

SCENE 3 • GRAMMAR

un, o, vă rog

Nouns, articles and café requests

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

Arrival

Romanian

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Nouns, articles and café requests

An indefinite article introduces one unspecified thing: masculine or neuter **un**, feminine **o**. Learn a noun with its article: **un ceai, o cafea**. A neuter noun behaves as masculine in the singular and feminine in the plural: **un scaun, două scaune**.

Use **vă rog** for polite please, **te rog** with a friend. **Aș vrea** and **aș dori** mean I would like. They are conditional courtesy chunks here; there is no need to form other conditional verbs yet.

A describing adjective agrees with its noun: **un ceai bun, o cafea bună**. Use **îmi pare bine** for nice to meet you. This expression does not depend on the learner's sex.

Un ceai, vă rog.

A tea, please.

O cafea, vă rog.

A coffee, please.

Aș vrea o cafea.

I would like a coffee.

Un ceai bun.

A good tea.

O cafea bună.

A good coffee.

Cafea sau ceai?

Coffee or tea?

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Un ceai, vă rog.

Meaning: A tea, please.

2 O cafea, vă rog.

Meaning: A coffee, please.

3 Aș vrea o cafea.

Meaning: I would like a coffee.

4 Un ceai bun.

Meaning: A good tea.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ ceai, vă rog.

- ☐ A Niște
- ☐ B Un
- ☐ C O

Meaning: A tea, please.

2 _____ cafea, vă rog.

- ☐ A O
- ☐ B Unui
- ☐ C Un

Meaning: A coffee, please.

3 Aș _____ o cafea.

- ☐ A vreau
- ☐ B vrea
- ☐ C vrei

Meaning: I would like a coffee.

4 Un ceai _____.

- ☐ A bună
- ☐ B bun
- ☐ C bune

Meaning: A good tea.

5 O cafea _____.

- ☐ A buni
- ☐ B bun
- ☐ C bună

Meaning: A good coffee.

6 Cafea _____ ceai?

- ☐ A sau
- ☐ B dar
- ☐ C pentru că

Meaning: Coffee or tea?

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

vrei vrea

Aş _____ o cafea.

Meaning: I would like a coffee.

bună bun

Un ceai _____.

Meaning: A good tea.

bun bună

O cafea _____.

Meaning: A good coffee.

dar sau

Cafea _____ ceai?

Meaning: Coffee or tea?

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Meaning: A tea, please.

2 cafea, rog. O vă

Meaning: A coffee, please.

3 Aș vrea o cafea.

Meaning: I would like a coffee.

4 Un ceai bun.

Meaning: A good tea.

5 cafea O bună.

Meaning: A good coffee.

6

ceai?

Cafea

sau

Meaning: Coffee or tea?

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 A tea, please. You say:

- ☐ A O ceai, vă rog.
- ☐ B Un ceai, vă rog.

2 A coffee, please. You say:

- ☐ A Un cafea, vă rog.
- ☐ B O cafea, vă rog.

3 I would like a coffee. You say:

- ☐ A Aș vrei o cafea.
- ☐ B Aș vrea o cafea.

4 A good tea. You say:

- (A) Un ceai bună.
- (B) Un ceai bun.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) O cafea bună. | (A) A good coffee. |
| (2) Aș vrea o cafea. | (B) Coffee or tea? |
| (3) Un ceai bun. | (C) A good tea. |
| (4) Un ceai, vă rog. | (D) A coffee, please. |
| (5) O cafea, vă rog. | (E) A tea, please. |
| (6) Cafea sau ceai? | (F) I would like a coffee. |