

SCENE 8 • GRAMMAR

rumen, rdeča, majhno

Three genders and adjective agreement

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

Slovenian

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Three genders and adjective agreement

The nominative case names a subject or an identity. A describing adjective agrees with its noun. Use masculine **rumen kavč**, feminine **rdeča svetilka** and neuter **majhno okno**. Nouns ending in a consonant are often masculine, **-a** often feminine and **-o/-e** often neuter, but there are exceptions.

The same agreement applies after **biti**: **kavč je rumen, svetilka je rdeča, okno je majhno**. Keep a noun's gender when it refers to a thing; do not choose neuter merely because English calls it it.

Velik and **majhen** have changing stems in feminine/neuter forms: **velika/veliko, majhna/majhno**. Memorize the useful sets rather than mechanically adding an ending to every dictionary form.

Form	Example	Meaning
rumen	Kavč je rumen.	The sofa is yellow.
rdeča	Svetilka je rdeča.	The lamp is red.
majhno	Okno je majhno.	The window is small.
velika	Omara je velika.	The wardrobe is big.
nov	Sem nov sosed.	I am a new neighbour.
prijazen	Sem prijazen sosed.	I am a friendly neighbour.

Kavč je rumen.

The sofa is yellow.

Svetilka je rdeča.

The lamp is red.

Okno je majhno.

The window is small.

Omara je velika.

The wardrobe is big.

Sem nova soseda (nov sosed).

I am a new neighbour.

Sem prijazna soseda (prijazen sosed).

I am a friendly neighbour.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 Kavč je rumen.

Meaning: The sofa is yellow.

2 Svetilka je rdeča.

Meaning: The lamp is red.

3 Okno je majhno.

Meaning: The window is small.

4 Omara je velika.

Meaning: The wardrobe is big.

5 Sem nova sosedka.

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

6 Sem prijazna sosedka.

Meaning: I am a friendly neighbour.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Kavč je _____.

- ☐ (A) rumena
- ☐ (B) rumen
- ☐ (C) rumeno

Meaning: The sofa is yellow.

2 Svetilka je _____.

- ☐ (A) rdeče
- ☐ (B) rdeča
- ☐ (C) rdeč

Meaning: The lamp is red.

3 Okno je _____.

- ☐ (A) majhno
- ☐ (B) majhna
- ☐ (C) majhen

Meaning: The window is small.

4 Omara je _____.

- ☐ A veliko
- ☐ B velika
- ☐ C velik

Meaning: The wardrobe is big.

5 Sem _____ soseda.

- ☐ A novo
- ☐ B novi
- ☐ C nova

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

6 Sem _____ soseda.

- ☐ A prijazno
- ☐ B prijazna
- ☐ C prijazni

Meaning: I am a friendly neighbour.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

rumen rumena

Kavč je _____.

Meaning: The sofa is yellow.

rdeča rdeč

Svetilka je _____.

Meaning: The lamp is red.

majhno majhen

Okno je _____.

Meaning: The window is small.

velika velik

Omara je _____.

Meaning: The wardrobe is big.

nova novo

Sem _____ soseda.

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

prijazna prijazno

Sem _____ soseda.

Meaning: I am a friendly neighbour.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 je Kavč rumen.

Meaning: The sofa is yellow.

- 2 je Svetilka rdeča.

Meaning: The lamp is red.

- 3 Okno je majhno.

Meaning: The window is small.

- 4 je Omara velika.

Meaning: The wardrobe is big.

- 5 nova soseda. Sem

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

- 6 Sem prijazna soseda.

Meaning: I am a friendly neighbour.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 The sofa is yellow. You say:

- (A) Kavč je rumena.
(B) Kavč je rumen.

- 2 The lamp is red. You say:

- (A) Svetilka je rdeča.
(B) Svetilka je rdeč.

3 The window is small. You say:

- ☐ A Okno je majhen.
- ☐ B Okno je majhno.

4 The wardrobe is big. You say:

- ☐ A Omara je velik.
- ☐ B Omara je velika.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|--|
| ☐ 1 Omara je velika. | ☐ A I am a friendly neighbour. |
| ☐ 2 Sem nova sosedka. | ☐ B I am a new neighbour. |
| ☐ 3 Kavč je rumen. | ☐ C The window is small. |
| ☐ 4 Sem prijazna sosedka. | ☐ D The wardrobe is big. |
| ☐ 5 Svetilka je rdeča. | ☐ E The sofa is yellow. |
| ☐ 6 Okno je majhno. | ☐ F The lamp is red. |