

SCENE 25 • GRAMMAR

pridi, pridite, ne spi

Friendly and polite commands

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The first week at work

Slovenian

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Friendly and polite commands

The imperative expresses commands to familiar singular, dual or polite/plural addressees: **pridi, pridita, pridite; sedi, sedita, sedite.**

Add **prosim** to make a request courteous. The polite ending is normally **-te**.

Negative commands use **ne: ne spi, ne spite**. Many commands are irregular: **pojdi/pojdite, jej/jejte, bodi/bodite**. Learn the scene forms as a small set. A direction such as **Ne na računalnik!** can omit the verb naturally.

Form	Example	Meaning
pridi	Nika, pridi sem.	Nika, come here.
pridite	Gospa Ana, pridite sem.	Ms Ana, please come here.
spi	Tomaž, ne spi v službi.	Tomaž, do not sleep at work.
pridita	Nika in Ana, pridita sem.	Nika and Ana, come here, both of you.
Počivaj	Utrujen sem. Počivaj, Jure.	I am tired. Rest, Jure.
Jejte	Lačen sem. Jejte, gospa Ana.	I am hungry. Please eat, Ms Ana.

Nika, pridi sem.

Nika, come here.

Gospa Ana, pridite sem.

Ms Ana, please come here.

Tomaž, ne spi v službi.

Tomaž, do not sleep at work.

Nika in Ana, pridita sem.

Nika and Ana, come here, both of you.

Utrujena (**Utrujen**) sem. Počivaj, Jure.

I am tired. Rest, Jure.

Lačna (**Lačen**) sem. Jejite, gospa Ana.

I am hungry. Please eat, Ms Ana.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 Nika, pridi sem.

Meaning: Nika, come here.

2 Gospa Ana, pridite sem.

Meaning: Ms Ana, please come here.

- 3 Tomaž, ne spi v službi.

Meaning: Tomaž, do not sleep at work.

- 4 Nika in Ana, pridita sem.

Meaning: Nika and Ana, come here, both of you.

- 5 Utrujena sem. Počivaj, Jure.

Meaning: I am tired. Rest, Jure.

- 6 Lačna sem. Jejte, gospa Ana.

Meaning: I am hungry. Please eat, Ms Ana.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 Nika, _____ sem.

- ☐ A pridi
- ☐ B pridem
- ☐ C pridite

Meaning: Nika, come here.

2 Gospa Ana, _____ sem.

- ☐ A pridite
- ☐ B pridem
- ☐ C pridi

Meaning: Ms Ana, please come here.

3 Tomaž, ne _____ v službi.

- ☐ A spati
- ☐ B spi
- ☐ C spim

Meaning: Tomaž, do not sleep at work.

4 Nika in Ana, _____ sem.

- ☐ A pridi
- ☐ B pridem
- ☐ C pridita

Meaning: Nika and Ana, come here, both of you.

5 Utrujena sem. _____, Jure.

- ☐ A Počivam
- ☐ B Počivaj
- ☐ C Počivate

Meaning: I am tired. Rest, Jure.

6 Lačna sem. _____, gospa Ana.

- ☐ A Jem
- ☐ B Jejte
- ☐ C Jej

Meaning: I am hungry. Please eat, Ms Ana.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

pridi pridite

Nika, _____ sem.

Meaning: Nika, come here.

pridite pridi

Gospa Ana, _____ sem.

Meaning: Ms Ana, please come here.

spi spim

Tomaž, ne _____ v službi.

Meaning: Tomaž, do not sleep at work.

pridita pridi

Nika in Ana, _____ sem.

Meaning: Nika and Ana, come here, both of you.

Počivaj Počivam

Utrujena sem. _____, Jure.

Meaning: I am tired. Rest, Jure.

Jejte Jej

Lačna sem. _____, gospa Ana.

Meaning: I am hungry. Please eat, Ms Ana.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1

Nika,

sem.

pridi

Meaning: Nika, come here.

2 sem. pridite Gospa Ana,

Meaning: Ms Ana, please come here.

3 Tomaž, v spi ne službi.

Meaning: Tomaž, do not sleep at work.

4 Nika in Ana, sem. pridita

Meaning: Nika and Ana, come here, both of you.

5 sem. Jure. Utrujena Počivaj,

Meaning: I am tired. Rest, Jure.

6

Ana.

sem.

gospa

Lačna

Jejte,

Meaning: I am hungry. Please eat, Ms Ana.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Nika, come here. You say:

- ☐ A Nika, pridi sem.
- ☐ B Nika, pridite sem.

2 Ms Ana, please come here. You say:

- ☐ A Gospa Ana, pridi sem.
- ☐ B Gospa Ana, pridite sem.

3 Tomaž, do not sleep at work. You say:

- ☐ A Tomaž, ne spi v službi.
- ☐ B Tomaž, ne spim v službi.

4 Nika and Ana, come here, both of you. You say:

- (A) Nika in Ana, pridita sem.
- (B) Nika in Ana, pridi sem.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Nika in Ana, pridita sem. | (A) I am hungry. Please eat, Ms Ana. |
| (2) Nika, pridi sem. | (B) Nika and Ana, come here, both of you. |
| (3) Tomaž, ne spi v službi. | (C) Nika, come here. |
| (4) Utrujena sem. Počivaj, Jure. | (D) Tomaž, do not sleep at work. |
| (5) Gospa Ana, pridite sem. | (E) Ms Ana, please come here. |
| (6) Lačna sem. Jejte, gospa Ana. | (F) I am tired. Rest, Jure. |