

Croatian in everyday situations

Module 10: Staying

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

Staying

Croatian

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Rezervirati, jednu noć, uključen

Use **rezervirati sobu** to book a room. **Jednokrevetna • dvokrevetna** describes the room and therefore has feminine agreement, regardless of the guest's sex.

A duration can be **za jednu noć**; with dates **od nedjelje do ponedjeljka**. **S doručkom** uses instrumental, **bez doručka** genitive. **Doručak je uključen** describes the masculine breakfast.

Future plans can use future I or present with a time: **Doći ću u nedjelju, Dolazim u nedjelju**. Ordinary **Ako dođeš** links a possible visit. A past booking, **rezervirao • rezervirala sam**, keeps real learner variants.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
sobu	Želim rezervirati sobu.	I want to book a room.
noć	Za jednu noć.	For one night.
jednokrevetnu	Želim jednokrevetnu sobu.	I want a single room.
doručkom	Soba je s doručkom.	The room comes with breakfast.

Iskustvo, mogu, od ožujka

Give personal details using exact identity nouns: **Nijemac** • **Njemica, inženjer** • **inženjerka**. **Imam trideset godina** stays the same for both. Languages remain **govorim njemački, engleski, hrvatski**.

For current experience, **radim ovdje od ožujka** continues up to now. For earlier work, **radio** • **radila sam u Hamburgu**. **Imam iskustvo** is a direct statement about experience. Avoid pretending every duration requires an English perfect calque.

A flat advert uses **trideset četvornih metara, mjesečno, najamnina**. The listed 30-square-metre flat is €950 per month. **Moram razmisliti** asks for time to consider rather than accepting immediately.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Nijemac	Ja sam Nijemac.	I am German.
inženjer	Ja sam inženjer.	I am an engineer.
ožujka	Radim ovdje od ožujka.	I have worked here since March.
Radio	Radio sam u Hamburgu.	I worked in Hamburg.

Pozivam, žao mi je, drugi put

Invite with **Pozivam vas na večeru** or **Dodite na večeru**. Accept with thanks and a plan. Decline with **Žao mi je, ne mogu**; a short reason is enough.

Možda drugi put suggests another time. **Svi su zauzeti, nitko ne može** and **nema nikoga** have normal negative agreement. The pronoun nobody does not make an affirmative verb negative by itself.

A learner can say **zauzet sam • zauzeta sam. Sam • sama** can also mean alone or by oneself, a describing word separate from the auxiliary **sam**. The gendered forms in **sam kuham • sama kuham** refer to the cook, not the soup.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
večeru	Pozivam vas na večeru.	I invite you to dinner.
mi	Žao mi je, ne mogu.	I am sorry, I cannot.
put	Možda drugi put.	Maybe another time.
su	Svi su zauzeti.	Everyone is busy.

Čiji, iz džepa, njegove stvari

Čiji • čija • čije asks whose and agrees with the owned thing: **čiji ključ, čija olovka, čije stvari**. Possessive adjectives from names include **Mirin, Lukin, Darijev, Mikijev**, with endings agreeing with the object.

Iz džepa takes genitive, **u džepu** locative. Inanimate direct objects can keep their masculine form while animate **Miki** becomes **Mikija**. Keep object and owner distinct when describing the attic.

Past **nestao • nestala • nestalo** agrees with the missing object, not its owner. Learner **izgubio • izgubila** agrees with the learner. **Stvari koje voli** is a simple relative phrase with a known subject; do not leave the referent unclear.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Čiji	Čiji je ključ?	Whose key is it?
Čija	Čija je olovka?	Whose pen is it?
Čije	Čije su stvari?	Whose things are they?
džepa	Ključ je iz džepa.	The key is from the pocket.

Ostajem, jer, ako vlak vozi

Ostajem announces I am staying. **Odlučio • odlučila sam** says I decided. Give a clear reason with **jer**, or contrast a good job and the familiar town with **ali**.

Revisit past and future without inventing learner-sex forms in the future: **Nazvao • Nazvala sam jučer, Nazvat ću sutra**. FutureI has the same person form for both sexes; perfect participles differ.

An invitation uses **dođi • dođite** or a future plan with **doći**. An ordinary condition can use present: **Ako vlak vozi, idemo na jezero**. Polite thanks and the original neighbour greeting close the course's social progression.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Ostajem	Ostajem u Javorgradu.	I am staying in Javorgrad.
Odlučio	Odlučio sam ostati.	I decided to stay.
Nazvao	Nazvao sam Annu.	I called Anna.
ću	Sutra ću nazvati Annu.	Tomorrow I will call Anna.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Rezervirao sam sobu.

