

Romanian in everyday situations

Module 8: A bad day

7 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

A bad day

Romanian

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mă doare, mă dor

Use **mă doare** with one painful part and **mă dor** with more than one: **mă doare capul, mă dor picioarele**. The body part is the grammatical subject. For you, use **te doare/dor** or polite **vă doare/dor**.

Feelings use **mă simt, te simți, se simte, ne simțim, vă simțiți, se simt**. An adjective agrees with the person: **mă simt obosit, mă simt obosită**.

An ongoing duration uses present plus **de: sunt bolnav de două zile, locuiesc aici de trei luni**. Do not switch to the past just because English uses have been.

m-am născut pe

For dates, use **pe: pe zece iulie, pe douăzeci și opt mai**. A time also uses **la: pe zece mai, la patru**. To move an appointment use **schimb programarea**.

M-am născut means I was born. It is a reflexive compound past chunk, with the same verb form for a man or woman. Answer the birth-date question with the date alone, or the full sentence.

A thousand is **o mie**, plural **mii**. Say the year 1995 as **o mie nouă sute nouăzeci și cinci**. Your story birth date is **zece iulie 1995**. Telephone numbers are said digit by digit.

deschideți, de când

Recycle polite commands for advice: **deschideți gura, respirați adânc, beți apă, mâncați fructe**. Familiar forms include **deschide, respiră, bea, mănâncă**.

De când? asks since when. For a starting point use **de sâmbătă, de ieri**, while a length of time uses **de două zile**. A clear condition uses **dacă** plus the present.

Completed experiences such as **am fost la repetiție** are still useful chunks here; the next unit teaches the general compound past pattern.

am luat, am fost

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.

de trei ori pe zi

Frequency uses **de ... ori: de două ori pe zi, de trei ori pe zi. În fiecare oră** means every hour. Medicine instructions use **după masă** or **înainte de masă**.

Recycle direct object pronouns with the present: **pastila o iau, pastilele le iau**. Their gender is the medicine's, not the patient's.

Questions about duration use **cât timp?**. The ongoing pattern remains present plus **de: mă simt mai bine de ieri**.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Sunt bolnav de două zile.

Meaning: I have been ill for two days.

- 2 Sunt bolnavă de două zile.

Meaning: I have been ill for two days.

3 Mă doare capul.

Meaning: My head hurts.

4 M-am născut pe zece iulie.

Meaning: I was born on ten July.

5 Deschideți gura, vă rog.

Meaning: Open your mouth, polite.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Lukas: Sunt _____ de două zile.

- ☐ A bolnavi
- ☐ B bolnave
- ☐ C bolnav

Meaning: I have been ill for two days.

2 Lena: Sunt _____ de două zile.

- ☐ A bolnavă
- ☐ B bolnavi
- ☐ C bolnave

Meaning: I have been ill for two days.

3 Mă _____ capul.

- ☐ A doare
- ☐ B dor
- ☐ C doareți

Meaning: My head hurts.

4 M-am născut _____ zece iulie.

- ☐ A pe
- ☐ B la
- ☐ C cu

Meaning: I was born on ten July.

5 _____ gura, vă rog.

- ☐ A Deschid
- ☐ B Deschideți
- ☐ C Deschizi

Meaning: Open your mouth, polite.

6 Eu _____ luat pastila.

- ☐ A au
- ☐ B ai
- ☐ C am

Meaning: I took the tablet.

7 De trei _____ pe zi.

- ☐ A ore
- ☐ B oră
- ☐ C ori

Meaning: Three times a day.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

pe la

M-am născut _____ zece iulie.

Meaning: I was born on ten July.

Deschideți Deschid

_____ gura, vă rog.

Meaning: Open your mouth, polite.

am ai

Eu _____ luat pastila.

Meaning: I took the tablet.

ori oră

De trei _____ pe zi.

Meaning: Three times a day.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 Sunt zile. două bolnav de

Meaning: I have been ill for two days.

2 de Sunt două zile. bolnavă

Meaning: I have been ill for two days.

3 Mă capul. doare

Meaning: My head hurts.

4 zece iulie. născut pe M-am

Meaning: I was born on ten July.

5 vă gura, rog. Deschideți

Meaning: Open your mouth, polite.

6 Eu pastila. am luat

Meaning: I took the tablet.

7 trei ori De zi. pe

Meaning: Three times a day.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 **Lukas: I have been ill for two days. You say:**

- ☐ A Sunt bolnavi de două zile.
- ☐ B Sunt bolnav de două zile.

2 **Lena: I have been ill for two days. You say:**

- ☐ A Sunt bolnavă de două zile.
- ☐ B Sunt bolnavi de două zile.

3 **My head hurts. You say:**

- ☐ A Mă dor capul.
- ☐ B Mă doare capul.

4 I was born on ten July. You say:

- ☐ A M-am născut pe zece iulie.
- ☐ B M-am născut la zece iulie.

5 Open your mouth, polite. You say:

- ☐ A Deschid gura, vă rog.
- ☐ B Deschideți gura, vă rog.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 Sunt bolnavă de două zile. | ☐ A I took the tablet. |
| ☐ 2 De trei ori pe zi. | ☐ B Open your mouth, polite. |
| ☐ 3 M-am născut pe zece iulie. | ☐ C Three times a day. |
| ☐ 4 Mă doare capul. | ☐ D I was born on ten July. |
| ☐ 5 Deschideți gura, vă rog. | ☐ E I have been ill for two days. |

- ⑥ Eu am luat pastila. ⑦ My head hurts.

G7) AGREEMENT IN YOUR REPLY

Match the pairs.

- ① Sunt flămândă. ② I am hungry.
- ② Mulțumesc, Ana. ③ Thank you, Ana.
- ③ Sunt obosită. ④ I am tired.