

SCENE 7 • GRAMMAR

nimam mize, ni ključa

Negated objects and existence

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

Slovenian

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Negated objects and existence

An affirmative direct object uses the accusative, but standard Slovene uses the genitive after negation: **imam mizo** → **nimam mize**, **imam ključ** → **nimam ključa**. This is a productive rule, not just a new verb ending.

For something absent, use **ni** plus the genitive: **mize ni**, **ni ključa**.
Negating an identity keeps the nominative: **to ni moja miza**.
Distinguish no table is here from this is not my table.

Še nimam mize means I do not have a table yet. Common feminine genitive singular ends in **-e**; many masculine nouns use **-a**. Plural genitives vary: learn **stolov**, **otrok** and **vrat** with their words.

Form	Example	Meaning
mizo	Imam mizo.	I have a table.
mize	Nimam mize.	I do not have a table.
ključa	Nimam ključa.	I do not have a key.
miza	To ni moja miza.	This is not my table.
kavča	Nov sem tukaj. Nimam kavča.	I am new here. I do not have a sofa.
torte	Nisem lačen. Nimam torte.	I am not hungry. I do not have cake.

Imam mizo.

I have a table.

Nimam mize.

I do not have a table.

Nimam ključa.

I do not have a key.

To ni moja miza.

This is not my table.

Nova (Nov) sem tukaj. Nimam kavča.

I am new here. I do not have a sofa.

Nisem lačna (lačen). Nimam torte.

I am not hungry. I do not have cake.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 Imam mizo.

Meaning: I have a table.

2 Nimam mize.

Meaning: I do not have a table.

3 Nimam ključa.

Meaning: I do not have a key.

4 To ni moja miza.

Meaning: This is not my table.

5 Nova sem tukaj. Nimam kavča.

Meaning: I am new here. I do not have a sofa.

6 Nisem lačna. Nimam torte.

Meaning: I am not hungry. I do not have cake.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Imam _____.

- ☐ A mizo
- ☐ B mize
- ☐ C miza

Meaning: I have a table.

2 Nimam _____.

- ☐ A miza
- ☐ B mizo
- ☐ C mize

Meaning: I do not have a table.

3 Nimam _____.

- ☐ A ključu
- ☐ B ključ
- ☐ C ključa

Meaning: I do not have a key.

4 To ni moja _____.

- ☐ A mize
- ☐ B miza
- ☐ C mizo

Meaning: This is not my table.

5 Nova sem tukaj. Nimam _____.

- ☐ A kavč
- ☐ B kavča
- ☐ C kavču

Meaning: I am new here. I do not have a sofa.

6 Nisem lačna. Nimam _____.

- ☐ A torto
- ☐ B torta
- ☐ C torte

Meaning: I am not hungry. I do not have cake.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

mizo miza

Imam _____.

Meaning: I have a table.

mize miza

Nimam _____.

Meaning: I do not have a table.

ključa ključ

Nimam _____.

Meaning: I do not have a key.

miza mize

To ni moja _____.

Meaning: This is not my table.

kavča kavč

Nova sem tukaj. Nimam _____.

Meaning: I am new here. I do not have a sofa.

torte torta

Nisem lačna. Nimam _____.

Meaning: I am not hungry. I do not have cake.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 miza. ni To moja

Meaning: This is not my table.

- 2 tukaj. Nova Nimam kavča. sem

Meaning: I am new here. I do not have a sofa.

- 3 Nisem torte. Nimam lačna.

Meaning: I am not hungry. I do not have cake.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have a table. You say:

- ☐ A Imam miza.
- ☐ B Imam mizo.

2 I do not have a table. You say:

- ☐ A Nimam mize.
- ☐ B Nimam miza.

3 I do not have a key. You say:

- ☐ A Nimam ključa.
- ☐ B Nimam ključ.

4 This is not my table. You say:

- ☐ A To ni moja miza.
- ☐ B To ni moja mize.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| ① Nimam ključa. | ④ I am new here. I do not have a sofa. |
| ② Nisem lačna.
Nimam torte. | ⑤ I have a table. |
| ③ Nimam mize. | ⑥ I do not have a key. |
| ④ Imam mizo. | ⑦ This is not my table. |
| ⑤ To ni moja miza. | ⑧ I am not hungry. I do not have cake. |
| ⑥ Nova sem tukaj.
Nimam kavča. | ⑨ I do not have a table. |