

SCENE 39 • GRAMMAR

Prije jela, poslije jela

Ordering actions and taking medicine

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

A bad day

Croatian

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Ordering actions and taking medicine

Prije • poslije • nakon take genitive: **prije jela, poslije jela, nakon koncerta**. These are ordinary time phrases, not a different verb tense.

Prema uputama na pakiranju says according to the packet instructions. **Uzimati** means take; do not confuse taking medicine with taking a tram ticket or picking an object when looking up a whole phrase.

Tek sam ustao • ustala is have just got up, a real perfect form. **Za dvije minute** is in two minutes. **Čepići za uši** are earplugs; **uši** is the ear plural, not a learner-sex variant.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
jela	Uzimam lijek poslije jela.	I take the medicine after meals.
doručka	Tuširam se prije doručka.	I shower before breakfast.
uputama	Uzimam lijek prema uputama.	I take medicine according to the instructions.
minute	Zatvaramo za dvije minute.	We close in two minutes.

Uzimam lijek poslije jela.

I take the medicine after meals.

Tuširam se prije doručka.

I shower before breakfast.

Uzimam lijek prema uputama.

I take medicine according to the instructions.

Zatvaramo za dvije minute.

We close in two minutes.

Tek sam ustala (ustao).

I have just got up.

Želim čepiće za uši.

I want earplugs.

Bolje mi je nego jutros.

I feel better than this morning.

Lijek je devet eura devedeset.

The medicine is nine euros ninety.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Uzimam lijek poslije jela.

Meaning: I take the medicine after meals.

- 2 Tuširam se prije doručka.

Meaning: I shower before breakfast.

- 3 Uzimam lijek prema uputama.

Meaning: I take medicine according to the instructions.

- 4 Zatvaramo za dvije minute.

Meaning: We close in two minutes.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Uzimam lijek poslije _____.

- ☐ A jelom
- ☐ B jelo
- ☐ C jela

Meaning: I take the medicine after meals.

2 Tuširam se prije _____.

- ☐ A doručka
- ☐ B doručak
- ☐ C doručkom

Meaning: I shower before breakfast.

3 Uzimam lijek prema _____.

- ☐ A upute
- ☐ B uputa
- ☐ C uputama

Meaning: I take medicine according to the instructions.

4 Zatvaramo za dvije _____.

- ☐ A minutama
- ☐ B minute
- ☐ C minuta

Meaning: We close in two minutes.

5 Tek sam _____.

- ☐ A ustali
- ☐ B ustalo
- ☐ C ustala

Meaning: I have just got up.

6 Želim čepiće za _____.

- ☐ A ušima
- ☐ B uho
- ☐ C uši

Meaning: I want earplugs.

7 Bolje mi je nego _____.

- ☐ A jutros
- ☐ B jučer
- ☐ C sutra

Meaning: I feel better than this morning.

8 Lijek je devet eura _____.

- ☐ A šezdeset
- ☐ B deset
- ☐ C devedeset

Meaning: The medicine is nine euros ninety.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

uputama upute

Uzimam lijek prema _____.

Meaning: I take medicine according to the instructions.

minute minuta

Zatvaramo za dvije _____.

Meaning: We close in two minutes.

ustala ustalo

Tek sam _____.

Meaning: I have just got up.

uši uho

Želim čepiće za _____.

Meaning: I want earplugs.

jutros sutra

Bolje mi je nego _____.

Meaning: I feel better than this morning.

devedeset šezdeset

Lijek je devet eura _____.

Meaning: The medicine is nine euros ninety.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 lijek jela. Uzimam poslije

Meaning: I take the medicine after meals.

2 se doručka. prije Tuširam

Meaning: I shower before breakfast.

3 uputama. prema Uzimam lijek

Meaning: I take medicine according to the instructions.

4 minute. dvije za Zatvaramo

Meaning: We close in two minutes.

5 Tek sam ustala.

Meaning: I have just got up.

- 6 Želim čepiće uši. za

Meaning: I want earplugs.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I take the medicine after meals. You say:

- ☐ A Uzimam lijek poslije jela.
- ☐ B Uzimam lijek poslije jelo.

2 I shower before breakfast. You say:

- ☐ A Tuširam se prije doručka.
- ☐ B Tuširam se prije doručak.

3 I take medicine according to the instructions. You say:

- ☐ A Uzimam lijek prema uputama.
- ☐ B Uzimam lijek prema upute.

4 We close in two minutes. You say:

- ☐ A Zatvaramo za dvije minuta.
- ☐ B Zatvaramo za dvije minute.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 Uzimam lijek prema uputama. | ☐ A I take the medicine after meals. |
| ☐ 2 Želim čepiće za uši. | ☐ B We close in two minutes. |
| ☐ 3 Bolje mi je nego jutros. | ☐ C I shower before breakfast. |
| ☐ 4 Tek sam ustala. | ☐ D The medicine is nine euros ninety. |
| ☐ 5 Zatvaramo za dvije minute. | ☐ E I take medicine according to the instructions. |
| ☐ 6 Lijek je devet eura devedeset. | ☐ F I want earplugs. |

7 Tuširam se prije G I have just got up.
doručka.

8 Uzimam lijek poslije H I feel better than this morning.
jela.