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Module 3: The café

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The café

Maltese

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Numbers and the noun after them

On its own a number takes its long form: **tlieta, għaxra**. Before a noun, what the noun does depends on the number.

Counting	Before a noun	Meaning
1: after the noun, singular		
wieħed	siġġu wieħed tazza waħda	one one chair one cup
2: żewġ, plural		
tnejn	żewġ tazzi	two two cups
3 to 10: the short form, plural		
tlieta	tliet siġġijiet	three
sitta	sitt bajdiet	six
għaxra	għaxar ċwieviet	ten three chairs six eggs ten keys

Counting	Before a noun	Meaning
11 to 19: -il, singular		
ħdax	ħdax- il mejda	eleven
ħmistax	ħmistax- il persuna	fifteen
		eleven tables
		fifteen people
20 and up: singular		
għoxrin	għoxrin ewro	twenty
tmenin	tmenin ċenteżmu	eighty
		twenty euros
		eighty cents

Question	Answer	Meaning
Kemm jiswa kafè?	Ewro u tmenin.	How much is a coffee? · One eighty.
Kemm tiswa panina?	Ewro u erbgħin.	How much is a roll? · One forty.
Kemm jiswew il-panini?	Tliet ewro.	How much are the rolls? · Three euros.

jiswa for a masculine thing, **tiswa** for a feminine one, **jiswew** for several.

Wanting: irrid, nixtieq

The thing you want comes straight after the verb. **nixtieq** is the polite one; **Nista' jkolli ...?** asks for something. No is **ma ... -x: ma rridx.**

jien	int	hu	hi	Meaning
irrid	trid	irid	trid	want
nixtieq	tixtieq	jixtieq	tixtieq	would like

aħna	intom	huma	Meaning
nridu	tridu	iridu	want
nixtiequ	tixtiequ	jixtiequ	would like

Ma rridx kolazzjon. I don't want breakfast.

Amounts and collective nouns

ħafna, **ftit**, **xi** and **kemm?** go straight before the noun: **ħafna ħut**, **ftit ħalib**, **xi ħobż**. A collective noun is the thing in general; **-a** makes one, and **-iet** or **-at** counts two to ten.

In general	One	Two to ten	Meaning
bajd	bajda	sitt bajdiet	eggs · an egg · six eggs
tuffieħ	tuffieħa	sitt tuffieħat	apples · an apple · six apples
ħobż	ħobża	żewġ ħobżiet	bread · a loaf · two loaves

From eleven up, the one-word: **dsatax-il tuffieħa**. **kemm-il** takes it too: **Kemm-il tuffieħa?**

With, without, and liking

ma' is together with, **bi** with as part of it, **bla** without. With a person, **ma'** takes the endings.

Word	Example	Meaning
ma'	ma' Ġorġ qagħqa mat-te	together with with Ġorġ a honey ring with the tea
bi	te bil-ħalib kafè biz-zokkor	with, as part of it tea with milk coffee with sugar
bla	bla zokkor	without without sugar

Person	ma'	Meaning
Singular		
jien	miegħi	with me
int	miegħek	with you
hu	miegħu	with him
hi	magħha	with her
Plural		
aħna	magħna	with us
intom	magħkom	with you
huma	magħhom	with them

What is liked	lil and a name	With an ending	Meaning
Masculine	Il-kafè j ogħġob lil Ġorġ.	Il-kafè jogħġobni.	Ġorġ likes the coffee. · I like the coffee.
Feminine	Il-qagħqa t ogħġob lil Ċikku.	Il-qagħqa togħġobni.	Ċikku likes the honey ring. · I like the honey ring.
Plural	Il-qtates j ogħġbu lil Ella.	Il-qtates jogħġbuni.	Ella likes cats. · I like cats.

GRAMMAR**G1) HOW MANY?**

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Fil-kċina hemm _____ siġġijiet.

☐ A żewġ

☐ B tnejn

Meaning: There are two chairs in the kitchen.

2 Te iswed _____, bla zokkor.

☐ A wieħed

☐ B waħda

Meaning: One black tea, without sugar.

3 Te, tazza _____ kbira.

☐ A waħda

☐ B wieħed

Meaning: Tea, one big cup.

