

SCENE 16 • GRAMMAR

Brat, sestra, imam trideset

Family, age and possession

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Croatian

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Family, age and possession

Age uses have: **Imam trideset godina**, not an English-style am construction. **Jednu sestru** is feminine accusative; **jednog brata** masculine animate accusative.

Sibling relative age is explicit: **starija sestra**, older sister; **mlađi brat**, younger brother. In an object phrase, **jednu stariju sestru**, **jednog mlađeg brata**. These do not change with the learner's sex.

Genitive expresses possession after a noun: **majka moje sestre**. Learn **Mira živi ovdje pedeset godina** as an ongoing duration and **Bila je učiteljica četrdeset godina** as an early past-state chunk before the fuller perfect lesson.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
trideset	Imam trideset godina.	I am thirty years old.
sestru	Imam jednu stariju sestru.	I have one older sister.
brata	Imam jednog mlađeg brata.	I have one younger brother.
starija	Moja sestra je starija.	My sister is older.

Imam trideset godina.

I am thirty years old.

Imam jednu stariju sestru.

I have one older sister.

Imam jednog mlađeg brata.

I have one younger brother.

Moja sestra je starija.

My sister is older.

Moj brat je mlađi.

My brother is younger.

Ja sam mlada (mlad).

I am young.

To je majka moje sestre.

That is my sister's mother.

Beba ima šest mjeseci.

The baby is six months old.

Croatian past tense uses a form of be with a gender/number participle. Here, **bio • bila** are useful past-state chunks; the complete perfect pattern follows at the end of this module.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Imam trideset godina.

Meaning: I am thirty years old.

- 2 Imam jednu stariju sestru.

Meaning: I have one older sister.

- 3 Imam jednog mlađeg brata.

Meaning: I have one younger brother.

- 4 Moja sestra je starija.

Meaning: My sister is older.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Imam _____ godina.

- ☐ A pedeset
- ☐ B trideset
- ☐ C deset

Meaning: I am thirty years old.

2 Imam jednu stariju _____.

- ☐ A sestra
- ☐ B sestru
- ☐ C sestrom

Meaning: I have one older sister.

3 Imam jednog mlađeg _____.

- ☐ A brata
- ☐ B bratu
- ☐ C brat

Meaning: I have one younger brother.

4 Moja sestra je _____.

- ☐ A mlađa
- ☐ B stariji
- ☐ C starija

Meaning: My sister is older.

5 Moj brat je _____.

- ☐ A mlađi
- ☐ B stariji
- ☐ C mlađa

Meaning: My brother is younger.

6 Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A mlada
- ☐ B mladi
- ☐ C mlado

Meaning: I am young.

7 To je majka moje _____.

- ☐ A sestra
- ☐ B sestre
- ☐ C sestru

Meaning: That is my sister's mother.

8 Beba ima šest _____.

- ☐ A mjesecima
- ☐ B mjeseci
- ☐ C mjesec

Meaning: The baby is six months old.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

brat brata

Imam jednog mlađeg _____.

Meaning: I have one younger brother.

mlađa starija

Moja sestra je _____.

Meaning: My sister is older.

stariji mlađi

Moj brat je _____.

Meaning: My brother is younger.

mlado mlada

Ja sam _____.

Meaning: I am young.

sestra sestre

To je majka moje _____.

Meaning: That is my sister's mother.

mjesec mjeseci

Beba ima šest _____.

Meaning: The baby is six months old.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 godina. Imam trideset

Meaning: I am thirty years old.

2 sestru. Imam jednu stariju

Meaning: I have one older sister.

3 jednog mlađeg Imam brata.

Meaning: I have one younger brother.

4 je sestra starija. Moja

Meaning: My sister is older.

5 je Moj mlađi. brat

Meaning: My brother is younger.

6

sam

mlada.

Ja

Meaning: I am young.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I am thirty years old. You say:

- ☐ A Imam deset godina.
- ☐ B Imam trideset godina.

2 I have one older sister. You say:

- ☐ A Imam jednu stariju sestru.
- ☐ B Imam jednu stariju sestru.

3 I have one younger brother. You say:

- ☐ A Imam jednog mlađeg brat.
- ☐ B Imam jednog mlađeg brata.

4 My sister is older. You say:

- (A) Moja sestra je starija.
- (B) Moja sestra je mlađa.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (1) Moja sestra je starija. | (A) My sister is older. |
| (2) Imam jednog mlađeg brata. | (B) That is my sister's mother. |
| (3) To je majka moje sestre. | (C) The baby is six months old. |
| (4) Ja sam mlada. | (D) My brother is younger. |
| (5) Imam jednu stariju sestru. | (E) I have one younger brother. |
| (6) Imam trideset godina. | (F) I have one older sister. |

7 Beba ima šest
mjeseci.

G I am young.

8 Moj brat je mlađi.

H I am thirty years old.