am vorbit.

We spoke.

Eu m-am trezit.

I woke up.

Nu am dormit.

I did not sleep.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Eu am luat pastila.

Meaning: I took the tablet.

2 Tu ai luat pastila.

Meaning: You took the tablet.

3 Ea a luat pastila.

Meaning: She took the tablet.

4 Noi am vorbit.

Meaning: We spoke.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Eu _____ luat pastila.

- ☐ A au
- ☐ B ai
- ☐ C am

Meaning: I took the tablet.

2 Tu _____ luat pastila.

- ☐ A ai
- ☐ B am
- ☐ C a

Meaning: You took the tablet.

3 Ea _____ luat pastila.

- ☐ A am
- ☐ B ați
- ☐ C a

Meaning: She took the tablet.

4 Noi am _____.

- ☐ A vorbiți
- ☐ B vorbit
- ☐ C vorbim

Meaning: We spoke.

5 Eu _____ trezit.

- ☐ A s-a
- ☐ B te-ai
- ☐ C m-am

Meaning: I woke up.

6 Nu _____ dormit.

- ☐ A au
- ☐ B ai
- ☐ C am

Meaning: I did not sleep.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

a am

Ea _____ luat pastila.

Meaning: She took the tablet.

vorbit vorbim

Noi am _____.

Meaning: We spoke.

m-am te-ai

Eu _____ trezit.

Meaning: I woke up.

am ai

Nu _____ dormit.

Meaning: I did not sleep.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 am pastila. Eu luat

Meaning: I took the tablet.

2 ai pastila. luat Tu

Meaning: You took the tablet.

3 pastila. luat Ea a

Meaning: She took the tablet.

4 Noi vorbit. am

Meaning: We spoke.

5 Eu m-am trezit.

Meaning: I woke up.

6 dormit. Nu am

Meaning: I did not sleep.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I took the tablet. You say:

- ☐ A Eu am luat pastila.
- ☐ B Eu ai luat pastila.

2 You took the tablet. You say:

- ☐ A Tu ai luat pastila.
- ☐ B Tu am luat pastila.

3 She took the tablet. You say:

- ☐ A Ea a luat pastila.
- ☐ B Ea am luat pastila.

4 We spoke. You say:

- ☐ A Noi am vorbim.
- ☐ B Noi am vorbit.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Noi am vorbit. | Ⓐ I took the tablet. |
| ② Eu m-am trezit. | Ⓑ I did not sleep. |
| ③ Ea a luat pastila. | Ⓒ You took the tablet. |
| ④ Nu am dormit. | Ⓓ We spoke. |
| ⑤ Tu ai luat pastila. | Ⓔ She took the tablet. |
| ⑥ Eu am luat pastila. | Ⓕ I woke up. |