

Znam kuhati, smijem, moram

Skills, permission and festival tasks

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Znati plus the infinitive expresses a learned skill: **znam kuhati**, **znam plivati**. **Moći** plus the infinitive says something is possible or feasible. **Smjeti** explicitly gives permission.

Moram gives obligation, **ne moram** absence of obligation. **Ne smijem** forbids; it is not the same as not being able. Learn each modal with the infinitive unchanged.

Festival roles can use present statements: **Lana pjeva**, **Luka svira**. The helper's identity can change with real learner sex: **pomagač** • **pomagačica**. Keep polite requests separate from skills questions.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Znam	Znam kuhati.	I know how to cook.
Ne znam	Ne znam pjevati.	I do not know how to sing.
Smijem	Smijem svirati danju.	I am allowed to play in the daytime.
Moram	Moram spavati.	I must sleep.

Znam kuhati.

I know how to cook.

Ne znam pjevati.

I do not know how to sing.

Smijem svirati danju.

I am allowed to play in the daytime.

Moram spavati.

I must sleep.

Ne smijem svirati noću.

I am not allowed to play at night.

Ja sam pomagačica (pomagač).

I am a helper.

Ja sam gladna (gladan).

I am hungry.

Moram čuvati Mikija.

I must look after Miki.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Znam kuhati.

Meaning: I know how to cook.

2 Ne znam pjevati.

Meaning: I do not know how to sing.

3 Smijem svirati danju.

Meaning: I am allowed to play in the daytime.

4 Moram spavati.

Meaning: I must sleep.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ kuhati.

- ☐ (A) Smijem
- ☐ (B) Moram
- ☐ (C) Znam

Meaning: I know how to cook.

2 _____ pjevati.

- ☐ (A) Znam
- ☐ (B) Volim
- ☐ (C) Ne znam

Meaning: I do not know how to sing.

3 _____ svirati danju.

- ☐ (A) Ne smijem
- ☐ (B) Ne mogu
- ☐ (C) Smijem

Meaning: I am allowed to play in the daytime.

4 _____ spavati.

- ☐ A Moram
- ☐ B Ne smijem
- ☐ C Ne moram

Meaning: I must sleep.

5 _____ svirati noću.

- ☐ A Smijem
- ☐ B Ne smijem
- ☐ C Znam

Meaning: I am not allowed to play at night.

6 Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A pomagačima
- ☐ B pomagači
- ☐ C pomagačica

Meaning: I am a helper.

7 Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A gladnima
- ☐ B gladno
- ☐ C gladna

Meaning: I am hungry.

8 Moram čuvati _____.

- ☐ A Mikijem
- ☐ B Mikija
- ☐ C Miki

Meaning: I must look after Miki.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Smijem Ne smijem

_____ svirati danju.

Meaning: I am allowed to play in the daytime.

Moram Ne moram

_____ spavati.

Meaning: I must sleep.

Ne smijem Smijem

_____ svirati noću.

Meaning: I am not allowed to play at night.

pomagačica pomagači

Ja sam _____.

Meaning: I am a helper.

gladna gladno

Ja sam _____.

Meaning: I am hungry.

Mikija Miki

Moram čuvati _____.

Meaning: I must look after Miki.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Ne

znam

pjevati.

Meaning: I do not know how to sing.

2 danju. svirati Smijem

Meaning: I am allowed to play in the daytime.

3 noću. smijem Ne svirati

Meaning: I am not allowed to play at night.

4 Ja pomagачica. sam

Meaning: I am a helper.

5 sam Ja gladna.

Meaning: I am hungry.

6

Mikija.

Moram

čuvati

Meaning: I must look after Miki.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I know how to cook. You say:

- ☐ A Znam kuhati.
- ☐ B Smijem kuhati.

2 I do not know how to sing. You say:

- ☐ A Ne znam pjevati.
- ☐ B Znam pjevati.

3 I am allowed to play in the daytime. You say:

- ☐ A Ne smijem svirati danju.
- ☐ B Smijem svirati danju.

4 I must sleep. You say:

- (A) Ne moram spavati.
- (B) Moram spavati.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Znam kuhati. | (A) I know how to cook. |
| (2) Moram čuvati Mikija. | (B) I am not allowed to play at night. |
| (3) Ne znam pjevati. | (C) I am a helper. |
| (4) Ne smijem svirati noću. | (D) I must look after Miki. |
| (5) Smijem svirati danju. | (E) I must sleep. |
| (6) Ja sam pomagačica. | (F) I am hungry. |
| (7) Ja sam gladna. | (G) I am allowed to play in the daytime. |

8 Moram spavati.

H I do not know how to sing.