

SCENE 1 • GRAMMAR

Ja sam, Vi ste, moj ključ

Meeting a neighbour

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Arrival

Croatian

Read & listen online 

Meeting a neighbour

Use **ja sam** (I am), **ti si** (you are, familiar), **on • ona je** (he/she is).
 With adults and staff, use polite **Vi ste**. Polite **Vi** takes plural verb forms even when speaking to one person.

A noun has grammatical gender: masculine **susjed**, feminine **susjeda**, neuter **ime**. An adjective agrees with its noun. A male learner is **novi susjed**, a female learner **nova susjeda**. Croatian has no article like English a/the.

A case is a form showing the job of a noun. The nominative names a person or thing. Learn **Evo Vašeg ključa** as a whole: **evo** introduces a genitive form. **Dobra večer**, **hvala**, and **drago mi je** are greeting and courtesy chunks.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
sam	Ja sam novi susjed.	I am the new neighbour.
ste	Vi ste novi susjed.	You are the new neighbour. (polite)
si	Ti si susjed.	You are the neighbour. (familiar)
susjed	Ovo je novi susjed.	This is the new neighbour.

Ja sam nova susjeda (**novi susjed**).

I am the new neighbour.

Vi ste nova susjeda (**novi susjed**).

You are the new neighbour. (polite)

Ti si susjeda (**susjed**).

You are the neighbour. (familiar)

Ovo je nova susjeda (**novi susjed**).

This is the new neighbour.

Ovo je moj ključ.

This is my key.

Ovo je moja kuća.

This is my house.

On je Miki.

He is Miki.

Dobra večer!

Good evening!

A pronoun names a person or thing in place of its noun: **ja, ti, on, ona**. Singular means one; plural means more than one. Polite **Vi** still takes plural grammatical agreement.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Ja sam nova susjeda.

Meaning: I am the new neighbour.

- 2 Vi ste nova susjeda.

Meaning: You are the new neighbour. (polite)

- 3 Ti si susjeda.

Meaning: You are the neighbour. (familiar)

- 4 Ovo je nova susjeda.

Meaning: This is the new neighbour.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Ja _____ nova susjeda.

- ☐ A sam
- ☐ B si
- ☐ C je

Meaning: I am the new neighbour.

2 Vi _____ nova susjeda.

- ☐ A si
- ☐ B ste
- ☐ C sam

Meaning: You are the new neighbour. (polite)

3 Ti _____ susjeda.

- ☐ A ste
- ☐ B sam
- ☐ C si

Meaning: You are the neighbour. (familiar)

4 Ovo je nova _____.

- ☐ A susjedima
- ☐ B susjeda
- ☐ C susjedi

Meaning: This is the new neighbour.

5 Ovo je _____ ključ.

- ☐ A moje
- ☐ B moj
- ☐ C moja

Meaning: This is my key.

6 Ovo je _____ kuća.

- ☐ A moje
- ☐ B moj
- ☐ C moja

Meaning: This is my house.

7 On _____ Miki.

- ☐ A sam
- ☐ B si
- ☐ C je

Meaning: He is Miki.

8 Dobra _____!

- ☐ A ključ
- ☐ B večer
- ☐ C kuća

Meaning: Good evening!

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sam si

Ti _____ susjeda.

Meaning: You are the neighbour. (familiar)

susjedi susjeda

Ovo je nova _____.

Meaning: This is the new neighbour.

moja moj

Ovo je _____ ključ.

Meaning: This is my key.

moj moja

Ovo je _____ kuća.

Meaning: This is my house.

sam je

On _____ Miki.

Meaning: He is Miki.

kuća večer

Dobra _____!

Meaning: Good evening!

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

sam

Ja

nova

susjeda.

Meaning: I am the new neighbour.

2 nova Vi susjeda. ste

Meaning: You are the new neighbour. (polite)

3 Ti susjeda. si

Meaning: You are the neighbour. (familiar)

4 Ovo nova susjeda. je

Meaning: This is the new neighbour.

5 Ovo moj je ključ.

Meaning: This is my key.

- 6 Ovo kuća. moja je

Meaning: This is my house.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I am the new neighbour. You say:

- ☐ A Ja sam nova susjeda.
- ☐ B Ja si nova susjeda.

2 You are the new neighbour. (polite) You say:

- ☐ A Vi sam nova susjeda.
- ☐ B Vi ste nova susjeda.

3 You are the neighbour. (familiar) You say:

- ☐ A Ti sam susjeda.
- ☐ B Ti si susjeda.

4 This is the new neighbour. You say:

- (A) Ovo je nova susjedi.
- (B) Ovo je nova susjeda.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Dobra večer! | (A) This is my key. |
| (2) Vi ste nova susjeda. | (B) Good evening! |
| (3) Ja sam nova
susjeda. | (C) This is my house. |
| (4) Ti si susjeda. | (D) He is Miki. |
| (5) Ovo je nova
susjeda. | (E) You are the new neighbour.
(polite) |
| (6) Ovo je moja kuća. | (F) You are the neighbour. (familiar) |
| (7) Ovo je moj ključ. | (G) This is the new neighbour. |

8 On je Miki.

H I am the new neighbour.