

SCENE 38 • GRAMMAR

Od subote, već dva dana

Since, for and medical instructions

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

A bad day

Croatian

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Since, for and medical instructions

Od plus the genitive gives the beginning of a continuing state: **od subote**. **Već dva dana** describes a duration that has continued until now. A completed duration can be **dva dana** with a past action; do not automatically use a past verb for every since phrase.

Body plurals include **leđa, usta, uši, zubi**. **Leđa • usta** are used as plural nouns, not invented singular forms. Pain agrees: **Bole me zubi**.

Understand real commands **otvorite, recite, udahnite, jedite, pijte**. **Triput dnevno** or **tri puta dnevno** expresses frequency. Medicine instructions stay **prema uputama** rather than an invented dosage.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
subote	Grlo me boli od subote.	My throat has hurt since Saturday.
dana	Bolestan sam već dva dana.	I have been ill for two days.
Bole	Bole me zubi.	My teeth hurt.
Otvorite	Otvorite usta.	Open your mouth. (polite)

Grlo me boli od subote.

My throat has hurt since Saturday.

Bolesna (Bolestan) sam već dva dana.

I have been ill for two days.

Bole me zubi.

My teeth hurt.

Otvorite usta.

Open your mouth. (polite)

Udahnite duboko.

Take a deep breath. (polite)

Jedite voće.

Eat fruit. (polite)

Pijte vodu.

Drink water. (polite)

Pijem čaj tri puta dnevno.

I drink tea three times a day.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Grlo me boli od subote.

Meaning: My throat has hurt since Saturday.

- 2 Bolesna sam već dva dana.

Meaning: I have been ill for two days.

- 3 Bole me zubi.

Meaning: My teeth hurt.

- 4 Otvorite usta.

Meaning: Open your mouth. (polite)

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Grlo me boli od _____.

- ☐ A subota
- ☐ B subotom
- ☐ C subote

Meaning: My throat has hurt since Saturday.

2 Bolesna sam već dva _____.

- ☐ A danima
- ☐ B dan
- ☐ C dana

Meaning: I have been ill for two days.

3 _____ me zubi.

- ☐ A Boli
- ☐ B Bole
- ☐ C Bolim

Meaning: My teeth hurt.

4 _____ **usta.**

- ☐ A Otvorim
- ☐ B Otvorite
- ☐ C Otvorimo

Meaning: Open your mouth. (polite)

5 _____ **duboko.**

- ☐ A Udahnite
- ☐ B Udahnem
- ☐ C Udišem

Meaning: Take a deep breath. (polite)

6 _____ **voće.**

- ☐ A Jest
- ☐ B Jedite
- ☐ C Jedem

Meaning: Eat fruit. (polite)

7 _____ vodu.

- ☐ A Pijte
- ☐ B Pijem
- ☐ C Piti

Meaning: Drink water. (polite)

8 Pijem čaj tri _____ dnevno.

- ☐ A puta
- ☐ B putovima
- ☐ C put

Meaning: I drink tea three times a day.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Boli Bole

_____ me zubi.

Meaning: My teeth hurt.

Otvorim Otvorite

_____ usta.

Meaning: Open your mouth. (polite)

Udahnem Udahnite

_____ duboko.

Meaning: Take a deep breath. (polite)

Jedem Jedite

_____ voće.

Meaning: Eat fruit. (polite)

Pijem Pijte

_____ vodu.

Meaning: Drink water. (polite)

put puta

Pijem čaj tri _____ dnevno.

Meaning: I drink tea three times a day.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

boli

Grlo

od

me

subote.

Meaning: My throat has hurt since Saturday.

- 2 sam Bolesna dana. već dva

Meaning: I have been ill for two days.

- 3 me Bole zubi.

Meaning: My teeth hurt.

- 4 dnevno. čaj Pijem tri puta

Meaning: I drink tea three times a day.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 My throat has hurt since Saturday. You say:

- (A) Grlo me boli od subote.
(B) Grlo me boli od subota.

2 I have been ill for two days. You say:

- ☐ A Bolesna sam već dva dan.
- ☐ B Bolesna sam već dva dana.

3 My teeth hurt. You say:

- ☐ A Boli me zubi.
- ☐ B Bole me zubi.

4 Open your mouth. (polite) You say:

- ☐ A Otvorim usta.
- ☐ B Otvorite usta.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Otvorite usta. | ① I drink tea three times a day. |
| ② Bolesna sam već dva dana. | ② Take a deep breath. (polite) |
| ③ Pijte vodu. | ③ My teeth hurt. |
| ④ Udahnite duboko. | ④ Eat fruit. (polite) |
| ⑤ Jedite voće. | ⑤ Drink water. (polite) |
| ⑥ Bole me zubi. | ⑥ I have been ill for two days. |
| ⑦ Grlo me boli od subote. | ⑦ Open your mouth. (polite) |
| ⑧ Pijem čaj tri puta dnevno. | ⑧ My throat has hurt since Saturday. |