Meaning: I booked a room.

- 2 Rezervirala sam sobu.

Meaning: I booked a room.

- 3 Ja sam Nijemac.

Meaning: I am German.

- 4 Ja sam Njemica.

Meaning: I am German.

- 5 Želim rezervirati sobu.

Meaning: I want to book a room.

6 Ja sam Nijemac.

Meaning: I am German.

7 Ja sam Njemica.

Meaning: I am German.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Lukas: _____ sam sobu.

- ☐ A Rezerviralo
- ☐ B Rezervirao
- ☐ C Rezervirali

Meaning: I booked a room.

2 Lena: _____ sam sobu.

- ☐ A Rezerviralo
- ☐ B Rezervirala
- ☐ C Rezervirali

Meaning: I booked a room.

3 Lukas: Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A Nijemac
- ☐ B Nijemci
- ☐ C Nijemcima

Meaning: I am German.

4 Lena: Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A Njemica
- ☐ B Nijemcima
- ☐ C Nijemci

Meaning: I am German.

5 Želim rezervirati _____.

- ☐ A soba
- ☐ B sobom
- ☐ C sobu

Meaning: I want to book a room.

6 Lukas: Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A Nijemci
- ☐ B Nijemcima
- ☐ C Nijemac

Meaning: I am German.

7 Lena: Ja sam _____.

- ☐ A Nijemci
- ☐ B Njemica
- ☐ C Nijemcima

Meaning: I am German.

8 Pozivam vas na _____.

- ☐ A večera
- ☐ B večerom
- ☐ C večeru

Meaning: I invite you to dinner.

9 _____ je ključ?

- ☐ A Čija
- ☐ B Čije
- ☐ C Čiji

Meaning: Whose key is it?

10 _____ u Javorgradu.

- ☐ A Ostajem
- ☐ B Odlazim
- ☐ C Spavam

Meaning: I am staying in Javorgrad.

11 Za jednu _____.

- ☐ A noći
- ☐ B noćima
- ☐ C noć

Meaning: For one night.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sobu soba

Želim rezervirati _____.

Meaning: I want to book a room.

Nijemac Nijemci

Lukas: Ja sam _____.

Meaning: I am German.

Njemica Nijemci

Lena: Ja sam _____.

Meaning: I am German.

večeru večera

Pozivam vas na _____.

Meaning: I invite you to dinner.

Čiji Čija

_____ je ključ?

Meaning: Whose key is it?

Ostajem Odlazim

_____ u Javorgradu.

Meaning: I am staying in Javorgrad.

noć noći

Za jednu _____.

Meaning: For one night.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Rezervirao

sam

sobu.

Meaning: I booked a room.

2

Rezervirala

sam

sobu.

Meaning: I booked a room.

3 sam Ja Nijemac.

Meaning: I am German.

4 Ja sam Njemica.

Meaning: I am German.

5 sobu. rezervirati Želim

Meaning: I want to book a room.

6 Nijemac. sam Ja

Meaning: I am German.

7 Ja Njemica. sam

Meaning: I am German.

8 večeru. na vas Pozivam

Meaning: I invite you to dinner.

9 Čiji ključ? je

Meaning: Whose key is it?

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Lukas: I booked a room. You say:

- ☐ A Rezerviralo sam sobu.
- ☐ B Rezervirao sam sobu.

2 Lena: I booked a room. You say:

- ☐ A Rezerviralo sam sobu.
- ☐ B Rezervirala sam sobu.

3 Lukas: I am German. You say:

- ☐ A Ja sam Nijemci.
- ☐ B Ja sam Nijemac.

4 Lena: I am German. You say:

- ☐ A Ja sam Njemica.
- ☐ B Ja sam Nijemci.

5 I want to book a room. You say:

- ☐ A Želim rezervirati soba.
- ☐ B Želim rezervirati sobu.

6 Lukas: I am German. You say:

- ☐ A Ja sam Nijemac.
- ☐ B Ja sam Nijemci.

7 Lena: I am German. You say:

- ☐ A Ja sam Njemica.
- ☐ B Ja sam Nijemci.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| ① Rezervirala sam sobu. | ① Whose key is it? |
| ② Čiji je ključ? | ② I am German. |
| ③ Ja sam Njemica. | ③ I want to book a room. |
| ④ Pozivam vas na večeru. | ④ I am German. |
| ⑤ Za jednu noć. | ⑤ For one night. |
| ⑥ Ja sam Njemica. | ⑥ I am staying in Javorgrad. |
| ⑦ Želim rezervirati sobu. | ⑦ I invite you to dinner. |
| ⑧ Ostajem u Javorgradu. | ⑧ I booked a room. |