

SCENE 4 • GRAMMAR

Živim, sviram, želim

Simple present verbs and courtesy chunks

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

Arrival

Croatian

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Verbs have person endings. **Živim** • **živiš** • **živi** say I/you/he or she live; **sviram** • **sviraš** • **svira** say play an instrument. Subject pronouns can be left out because the ending helps identify the person.

Želim spavati means I want to sleep. **Spavati** is the infinitive, the dictionary form without person marking. **Možeš li svirati sutra?** is a useful request chunk before the full modal lesson.

The present tense can describe now or a routine. **Ne** negates most verbs: **ne spavam**. Present be is special: **nisam** • **nisi** • **nije**. Learn **Živim dolje** and **Laku noć** as simple everyday phrases.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
živim	Ja živim dolje.	I live downstairs.
živiš	Ti živiš gore.	You live upstairs.
svira	Luka svira trubu.	Luka plays the trumpet.
sviram	Ja sviram trubu.	I play the trumpet.

Ja živim dolje.

I live downstairs.

Ti živiš gore.

You live upstairs.

Luka svira trubu.

Luka plays the trumpet.

Ja sviram trubu.

I play the trumpet.

Ja želim spavati.

I want to sleep.

Ja ne spavam.

I do not sleep.

Luka spava ovdje.

Luka sleeps here.

Laku noć!

Good night!

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Ja živim dolje.

Meaning: I live downstairs.

- 2 Ti živiš gore.

Meaning: You live upstairs.

- 3 Luka svira trubu.

Meaning: Luka plays the trumpet.

- 4 Ja sviram trubu.

Meaning: I play the trumpet.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Ja _____ dolje.

- ☐ A živi
- ☐ B živim
- ☐ C živiš

Meaning: I live downstairs.

2 Ti _____ gore.

- ☐ A živi
- ☐ B živiš
- ☐ C živim

Meaning: You live upstairs.

3 Luka _____ trubu.

- ☐ A sviram
- ☐ B svira
- ☐ C sviraš

Meaning: Luka plays the trumpet.

4 Ja _____ trubu.

- ☐ A sviram
- ☐ B svira
- ☐ C sviraš

Meaning: I play the trumpet.

5 Ja _____ spavati.

- ☐ A želim
- ☐ B želi
- ☐ C želiš

Meaning: I want to sleep.

6 Ja ne _____.

- ☐ A spava
- ☐ B spavaš
- ☐ C spavam

Meaning: I do not sleep.

7 Luka _____ ovdje.

- ☐ A spavaš
- ☐ B spavam
- ☐ C spava

Meaning: Luka sleeps here.

8 Laku _____!

- ☐ A kuću
- ☐ B noć
- ☐ C kavu

Meaning: Good night!

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

svira sviram

Luka _____ trubu.

Meaning: Luka plays the trumpet.

sviram sviraš

Ja _____ trubu.

Meaning: I play the trumpet.

želim želiš

Ja _____ spavati.

Meaning: I want to sleep.

spavam spavaš

Ja ne _____.

Meaning: I do not sleep.

spava spavam

Luka _____ ovdje.

Meaning: Luka sleeps here.

noć kuću

Laku _____!

Meaning: Good night!

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Ja

dolje.

živim

Meaning: I live downstairs.

2 živiš Ti gore.

Meaning: You live upstairs.

3 svira Luka trubu.

Meaning: Luka plays the trumpet.

4 Ja sviram trubu.

Meaning: I play the trumpet.

5 želim Ja spavati.

Meaning: I want to sleep.

6 ne Ja spavam.

Meaning: I do not sleep.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I live downstairs. You say:

(A) Ja živim dolje.

(B) Ja živiš dolje.

2 You live upstairs. You say:

(A) Ti živiš gore.

(B) Ti živim gore.

3 Luka plays the trumpet. You say:

(A) Luka svira trubu.

(B) Luka sviram trubu.

4 I play the trumpet. You say:

- (A) Ja sviram trubu.
- (B) Ja sviraš trubu.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Ja živim dolje. | (A) I want to sleep. |
| (2) Luka svira trubu. | (B) You live upstairs. |
| (3) Ja ne spavam. | (C) Good night! |
| (4) Ti živiš gore. | (D) I play the trumpet. |
| (5) Laku noć! | (E) Luka plays the trumpet. |
| (6) Ja sviram trubu. | (F) I do not sleep. |
| (7) Luka spava ovdje. | (G) I live downstairs. |
| (8) Ja želim spavati. | (H) Luka sleeps here. |