

SCENE 36 • GRAMMAR

Boli me, vruće mi je

Pain, illness and feelings

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

A bad day

Croatian

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Pain, illness and feelings

With pain, the body part is the subject: **Boli me glava, Bole me leđa. Me** identifies the affected person. The verb agrees with one part or plural parts, not the learner's sex.

Bolestan sam • bolesna sam describes being ill. **Umoran sam • umorna sam** tired. Polite **Vi ste bolesni • umorni** takes masculine plural agreement for either single addressee.

Feelings can use dative pronouns: **hladno mi je, vruće mi je, loše mi je. Ne mogu doći** is unable to come, while **moram ostati kod kuće** gives obligation. Use **jer** or **zato što** for the reason.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Boli	Boli me glava.	My head hurts.
Bole	Bole me leđa.	My back hurts.
me	Boli me grlo.	My throat hurts.
sam	Bolestan sam.	I am ill.

Boli me glava.

My head hurts.

Bole me leđa.

My back hurts.

Boli me grlo.

My throat hurts.

Bolesna (Bolestan) sam.

I am ill.

Vi ste bolesni.

You are ill. (polite)

Vruće mi je.

I feel hot.

Ja sam umorna (umoran).

I am tired.

Ne mogu doći danas.

I cannot come today.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1

Boli

me

glava.

Meaning: My head hurts.

2 Bole me leđa.

Meaning: My back hurts.

3 Boli me grlo.

Meaning: My throat hurts.

4 Bolesna sam.

Meaning: I am ill.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ me glava.

- ☐ A Bole
- ☐ B Bolim
- ☐ C Boli

Meaning: My head hurts.

2 _____ me leđa.

- ☐ A Bolim
- ☐ B Bole
- ☐ C Boli

Meaning: My back hurts.

3 Boli _____ grlo.

- ☐ A te
- ☐ B ga
- ☐ C me

Meaning: My throat hurts.

4 Bolesna _____.

- ☐ A sam
- ☐ B ste
- ☐ C si

Meaning: I am ill.

5 Vi ste _____.

- ☐ A bolesni
- ☐ B bolesna
- ☐ C bolestan

Meaning: You are ill. (polite)

6 Vruće _____ je.

- ☐ A mi
- ☐ B ti
- ☐ C mu

Meaning: I feel hot.

7 Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A umorno
- ☐ B umorna
- ☐ C umornima

Meaning: I am tired.

8 _____ doći danas.

- ☐ A Želim
- ☐ B Ne mogu
- ☐ C Mogu

Meaning: I cannot come today.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

me te

Boli _____ grlo.

Meaning: My throat hurts.

sam si

Bolesna _____.

Meaning: I am ill.

bolesni bolestan

Vi ste _____.

Meaning: You are ill. (polite)

mi ti

Vruće _____je.

Meaning: I feel hot.

umorna umorno

Ja sam _____.

Meaning: I am tired.

Ne mogu Mogu

_____ doći danas.

Meaning: I cannot come today.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 me Boli glava.

Meaning: My head hurts.

2 Bole leđa. me

Meaning: My back hurts.

3 Boli grlo. me

Meaning: My throat hurts.

4 ste Vi bolesni.

Meaning: You are ill. (polite)

5 Vruće je. mi

Meaning: I feel hot.

6 umorna. Ja sam

Meaning: I am tired.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 My head hurts. You say:

- ☐ A Bole me glava.
- ☐ B Boli me glava.

2 My back hurts. You say:

- ☐ A Boli me leđa.
- ☐ B Bole me leđa.

3 My throat hurts. You say:

- ☐ A Boli te grlo.
- ☐ B Boli me grlo.

4 I am ill. You say:

- ☐ A Bolesna sam.
- ☐ B Bolesna si.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Bolesna sam. | ① I cannot come today. |
| ② Ja sam umorna. | ② My head hurts. |
| ③ Boli me grlo. | ③ My back hurts. |
| ④ Vi ste bolesni. | ④ I feel hot. |
| ⑤ Ne mogu doći danas. | ⑤ I am ill. |
| ⑥ Bole me leđa. | ⑥ You are ill. (polite) |
| ⑦ Vruće mi je. | ⑦ I am tired. |
| ⑧ Boli me glava. | ⑧ My throat hurts. |