

Croatian in everyday situations

Module 3: The café

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Croatian

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Nula do deset, koliko ključeva

Learn the complete set **nula, jedan, dva, tri, četiri, pet, šest, sedam, osam, devet, deset**. Telephone digits are spoken separately. The course number is **nula devet jedan jedan dva tri četiri pet šest sedam**.

Counting changes noun forms: **jedan ključ, dva ključa, pet ključeva**. After **koliko**, a counted noun uses genitive plural: **Koliko ključeva imate?**. Genitive plural may differ from the ordinary plural **ključevi**.

Jedan • jedna • jedno agree with the noun; **dva** goes with masculine/neuter, **dvije** with feminine. Learn these patterns as complete small phrases, rather than adding an English plural ending.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
ključ	Imam jedan ključ.	I have one key.
ključa	Imam dva ključa.	I have two keys.
ključeva	Imam pet ključeva.	I have five keys.
ključeva	Koliko ključeva imate?	How many keys do you have?

Jedanaest do dvadeset, htio bih

Continue **jedanaest, dvanaest, trinaest, četrnaest, petnaest, šesnaest, sedamnaest, osamnaest, devetnaest, dvadeset**. With five and higher, use the genitive plural: **šest jaja, devetnaest jabuka**.

The courtesy chunk **htio bih · htjela bih** means I would like. It is a conditional expression, not future or ordinary past meaning. The male learner uses **htio**, the female **htjela**; **bih** stays first-person singular for both.

Order with the accusative: **čaj, kavu, vodu**. **Dva jaja** is two eggs, **dvije šalice** two cups. Use **ne želim** to decline something. A greeting and **molim** keep the exchange polite.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
bih	Htio bih čaj.	I would like tea.
Htio	Htio bih vodu.	I would like water.
čaj	Želim čaj.	I want tea.
kavu	Ne želim kavu.	I do not want coffee.

Dva eura, bez šećera, račun

Tens are **dvadeset, trideset, četrdeset, pedeset, šezdeset, sedamdeset, osamdeset, devedeset**, then **sto**. Prices are spoken with euro/cent forms: **jedan euro, dva eura, pet eura, trideset centi**.

Coffee is €2.30, tea €1.50, a roll €0.60 and cake €3.50. Tea plus a roll is €2.10. Ask **Koliko stoji...?** or **Koliko košta...?**. The plural noun is not copied unchanged after every number.

Bez takes genitive: **bez šećera**. **Jedan čaj bez šećera, jedno pecivo i račun, molim** is the guest's complete order at table three. **Još nemate ništa** says you have nothing yet; **već** means already.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
eura	Kava je dva eura trideset centi.	Coffee is two euros thirty.
euro	Čaj je jedan euro pedeset centi.	Tea is one euro fifty.
centi	Pecivo je šezdeset centi.	A roll is sixty cents.
šećera	Čaj je bez šećera.	Tea is without sugar.

Znam, poznajem, mnogo jabuka

Use **znam** for knowing a fact and **poznajem** for knowing a person: **Znam broj, Poznajem Mikija**. **Znati** plus the infinitive can express a learned skill, which is practised later.

Mnogo • **malo** take genitive: **mnogo ribe, malo mlijeka**. With quantities from five up, **šest jaja, devetnaest jabuka**. Masculine animate direct objects often add **-a**: **Poznajem Mikija**.

The verb negative remains **ne** for most verbs: **ne poznajem**. Have is special: **nemam**. Six and sixteen are distinct: **šest** • **šesnaest**. A friendly **nema na čemu** replies to thanks.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Znam	Znam Vaš broj.	I know your number.
Poznajem	Poznajem Mikija.	I know Miki personally.
jabuka	Želim šest jabuka.	I want six apples.
šesnaest	Lana broji šesnaest.	Lana counts sixteen.

S mlijekom, bez šećera

S • **sa** takes the instrumental: **s mlijekom, sa sirom, s maslacem.**

Bez takes the genitive: **bez šećera, bez mlijeka.** The added **a** in **sa** helps pronunciation, especially before **s • z • š • ž.**

Common instrumental forms include masculine **-om • -em**, feminine **-om**, neuter **-om**: **čaj • čajem, kava • kavom, mlijeko • mlijekom.** Use the actual common word rather than guessing every exception.

A complete order costs €8.00: milk tea1.70, eggs2.60, cheese bread2.80, water0.90. Paying ten gives two euros change. **To je sve** ends an order; **besplatno** means free of charge.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
mlijekom	Čaj s mlijekom.	Tea with milk.
sirom	Kruh sa sirom.	Bread with cheese.
šećera	Kava bez šećera.	Coffee without sugar.
maslacem	Palačinka s maslacem.	A pancake with butter.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Htio bih čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

2 Htjela bih čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

3 Htio bih vodu.

Meaning: I would like water.

