

SCENE 41 • GRAMMAR

Svirat ću, doći ću, neće

Future plans before the concert

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The festival

Croatian

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Future plans before the concert

The future uses shortened present forms of want plus an infinitive: **ću, ćeš, će, ćemo, ćete, će**. If the auxiliary follows a verb in **-ti**, drop final **i**: **svirat ću, pisat ću**. With **-ći**, keep it: **doći ću, naći ću**.

If the auxiliary comes earlier, keep the full infinitive: **Ja ću svirati**. Future negatives are **neću, nećeš, neće, nećemo, nećete, neće**. Future forms do not change with the learner's sex.

A present with a future time is also natural: **Koncert počinje u osam. Za deset minuta** means in ten minutes, **prije deset minuta** ten minutes ago. Use the form that expresses the actual plan without adding a complex hypothetical pattern.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
ću	Ja ću svirati.	I will play.
ćeš	Ti ćeš pjevati.	You will sing. (familiar)
ćemo	Mi ćemo doći.	We will come.
Svirat	Svirat ću večeras.	I will play tonight.

Ja ću svirati.

I will play.

Ti ćeš pjevati.

You will sing. (familiar)

Mi ćemo doći.

We will come.

Svirat ću večeras.

I will play tonight.

Doći ću sutra.

I will come tomorrow.

Ja neću plesati.

I will not dance.

Koncert počinje za deset minuta.

The concert starts in ten minutes.

Bila (Bio) sam tamo prije deset minuta.

I was there ten minutes ago.

The Croatian future tense here is future I. It uses short forms of verbs with an infinitive: **ću svirati, svirat ću.**

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Ja ću svirati.

Meaning: I will play.

2 Ti ćeš pjevati.

Meaning: You will sing. (familiar)

3 Mi ćemo doći.

Meaning: We will come.

4 Svirat ću večeras.

Meaning: I will play tonight.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Ja _____ svirati.

- ☐ A ću
- ☐ B ćeš
- ☐ C će

Meaning: I will play.

2 Ti _____ pjevati.

- ☐ A ćeš
- ☐ B ćemo
- ☐ C ću

Meaning: You will sing. (familiar)

3 Mi _____ doći.

- ☐ A ćemo
- ☐ B ćete
- ☐ C ću

Meaning: We will come.

4 _____ ću večeras.

- ☐ A Svirao
- ☐ B Sviram
- ☐ C Svirat

Meaning: I will play tonight.

5 _____ ću sutra.

- ☐ A Doć
- ☐ B Doći
- ☐ C Došao

Meaning: I will come tomorrow.

6 Ja _____ plesati.

- ☐ A nećeš
- ☐ B neću
- ☐ C nećemo

Meaning: I will not dance.

7 Koncert počinje za deset _____.

- ☐ A minute
- ☐ B minuta
- ☐ C minutima

Meaning: The concert starts in ten minutes.

8 Bila sam tamo _____ deset minuta.

- ☐ A poslije
- ☐ B za
- ☐ C prije

Meaning: I was there ten minutes ago.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

ću ćemo

Mi _____ doći.

Meaning: We will come.

Sviram Svirat

_____ ću večeras.

Meaning: I will play tonight.

Doć Doći

_____ ću sutra.

Meaning: I will come tomorrow.

nećeš nećeu

Ja _____ plesati.

Meaning: I will not dance.

minute minuta

Koncert počinje za deset _____.

Meaning: The concert starts in ten minutes.

za prije

Bila sam tamo _____ deset minuta.

Meaning: I was there ten minutes ago.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

ću

Ja

svirati.

Meaning: I will play.

2 Ti ćeš pjevati.

Meaning: You will sing. (familiar)

3 Mi doći. ćemo

Meaning: We will come.

4 Svirat ću večeras.

Meaning: I will play tonight.

5 ću Doći sutra.

Meaning: I will come tomorrow.

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Meaning: I will not dance.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I will play. You say:

- ☐ A Ja ćeš svirati.
- ☐ B Ja ću svirati.

2 You will sing. (familiar) You say:

- ☐ A Ti ćeš pjevati.
- ☐ B Ti ću pjevati.

3 We will come. You say:

- ☐ A Mi ćemo doći.
- ☐ B Mi ću doći.

4 I will play tonight. You say:

- (A) Svirat ću večeras.
- (B) Sviram ću večeras.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| (1) Koncert počinje za deset minuta. | (A) You will sing. (familiar) |
| (2) Ti ćeš pjevati. | (B) We will come. |
| (3) Bila sam tamo prije deset minuta. | (C) The concert starts in ten minutes. |
| (4) Mi ćemo doći. | (D) I was there ten minutes ago. |
| (5) Ja neću plesati. | (E) I will not dance. |
| (6) Svirat ću večeras. | (F) I will come tomorrow. |
| (7) Ja ću svirati. | (G) I will play. |

8 Doći ću sutra.

H I will play tonight.