4 Te u panina: _____ ewro u sebgħin.

☐ A tnejn

☐ B żewġ

Meaning: Tea and a roll: two seventy.

5 Fil-frigġ hemm _____ bajdiet.

☐ A sitta

☐ B sitt

Meaning: There are six eggs in the fridge.

6 Ċikku għandu _____ ċwievet.

☐ A għaxra

☐ B għaxar

Meaning: Ċikku has ten keys.

7 Fil-kafetterija hemm _____ mejda.

☐ A ħdax-il

☐ B ħdax

Meaning: There are eleven tables in the café.

8 ----- **persuna!**

- (A) **Ħmistax**
(B) **Ħmistax-il**

Meaning: Fifteen people!

G2) FIND THE WORDS

Underline every number that stands before a noun.

- 1** Ċikku għandu għaxar ċwievet.

Meaning: Ċikku has ten keys.

- 2** Hawn hu l-kolazzjon: kafè, żewġ bajdiet, ħobż u butir.

Meaning: Here's breakfast: coffee, two eggs, bread and butter.

- 3** Ħmistax-il persuna! Ħafna nies!

Meaning: Fifteen people! So many people!

- 4 Nixtieq sitt bajdiet u ħobża waħda.

Meaning: I'd like six eggs and one loaf.

- 5 Te iswed wieħed, bla zokkor.

Meaning: One black tea, without sugar.

- 6 Te u panina: żewġ ewro u sebgħin.

Meaning: Tea and a roll: two seventy.

- 7 Ella tieġu dsatax-il tuffieħa.

Meaning: Ella takes nineteen apples.

- 8 Fil-kafetterija hemm ħdax-il mejda.

Meaning: There are eleven tables in the café.

G3) PRICES, AMOUNTS, WITH AND WITHOUT

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 Kemm _____ panina?

(A) tiswa

(B) jiswa

Meaning: How much is a roll?

2 Kemm _____ l-bajd?

☐ A jiswa

☐ B tiswa

Meaning: How much are the eggs?

3 Kemm _____ il-panini?

☐ A jiswew

☐ B jiswa

Meaning: How much are the rolls?

4 Kemm-il _____?

☐ A tuffieħat

☐ B tuffieħa

Meaning: How many apples?

5 Sitt _____, jekk jogħġbok.

☐ A tuffieħat

☐ B tuffieħa

Meaning: Six apples, please.

6 Fil-frigġ hemm żewġ _____ biss.

☐ A bajdiet

☐ B bajda

Meaning: There are only two eggs in the fridge.

7 Nista' jkolli żewġ _____?

☐ A ħobża

☐ B ħobżiet

Meaning: Can I have two loaves?

8 Te _____, bla zokkor.

☐ A bil-ħalib

☐ B mal-ħalib

Meaning: Tea with milk, without sugar.

9 Qagħqa tal-għasel _____?

☐ A bit-te

☐ B mat-te

Meaning: A honey ring with the tea?

10 Kafè _____, jekk jogħġbok.

- ☐ A biz-zokkor
- ☐ B bil-zokkor

Meaning: Coffee with sugar, please.

G4) WHO WANTS IT?

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Jien _____ te.

- ☐ A trid
- ☐ B irrid
- ☐ C irid

Meaning: I want tea.

2 Int _____ kafè?

- ☐ A irrid
- ☐ B trid

Meaning: Do you want coffee?

3 Ġorġ _____ te biss.

- ☐ A irid
- ☐ B irrid

Meaning: Ġorġ only wants tea.

4 Ma _____ kolazzjon!

- ☐ A tridx
- ☐ B rridx

Meaning: I don't want breakfast!

5 Aħna _____ meraq!

- ☐ A nridu
- ☐ B iridu

Meaning: We want juice!

6 Intom _____ ilma?

- ☐ A nridu
- ☐ B tridu

Meaning: Do you want water? (to several people)

7 Marija u Ġorġ _____ te.

☐ A iridu

☐ B tridu

Meaning: Marija and Ġorġ want tea.

8 _____ te, jekk jogħġbok.

☐ A Nixtieq

☐ B Tixtieq

Meaning: I'd like a tea, please.

