

Slovene in everyday situations

Module 3: The café

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The café

Slovenian

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nič, ena, dva

Form	Example	Meaning
dva	Nič, ena, dva.	Zero, one, two.
pet	Tri, štiri, pet.	Three, four, five.
deset	Osem, devet, deset.	Eight, nine, ten.
en	Imam en ključ.	I have one key.
dve	Imam dve skodelici.	I have two cups.
dva	Nov sem tukaj. Imam dva ključa.	I am new here. I have two keys.

Count from zero to ten: **nič, ena, dva, tri, štiri, pet, šest, sedem, osem, devet, deset**. For a telephone number, say one digit at a time. The standalone digit one is **ena**; before a masculine noun use **en ključ**.

When counting nouns, the noun's gender and number matter: **dva ključa, dve skodelici**. For no items use **nič**; in a full sentence **nimam ključev** uses genitive plural. Keep telephone digits separate from noun counting.

želim čaj, dve jajci

Form	Example	Meaning
čaj	Želim čaj.	I would like tea.
kavo	Želim kavo.	I would like coffee.
jajce	Želim jajce.	I would like an egg.
jajci	Želim dve jajci.	I would like two eggs.
čaj	Nisem lačen. Želim samo čaj.	I am not hungry. I would like just tea.
kruh	Lačen sem. Želim kruh.	I am hungry. I would like bread.

The direct object uses the accusative: masculine inanimate **čaj** stays **čaj**, feminine **kava** becomes **kavo**, and neuter **jajce** stays **jajce**. With an adjective say **črn čaj**, **črno kavo**, **veliko jajce**.

For exactly two neuter eggs, use **dve jajci**. A request can be brief: **Čaj, prosim**. In a full sentence, use **želim čaj**. Negation changes the object to genitive: **ne želim kave**.

evro, evra, evri, evrov

Form	Example	Meaning
evro	Kava stane en evro.	A coffee costs one euro.
evra	Čaj stane dva evra.	A tea costs two euros.
evre	Torta stane tri evre.	A cake costs three euros.
evrov	Zajtrk stane pet evrov.	Breakfast costs five euros.
dvaindvajset	Dvajset in dva je dvaindvajset.	Twenty plus two is twenty-two.
evrov	Lačen sem. Imam deset evrov.	I am hungry. I have ten euros.

Numbers eleven through nineteen end in **–najst: enajst, dvanajst, trinajst**. Tens include **dvajset, trideset, štirideset**. In compound numbers the unit comes first: **dvaindvajset** is twenty-two.

Prices follow regular counting patterns: **en evro, dva evra, trije evri, štirje evri, pet evrov**. The pattern depends on the final number: **dvaindvajset evrov** uses genitive plural, but **sto dva evra** uses dual. With spoken decimal prices, use whole euros and cents: **dva evra in trideset centov**. With a cost expressed as a direct-object amount, the nominative **trije evri** becomes **tri evre: torta stane tri evre**.

malo mleka, veliko rib

Form	Example	Meaning
mleka	Želim malo mleka.	I would like a little milk.
rib	Želim veliko rib.	I would like lots of fish.
krompirja	Kilogram krompirja, prosim.	A kilo of potatoes, please.
jajc	Šest jajc, prosim.	Six eggs, please.
jabolk	Imam devetnajst jabolk.	I have nineteen apples.
sira	Lačen sem. Želim malo sira.	I am hungry. I would like a little cheese.

After an amount or measure, name the substance in the genitive: **malo mleka, veliko rib, kilogram krompirja, steklenica mleka**. This tells what the amount contains.

Count objects with number plus noun: **šest jajc, devetnajst jabolk**. Amount words **malo** and **veliko** take genitive; the adjective **majhen** instead agrees with a noun: **majhna riba**.

vsak dan, vse, sam

Form	Example	Meaning
vsak	Pridem vsak dan.	I come every day.
vsako	Pridem vsako jutro.	I come every morning.
vse	To je vse.	That is everything.
vsa	Ključ odpre vsa vrata.	The key opens all the doors.
sam	Danes naročim sam.	Today I order myself.
vsak	Sam pijem čaj vsak dan.	I drink tea by myself every day.

Vsak means every or each and agrees with its noun: **vsak dan**, **vsaka skodelica**, **vsako jutro**. These time phrases use accusative; masculine inanimate **dan** has the same surface form as nominative.

Vse means everything, but all before a noun agrees: **vsa vrata**, **vsi stoli**, **vse skodelice**. For doing something yourself say masculine **sam** or feminine **sama**: **danes naročim sam/sama**.

Learn **čaj z mlekom**, **kruh s sirom** and **brez sladkorja** as useful food chunks now. The instrumental after **z/s** becomes productive with transport in module 6; **brez** requires genitive.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS**

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 Nič, ena, dva.

Meaning: Zero, one, two.

- 2 Želim čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

- 3 Kava stane en evro.

Meaning: A coffee costs one euro.

- 4 Želim malo mleka.

Meaning: I would like a little milk.

- 5 Pridem vsak dan.

Meaning: I come every day.

6 Nov sem tukaj. Imam dva ključa.

Meaning: I am new here. I have two keys.

7 Nova sem tukaj. Imam dva ključa.

Meaning: I am new here. I have two keys.

