

zdaj iščem, vsak dan iščem

One present tense for now and routines

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The first week at work

Slovenian

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One present tense for now and routines

Slovene has no special equivalent of English am doing. The same finite present covers a current action or a habit: **zdaj iščem ključ** versus **vsak dan iščem ključ**. The time phrase supplies the distinction.

Use ordinary present agreement: **jaz iščem, ti iščeš, on išče**, dual **midva iščeva**, plural **mi iščemo**. Short pronouns are optional when understood. Contrast **miška** (computer mouse) with **miš** (animal); both are feminine.

Form	Example	Meaning
iščem	Zdaj iščem ključ.	I am looking for a key now.
sedi	Muri sedi na mizi.	Muri is sitting on the desk.
gledaš	Ti gledaš računalnik.	You are looking at the computer.
iščemo	Mi iščemo miško.	We are looking for the mouse, three or more people.
delam	Vesel sem. Zdaj delam.	I am happy. I am working now.
delam	Utrujen sem. Vsak dan delam.	I am tired. I work every day.

Zdaj iščem ključ.

I am looking for a key now.

Muri sedi na mizi.

Muri is sitting on the desk.

Ti gledaš računalnik.

You are looking at the computer.

Mi iščemo miško.

We are looking for the mouse, three or more people.

Vesela (Vesel) sem. Zdaj delam.

I am happy. I am working now.

Utrujena (Utrujen) sem. Vsak dan delam.

I am tired. I work every day.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 Zdaj iščem ključ.

Meaning: I am looking for a key now.

2 Muri sedi na mizi.

Meaning: Muri is sitting on the desk.

3 Ti gledaš računalnik.

Meaning: You are looking at the computer.

4 Mi iščemo miško.

Meaning: We are looking for the mouse, three or more people.

5 Vesela sem. Zdaj delam.

Meaning: I am happy. I am working now.

6 Utrujena sem. Vsak dan delam.

Meaning: I am tired. I work every day.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Zdaj _____ ključ.

- ☐ A iščeš
- ☐ B išče
- ☐ C iščem

Meaning: I am looking for a key now.

2 Muri _____ na mizi.

- ☐ A sedi
- ☐ B sediš
- ☐ C sedim

Meaning: Muri is sitting on the desk.

3 Ti _____ računalnik.

- ☐ A gleda
- ☐ B gledaš
- ☐ C gledam

Meaning: You are looking at the computer.

4 Mi _____ miško.

- ☐ A iščem
- ☐ B iščeva
- ☐ C iščemo

Meaning: We are looking for the mouse, three or more people.

5 Vesela sem. Zdaj _____.

- ☐ A delam
- ☐ B dela
- ☐ C delaš

Meaning: I am happy. I am working now.

6 Utrujena sem. Vsak dan _____.

- ☐ A dela
- ☐ B delati
- ☐ C delam

Meaning: I am tired. I work every day.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

iščem iščeš

Zdaj _____ ključ.

Meaning: I am looking for a key now.

sedi sedim

Muri _____ na mizi.

Meaning: Muri is sitting on the desk.

gledaš gledam

Ti _____ računalnik.

Meaning: You are looking at the computer.

iščemo iščeva

Mi _____ miško.

Meaning: We are looking for the mouse, three or more people.

delam delaš

Vesela sem. Zdaj _____.

Meaning: I am happy. I am working now.

delam delati

Utrujena sem. Vsak dan _____.

Meaning: I am tired. I work every day.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 _____

Meaning: I am looking for a key now.

- 2 _____

Meaning: Muri is sitting on the desk.

- 3 _____

Meaning: You are looking at the computer.

- 4 _____

Meaning: We are looking for the mouse, three or more people.

- 5 delam. Vesela sem. Zdaj

Meaning: I am happy. I am working now.

- 6 dan sem. delam. Utrujena Vsak

Meaning: I am tired. I work every day.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 I am looking for a key now. You say:

- (A) Zdaj iščeš ključ.
(B) Zdaj iščem ključ.

- 2 Muri is sitting on the desk. You say:

- (A) Muri sedi na mizi.
(B) Muri sedim na mizi.

3 You are looking at the computer. You say:

- (A) Ti gledaš računalnik.
- (B) Ti gledam računalnik.

4 We are looking for the mouse, three or more people. You say:

- (A) Mi iščeva miško.
- (B) Mi iščemo miško.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| (1) Zdaj iščem ključ. | (A) We are looking for the mouse, three or more people. |
| (2) Mi iščemo miško. | (B) I am tired. I work every day. |
| (3) Utrujena sem. Vsak dan delam. | (C) I am looking for a key now. |
| (4) Vesela sem. Zdaj delam. | (D) You are looking at the computer. |
| (5) Ti gledaš računalnik. | (E) Muri is sitting on the desk. |

- 6 Muri sedi na mizi. F I am happy. I am working now.