9 Ġorġ _____ tazza te kbira.

☐ A tixtieq

☐ B jixtieq

Meaning: Ġorġ would like a big cup of tea.

10 Intom _____ kafè?

☐ A jixtiequ

☐ B tixtiequ

Meaning: Would you like coffee? (to several people)

G5) SATURDAY AT LINA'S

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

bil-ħalib bla mat-

Te _____, _____ zokkor.

Meaning: Tea with milk, without sugar.

magħkom magħna magħhom

Marija u Ġorġ? Le, Ċikku mhux _____. Hu _____!

Meaning: Marija and Ġorġ? No, Ċikku isn't with them. He's with us!

jogħgob mat-te togħgob bit-te

U qagħqa tal-għasel _____. U l-qagħqa _____ lil Ċikku!

Meaning: And a honey ring with the tea. And Ċikku likes the honey ring!

sbatax sittax sebgħin sittin

Te bil-ħalib, ewro u _____. Il-bajd, żewġ ewro u _____.

Meaning: Tea with milk, one seventy. The eggs, two sixty.

tridu iridu nridu

Intom _____ ilma? Marija u Ġorġ _____ te.

Meaning: Do you want water? Marija and Ġorġ want tea.

nixtieq jixtieq tixtieq

X' _____? U Ġorġ, x' _____?

Meaning: What would you like? And Ġorġ, what would he like?

ħobż tuffieħa ħobża sitta dsatax-il tuffieħat sitt

Nixtieq _____ bajdiet, _____ u _____
_____!

Meaning: I'd like six eggs, a loaf and nineteen apples!

magħha bi ma' miegħu

Ġorġ jixrob kafè _____ Lina, u Ċikku _____. Ella?

Ċikku _____ wkoll.

Meaning: Ġorġ drinks coffee with Lina, and Ċikku is with him. Ella?
Ċikku is with her too.

irid trid għajjen irrid

Lukas: Jien _____. Ġorġ _____ te, u jien _____

te wkoll.

Meaning: I'm tired. Ġorġ wants tea, and I want tea too.

irid trid għajjena irrid

Lena: Jien _____. Ġorġ _____ te, u jien _____
te wkoll.

Meaning: I'm tired. Ġorġ wants tea, and I want tea too.

togħgob jogħgob jogħgbu

Il-kafè _____ lil kulħadd, u l-qtates _____ lil Ella.

Meaning: Everybody likes coffee, and Ella likes cats.

G6) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Put the words in order.

1 zokkor. bla te bil-ħalib, Nixtieq

Meaning: I'd like tea with milk, without sugar.

2 Kemm panina? tiswa

Meaning: How much is a roll?

3 il-panini? Kemm jiswew

Meaning: How much are the rolls?

4 sitt trid tuffieħat? Int

Meaning: Do you want six apples?

5 Aħna sitt nixtiequ bajdiet.

Meaning: We'd like six eggs.

6 rridx grazzi. Ma kolazzjon,

Meaning: I don't want breakfast, thanks.

7 ejja Ċikku, miegħi!

Meaning: Ċikku, come with me!

8 waħda hemm biss. Fil-frigġ bajda

Meaning: There's only one egg in the fridge.

9 jekk Nista' jogħġbok? żewġ jkolli ħobżiet,

Meaning: Can I have two loaves, please?

- 10 u Marija Ċikku Ella, magħkom?

Meaning: Marija and Ella, is Ċikku with you?

G7) THE RIGHT WORDS

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Order a coffee with sugar and a roll. You say:

- ☐ A Kafè bil-zokkor u panina, jekk jogħġbok.
- ☐ B Kafè biz-zokkor u panina, jekk jogħġbok.
- ☐ C Kafè bla zokkor u panina, jekk jogħġbok.

2 In the shop, ask how much the eggs are. You say:

- ☐ A Kemm jiswa l-bajd?
- ☐ B Kemm-il bajda għandek?
- ☐ C Fejn hu l-bajd?

3 Tell Lina that you and Ella want juice. You say:

- ☐ A Aħna iridu meraq.
- ☐ B Aħna tridu meraq.
- ☐ C Aħna nridu meraq.