8 Nisem lačen. Želim samo čaj.

Meaning: I am not hungry. I would like just tea.

9 Nisem lačna. Želim samo čaj.

Meaning: I am not hungry. I would like just tea.

10 Osem, devet, deset.

Meaning: Eight, nine, ten.

11 Želim jajce.

Meaning: I would like an egg.

- 12 Torta stane tri evre.

Meaning: A cake costs three euros.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 Nič, ena, _____.

- ☐ A deset
- ☐ B pet
- ☐ C dva

Meaning: Zero, one, two.

- 2 Želim _____.

- ☐ A čaj
- ☐ B čaja
- ☐ C čaj

Meaning: I would like tea.

3 Kava stane en _____.

- ☐ A evra
- ☐ B evro
- ☐ C evrov

Meaning: A coffee costs one euro.

4 Želim malo _____.

- ☐ A mleko
- ☐ B mleku
- ☐ C mleka

Meaning: I would like a little milk.

5 Pridem _____ dan.

- ☐ A vsaka
- ☐ B vsak
- ☐ C vsako

Meaning: I come every day.

6 Lukas: Nov sem tukaj. Imam _____ ključa.

- ☐ A dva
- ☐ B dve
- ☐ C ena

Meaning: I am new here. I have two keys.

7 Lena: Nova sem tukaj. Imam _____ ključa.

- ☐ A ena
- ☐ B dva
- ☐ C dve

Meaning: I am new here. I have two keys.

8 Lukas: Nisem lačen. Želim samo _____.

- ☐ A čaja
- ☐ B čajju
- ☐ C čaj

Meaning: I am not hungry. I would like just tea.

9 Lena: Nisem lačna. Želim samo _____.

- ☐ A čaj
- ☐ B čaja
- ☐ C čaj

Meaning: I am not hungry. I would like just tea.

10 Osem, devet, _____.

- ☐ A dva
- ☐ B deset
- ☐ C nič

Meaning: Eight, nine, ten.

11 Želim _____.

- ☐ A jajca
- ☐ B jajce
- ☐ C jajcu

Meaning: I would like an egg.

12 Torta stane tri _____.

- ☐ A evre
- ☐ B evrov
- ☐ C evri

Meaning: A cake costs three euros.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

pet dva

Nič, ena, _____.

Meaning: Zero, one, two.

čaja čaj

Želim _____.

Meaning: I would like tea.

evra evro

Kava stane en _____.

Meaning: A coffee costs one euro.

mleko mleka

Želim malo _____.

Meaning: I would like a little milk.

vsaka vsak

Pridem _____ dan.

Meaning: I come every day.

dve dva

Lukas: Nov sem tukaj. Imam _____ ključa.

Meaning: I am new here. I have two keys.

dve dva

Lena: Nova sem tukaj. Imam _____ ključa.

Meaning: I am new here. I have two keys.

čaja čaj

Lukas: Nisem lačen. Želim samo _____.

Meaning: I am not hungry. I would like just tea.

čaja čaj

Lena: Nisem lačna. Želim samo _____.

Meaning: I am not hungry. I would like just tea.

dva deset

Osem, devet, _____.

Meaning: Eight, nine, ten.

jajca jajce

Želim _____.

Meaning: I would like an egg.

evri evre

Torta stane tri _____.

Meaning: A cake costs three euros.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1 dva. ena, nič,

Meaning: Zero, one, two.

2 stane en evro. Kava

Meaning: A coffee costs one euro.

3 malo mleka. Želim

Meaning: I would like a little milk.

4 Pridem vsak dan.

Meaning: I come every day.

5 Nov sem ključa. tukaj. Imam dva

Meaning: I am new here. I have two keys.

6 dva tukaj. sem Imam ključa. Nova

Meaning: I am new here. I have two keys.

7 Nisem Želim lačen. samo čaj.

Meaning: I am not hungry. I would like just tea.

8 lačna. čaj. Nisem samo Želim

Meaning: I am not hungry. I would like just tea.

9 deset. devet, Osem,

Meaning: Eight, nine, ten.

10 tri stane Torta evre.

Meaning: A cake costs three euros.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Zero, one, two. You say:

- ☐ A Nič, ena, dva.
- ☐ B Nič, ena, pet.

2 I would like tea. You say:

- ☐ A Želim čaja.
- ☐ B Želim čaj.

3 A coffee costs one euro. You say:

- ☐ A Kava stane en evro.
- ☐ B Kava stane en evra.

4 I would like a little milk. You say:

- ☐ A Želim malo mleko.
- ☐ B Želim malo mleka.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| ① Želim malo mleka. | ⑤ I am new here. I have two keys. |
| ② Kava stane en evro. | ⑥ I come every day. |
| ③ Nova sem tukaj.
Imam dva ključa. | ⑦ Zero, one, two. |
| ④ Nič, ena, dva. | ⑧ A coffee costs one euro. |
| ⑤ Osem, devet, deset. | ⑨ I would like a little milk. |
| ⑥ Želim čaj. | ⑩ Eight, nine, ten. |
| ⑦ Pridem vsak dan. | ⑪ I would like tea. |
| ⑧ Nisem lačna. Želim
samo čaj. | ⑫ I am not hungry. I would like just
tea. |