4 Htjela bih vodu.

Meaning: I would like water.

5 Imam jedan ključ.

Meaning: I have one key.

6 Htio bih čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

7 Htjela bih čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Lukas: Htio _____ čaj.

- ☐ A bismo
- ☐ B bi
- ☐ C bih

Meaning: I would like tea.

2 Lena: Htjela _____ čaj.

- ☐ A bismo
- ☐ B bih
- ☐ C bi

Meaning: I would like tea.

3 Lukas: _____ bih vodu.

- ☐ A Htio
- ☐ B Htjeli
- ☐ C Htjelo

Meaning: I would like water.

4 Lena: _____ bih vodu.

- ☐ A Htjelo
- ☐ B Htjeli
- ☐ C Htjela

Meaning: I would like water.

5 Imam jedan _____.

- ☐ A ključ
- ☐ B ključa
- ☐ C ključem

Meaning: I have one key.

6 Lukas: Htio _____ čaj.

- ☐ A bih
- ☐ B bismo
- ☐ C bi

Meaning: I would like tea.

7 Lena: Htjela _____ čaj.

- ☐ A bi
- ☐ B bih
- ☐ C bismo

Meaning: I would like tea.

8 Kava je dva _____ trideset centi.

- ☐ A eurima
- ☐ B euro
- ☐ C eura

Meaning: Coffee is two euros thirty.

9 _____ **Vaš broj.**

- ☐ A Poznajem
- ☐ B Spavam
- ☐ C Znam

Meaning: I know your number.

10 Čaj s _____.

- ☐ A mlijeko
- ☐ B mlijeka
- ☐ C mlijekom

Meaning: Tea with milk.

11 Imam dva _____.

- ☐ A ključ
- ☐ B ključevi
- ☐ C ključa

Meaning: I have two keys.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

ključa ključ

Imam jedan _____.

Meaning: I have one key.

bi bih

Lukas: Htio _____ čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

bi bih

Lena: Htjela _____ čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

euro eura

Kava je dva _____ trideset centi.

Meaning: Coffee is two euros thirty.

Poznajem Znam

_____ Vaš broj.

Meaning: I know your number.

mlijeko mlijekom

Čaj s _____.

Meaning: Tea with milk.

ključ ključa

Imam dva _____.

Meaning: I have two keys.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

čaj.

bih

Htio

Meaning: I would like tea.

2

Htjela

bih

čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

3 vodu. Htio bih

Meaning: I would like water.

4 bih vodu. Htjela

Meaning: I would like water.

5 Imam jedan ključ.

Meaning: I have one key.

6 čaj. Htio bih

Meaning: I would like tea.

7 čaj. Htjela bih

Meaning: I would like tea.

8 je Kava centi. dva trideset eura

Meaning: Coffee is two euros thirty.

9 broj. Vaš Znam

Meaning: I know your number.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 **Lukas: I would like tea. You say:**

- ☐ A Htio bih čaj.
- ☐ B Htio bi čaj.

2 Lena: I would like tea. You say:

- ☐ A Htjela bi čaj.
- ☐ B Htjela bih čaj.

3 Lukas: I would like water. You say:

- ☐ A Htio bih vodu.
- ☐ B Htjelo bih vodu.

4 Lena: I would like water. You say:

- ☐ A Htjelo bih vodu.
- ☐ B Htjela bih vodu.

5 I have one key. You say:

- ☐ A Imam jedan ključa.
- ☐ B Imam jedan ključ.

6 Lukas: I would like tea. You say:

- ☐ A Htio bih čaj.
- ☐ B Htio bi čaj.

7 Lena: I would like tea. You say:

- ☐ A Htjela bi čaj.
- ☐ B Htjela bih čaj.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ① Htjela bih čaj. | Ⓐ I know your number. |
| ② Imam jedan ključ. | Ⓑ Coffee is two euros thirty. |
| ③ Znam Vaš broj. | Ⓒ I would like tea. |
| ④ Htjela bih čaj. | Ⓓ I have one key. |
| ⑤ Imam dva ključa. | Ⓔ I would like tea. |
| ⑥ Htjela bih vodu. | Ⓕ I have two keys. |
| ⑦ Kava je dva eura
trideset centi. | Ⓖ I would like water. |
| ⑧ Čaj s mlijekom. | Ⓗ Tea with milk. |