4 Lina asks if you like her coffee. You like it a lot. You say:

- ☐ A Iva, jogħġbuni ħafna!
- ☐ B Iva, togħġobni ħafna!
- ☐ C Iva, jogħġobni ħafna!

5 Ella asks if you like the honey ring. You like it a lot. You say:

- ☐ A Iva, togħġobha ħafna!
- ☐ B Iva, togħġobni ħafna!
- ☐ C Iva, jogħġobni ħafna!

6 Ask Ġorġ, your friend, if he likes the cake. You say:

- ☐ A Il-kejk jogħġbok, Ġorġ?
- ☐ B Il-kejk jogħġbu, Ġorġ?
- ☐ C Il-kejk jogħġobni, Ġorġ?

7 Lukas: After Ġorġ's night of trumpet, Ella asks how you are. You're very tired. You say:

- ☐ A Jien għajjen ħafna!
- ☐ B Jien għandi ħafna ħin!
- ☐ C Jien bil-ġuħ ħafna!

8 Lena: After Ġorġ's night of trumpet, Ella asks how you are. You're very tired. You say:

- ☐ A Jien bil-ġuħ ħafna!
- ☐ B Jien għandi ħafna ħin!
- ☐ C Jien għajjiena ħafna!

9 Ella asks what Ċikku likes. Fish and milk. You say:

- ☐ A Il-ħut u l-ħalib jogħġbuh.
- ☐ B Il-ħut u l-ħalib jogħġbuni.
- ☐ C Il-ħut u l-ħalib jogħġobha.

10 Ella tells you she likes cats. Ella says:

- ☐ A Il-qtates jogħġbuni!
- ☐ B Il-qtates jogħġbuha!
- ☐ C Il-qtates jogħġobni!

11 Lina asks Marija and Ella if they would like tea. Lina says:

- ☐ A Jixtiequ te?
- ☐ B Nixtiequ te?
- ☐ C Tixtiequ te?

G8) WITH WHOM, AND WHO LIKES IT?

Pick the answer with the right forms.

1 Ćikku miegħek?

- ☐ A Le, mhux miegħi.
- ☐ B Le, mhux miegħek.
- ☐ C Le, mhux miegħu.

Meaning: Is Ćikku with you?

2 Ćikku miegħi?

- ☐ A Iva, miegħek.
- ☐ B Iva, magħha.
- ☐ C Iva, miegħi.

Meaning: Is Ćikku with me?

3 Ćikku ma' Ġorġ?

- ☐ A Iva, miegħek.
- ☐ B Iva, miegħu.
- ☐ C Iva, magħha.

Meaning: Is Ćikku with Ġorġ?

4 Ċikku ma' Ella?

- ☐ A Iva, magħhom.
- ☐ B Iva, magħha.
- ☐ C Iva, miegħu.

Meaning: Is Ċikku with Ella?

5 Ċikku magħkom?

- ☐ A Iva, magħna.
- ☐ B Iva, magħhom.
- ☐ C Iva, magħkom.

Meaning: Is Ċikku with you? (to several people)

6 Ċikku magħna?

- ☐ A Iva, miegħek.
- ☐ B Iva, magħna.
- ☐ C Iva, magħkom.

Meaning: Is Ċikku with us?

7 Ċikku ma' Marija u Ġorġ?

- ☐ A Iva, magħha.
- ☐ B Iva, magħhom.
- ☐ C Iva, magħna.

Meaning: Is Ċikku with Marija and Ġorġ?

8 Il-qtates jogħġbuk?

- ☐ A Iva, jogħġobni ħafna.
- ☐ B Iva, jogħġbuk ħafna.
- ☐ C Iva, jogħġbuni ħafna.

Meaning: Do you like cats?

9 Il-kafè jogħġbok?

- ☐ A Iva, jogħġbuni ħafna.
- ☐ B Iva, togħġobni ħafna.
- ☐ C Iva, jogħġobni ħafna.

Meaning: Do you like the coffee?

10 Il-qagħqa toġġbok?

- ☐ A Iva, jogħġobni ħafna.
- ☐ B Iva, toġġobni ħafna.
- ☐ C Iva, toġġobha ħafna.

Meaning: Do you like the honey ring?