

SCENE 19 • GRAMMAR

Za Lanu, Lani, pola

Giving gifts and choosing things

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Giving gifts and choosing things

Za takes accusative for a recipient or purpose: **dar za Lanu**. Giving can use a dative directly: **Dajem Lani knjigu**. Feminine names in **-a** often have dative **-i**; do not leave every name unchanged.

Useful choices are **veliki • mali** with a masculine noun or **velika • mala** with a feminine one. **Pre-** can make too: **premalen, prevelik**. It is not a verb tense marker.

Pola is half. The large sketchbook is 28 euros, the small 12. Sharing the large one is 14 each. **Moj • tvoj • njegov • njezin** refer to the possessor but their endings agree with the thing possessed.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Lanu	Dar je za Lanu.	The gift is for Lana.
Lani	Dajem Lani knjigu.	I give Lana a book.
veliki	Želim veliki blok.	I want the big sketchbook.
premalen	Mali blok je premalen.	The small sketchbook is too small.

Dar je za Lanu.

The gift is for Lana.

Dajem Lani knjigu.

I give Lana a book.

Želim veliki blok.

I want the big sketchbook.

Mali blok je premalen.

The small sketchbook is too small.

Plaćam pola.

I pay half.

Veliki je dvadeset osam eura.

The big one is twenty-eight euros.

Ovo je njezin dar.

This is her gift.

Ovo je njegov dar.

This is his gift.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Dar je za Lanu.

Meaning: The gift is for Lana.

- 2 Dajem Lani knjigu.

Meaning: I give Lana a book.

- 3 Želim veliki blok.

Meaning: I want the big sketchbook.

- 4 Mali blok je premalen.

Meaning: The small sketchbook is too small.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

- 1 Dar je za _____.

- ☐ A Lanom
- ☐ B Lana
- ☐ C Lanu

Meaning: The gift is for Lana.

2 Dajem _____ knjigu.

- ☐ A Lana
- ☐ B Lani
- ☐ C Lanom

Meaning: I give Lana a book.

3 Želim _____ blok.

- ☐ A veliki
- ☐ B mali
- ☐ C žuti

Meaning: I want the big sketchbook.

4 Mali blok je _____.

- ☐ A premalena
- ☐ B premalen
- ☐ C premaleno

Meaning: The small sketchbook is too small.

5 Plaćam _____.

- ☐ A dvaput
- ☐ B pola
- ☐ C sve

Meaning: I pay half.

6 Veliki je dvadeset _____ eura.

- ☐ A četiri
- ☐ B osam
- ☐ C dva

Meaning: The big one is twenty-eight euros.

7 Ovo je _____ dar.

- ☐ A njezin
- ☐ B njegov
- ☐ C moj

Meaning: This is her gift.

8 Ovo je _____ dar.

- ☐ A njezin
- ☐ B njegov
- ☐ C tvoj

Meaning: This is his gift.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

mali veliki

Želim _____ blok.

Meaning: I want the big sketchbook.

premalena premalen

Mali blok je _____.

Meaning: The small sketchbook is too small.

sve pola

Plaćam _____.

Meaning: I pay half.

dva osam

Veliki je dvadeset _____ eura.

Meaning: The big one is twenty-eight euros.

njegov njezin

Ovo je _____ dar.

Meaning: This is her gift.

njezin njegov

Ovo je _____ dar.

Meaning: This is his gift.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 za Lanu. Dar je

Meaning: The gift is for Lana.

2 Lani Dajem knjigu.

Meaning: I give Lana a book.

3 Želim veliki blok.

Meaning: I want the big sketchbook.

4 premalen. blok je Mali

Meaning: The small sketchbook is too small.

5 eura. dvadeset Veliki osam je

Meaning: The big one is twenty-eight euros.

6 dar. njezin Ovo je

Meaning: This is her gift.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 The gift is for Lana. You say:

- ☐ A Dar je za Lanu.
- ☐ B Dar je za Lana.

2 I give Lana a book. You say:

- ☐ A Dajem Lana knjigu.
- ☐ B Dajem Lani knjigu.

3 I want the big sketchbook. You say:

- ☐ A Želim mali blok.
- ☐ B Želim veliki blok.

4 The small sketchbook is too small. You say:

- ☐ A Mali blok je premalena.
- ☐ B Mali blok je premalen.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Mali blok je premalen. | ① A I give Lana a book. |
| ② Ovo je njegov dar. | ② B I want the big sketchbook. |
| ③ Plaćam pola. | ③ C I pay half. |
| ④ Veliki je dvadeset osam eura. | ④ D The big one is twenty-eight euros. |
| ⑤ Ovo je njezin dar. | ⑤ E This is her gift. |
| ⑥ Dajem Lani knjigu. | ⑥ F This is his gift. |
| ⑦ Dar je za Lanu. | ⑦ G The gift is for Lana. |
| ⑧ Želim veliki blok. | ⑧ H The small sketchbook is too small. |