

SCENE 16 • GRAMMAR

brata, sestro, moj, njen

Family and animate masculine objects

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Family and animate masculine objects

For a male person or animal, the masculine accusative normally matches the genitive: **brat** → **brata**, **maček** → **mačka**, **Muri** → **Murija**. Feminine direct objects still commonly end in **-o**: **sestro**, **mamo**.

Possessives agree with the thing or person owned: **moj brat**, **moja sestra**, **njegov sin**, **njena hči**, **naša družina**. Use **imam starejšo sestro** in **mlajšega brata**. **Hči** is irregular: accusative **hčer**, genitive **hčere**.

Form	Example	Meaning
brata	Imam brata.	I have a brother.
sestro	Imam sestro.	I have a sister.
Murija	Vidim Murija.	I see Muri.
njena	To je njena hči.	This is her daughter.
starejšo	Sem nov sosed. Imam starejšo sestro.	I am a new neighbour. I have an older sister.
mlajšega	Sem nov sosed. Imam mlajšega brata.	I am a new neighbour. I have a younger brother.

Imam brata.

I have a brother.

Imam sestro.

I have a sister.

Vidim Murija.

I see Muri.

To je njena hči.

This is her daughter.

Sem nova sosed(a) (nov sosed). Imam starejšo sestro.

I am a new neighbour. I have an older sister.

Sem nova sosed(a) (nov sosed). Imam mlajšega brata.

I am a new neighbour. I have a younger brother.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 Imam brata.

Meaning: I have a brother.

2 Imam sestro.

Meaning: I have a sister.

3 Vidim Murija.

Meaning: I see Muri.

4 To je njena hči.

Meaning: This is her daughter.

5 Sem nova sosedka. Imam starejšo sestro.

Meaning: I am a new neighbour. I have an older sister.

6 Sem nova sosedka. Imam mlajšega brata.

Meaning: I am a new neighbour. I have a younger brother.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Imam _____.

(A) bratu

(B) brata

(C) brat

Meaning: I have a brother.

2 Imam _____.

- ☐ A sestra
- ☐ B sestro
- ☐ C sestri

Meaning: I have a sister.

3 Vidim _____.

- ☐ A Murija
- ☐ B Muriju
- ☐ C Muri

Meaning: I see Muri.

4 To je _____ hči.

- ☐ A njen
- ☐ B njeno
- ☐ C njena

Meaning: This is her daughter.

5 Sem nova sosedka. Imam _____ sestro.

- ☐ A starejšo
- ☐ B starejša
- ☐ C starejši

Meaning: I am a new neighbour. I have an older sister.

6 Sem nova sosedka. Imam _____ brata.

- ☐ A mlajšega
- ☐ B mlajša
- ☐ C mlajši

Meaning: I am a new neighbour. I have a younger brother.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

brat brata

Imam _____.

Meaning: I have a brother.

sestra sestro

Imam _____.

Meaning: I have a sister.

Muri Murija

Vidim _____.

Meaning: I see Muri.

njen njena

To je _____ hči.

Meaning: This is her daughter.

starejša starejšo

Sem nova sosedka. Imam _____ sestro.

Meaning: I am a new neighbour. I have an older sister.

mlajši mlajšega

Sem nova sosedka. Imam _____ brata.

Meaning: I am a new neighbour. I have a younger brother.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1 je hči. To njena

Meaning: This is her daughter.

- 2 nova starejšo Imam Sem soseda. sestro.

Meaning: I am a new neighbour. I have an older sister.

- 3 Sem brata. Imam soseda. nova mlajšega

Meaning: I am a new neighbour. I have a younger brother.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 I have a brother. You say:

- (A) Imam brat.
(B) Imam brata.

- 2 I have a sister. You say:

- (A) Imam sestro.
(B) Imam sestra.

3 I see Muri. You say:

- ☐ A Vidim Muri.
- ☐ B Vidim Murija.

4 This is her daughter. You say:

- ☐ A To je njena hči.
- ☐ B To je njen hči.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|--|
| ☐ 1 Imam sestro. | ☐ A This is her daughter. |
| ☐ 2 Vidim Murija. | ☐ B I see Muri. |
| ☐ 3 Sem nova sosedka.
Imam starejšo
sestro. | ☐ C I have a sister. |
| ☐ 4 Imam brata. | ☐ D I am a new neighbour. I have a
younger brother. |

- 5 Sem nova soseda.
Imam mlajšega
brata.
- E I am a new neighbour. I have an
older sister.
- 6 To je njena hči.
- F I have a brother.