

Romanian in everyday situations

Module 1: Arrival

7 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

Arrival

Romanian

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sunt, ești, este

The present tense of **a fi** (to be) is **eu sunt, tu ești, el/ea este, noi suntem, voi sunteți, ei/ele sunt**. The subject pronoun can be omitted when the person is clear.

Use **tu ești** with a child or a friend. With an unfamiliar adult, use **dumneavoastră sunteți**. The verb is plural, but an adjective describing one person agrees with that person: **sunteți nou** for a man, **sunteți nouă** for a woman. **Vecin** is a male neighbour; **vecină** is a female neighbour.

Romanian nouns have grammatical gender. Masculine and feminine nouns take matching describing words: **un vecin nou, o vecină nouă**. Learn greetings and **mă numesc** (my name is) as whole expressions.

Singular means one person or thing. Plural means more than one person or thing. The respectful verb form uses the plural even when you address one person.

am, ai, nu am

The present forms of **a avea** (to have) are **am, ai, are, avem, aveți, au**. Polite **dumneavoastră** takes **aveți**.

Put **nu** before the verb to make a negative statement: **nu am cheia, nu este aici**. Questions can use the same order as statements and a question intonation: **Ai cheia?**

Use **cine** for who, **ce** for what, and **unde** for where. Romanian often uses **este** or **sunt** for there is or there are. Learn **îmi este foame** and **îmi este frig** as whole expressions.

un, o, vă rog

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.

locuiesc, cânt, vreau

The infinitive is the dictionary form, commonly written with **a**: **a locui, a cânta**. The present of **a locui** is **locuiesc, locuiești, locuiește, locuim, locuiți, locuiesc**. The present of **a cânta** is **cânt, cânti, cântă, cântăm, cântați, cântă**.

Romanian has one present tense for both I play and I am playing. The pronoun can be omitted: **Cânt la trompetă. Nu** comes before the verb.

Learn **vreau să dorm** (I want to sleep), **poți să cânti?** (can you play?) and **am fost** (I was) as whole scene expressions at this stage. Later lessons explain productive **să** complements and past forms.

unde, meu, mea

Use **la** for at or to, **în** for in, **pe** for on, and **sub** for under. They do not change the noun into different location endings: **în casă, pe masă.**

A possessive agrees with the owned noun, not its owner: **cheia mea, patul meu, pantofii mei, cărțile mele.** Your forms are **tău, ta, tăi, tale.** A definite article is often attached to the noun; the next module explains its endings.

Pronouns for more than one person are **noi, voi, ei, ele.** **Ei** is masculine or a mixed group; **ele** is feminine. Learn the reflexive expression **mă numesc** as a whole: its pronoun points back to the subject.

A preposition links a noun or phrase to the rest of the sentence: **la, în, pe, sub.**

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Sunt un vecin nou.

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

- 2 Sunt o vecină nouă.

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

- 3 Eu sunt vecinul tău.

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

- 4 Eu sunt vecina ta.

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

- 5 Eu sunt Maria.

Meaning: I am Maria.

6 Eu am cheia.

Meaning: I have the key.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Lukas: Sunt un _____ nou.

- ☐ A vecine
- ☐ B vecini
- ☐ C vecin

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

2 Lena: Sunt o _____ nouă.

- ☐ A vecine
- ☐ B vecină
- ☐ C vecini

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

3 Lukas: Eu sunt vecinul _____.

- ☐ A tale
- ☐ B tău
- ☐ C tăi

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

4 Lena: Eu sunt vecina _____.

- ☐ A ta
- ☐ B tale
- ☐ C tăi

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

5 Eu _____ Maria.

- ☐ A ești
- ☐ B este
- ☐ C sunt

Meaning: I am Maria.

6 Eu _____ cheia.

- ☐ A am
- ☐ B are
- ☐ C ai

Meaning: I have the key.

7 _____ ceai, vă rog.

- ☐ A Un
- ☐ B O
- ☐ C Niște

Meaning: A tea, please.

8 Eu _____ jos.

- ☐ A locuim
- ☐ B locuiesc
- ☐ C locuiești

Meaning: I live downstairs.

9 Cheia _____ este aici.

- ☐ A mei
- ☐ B mea
- ☐ C meu

Meaning: My key is here.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

ești sunt

Eu _____ Maria.

Meaning: I am Maria.

ai am

Eu _____ cheia.

Meaning: I have the key.

O Un

_____ ceai, vă rog.

Meaning: A tea, please.

locuiești locuiesc

Eu _____ jos.

Meaning: I live downstairs.

meu mea

Cheia _____ este aici.

Meaning: My key is here.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

- 2

Meaning: I am a new neighbour.

- 3

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

- 4

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

5 sunt Eu Maria.

Meaning: I am Maria.

6 am Eu cheia.

Meaning: I have the key.

7 rog. Un ceai, vă

Meaning: A tea, please.

8 locuiesc jos. Eu

Meaning: I live downstairs.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Lukas: I am a new neighbour. You say:

- ☐ A Sunt un vecin nou.
- ☐ B Sunt un vecini nou.

2 Lena: I am a new neighbour. You say:

- ☐ A Sunt o vecină nouă.
- ☐ B Sunt o vecini nouă.

3 Lukas: I am your neighbour. You say:

- ☐ A Eu sunt vecinul tău.
- ☐ B Eu sunt vecinul tăi.

4 Lena: I am your neighbour. You say:

- ☐ A Eu sunt vecina ta.
- ☐ B Eu sunt vecina tăi.

5 I am Maria. You say:

- ☐ A Eu sunt Maria.
- ☐ B Eu ești Maria.

6 I have the key. You say:

- (A) Eu am cheia.
- (B) Eu ai cheia.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) Eu locuiesc jos. | (A) A tea, please. |
| (2) Cheia mea este aici. | (B) I have the key. |
| (3) Eu sunt vecina ta. | (C) My key is here. |
| (4) Eu sunt Maria. | (D) I am your neighbour. |
| (5) Un ceai, vă rog. | (E) I am Maria. |
| (6) Eu am cheia. | (F) I live downstairs. |
| (7) Sunt o vecină nouă. | (G) I am a new neighbour. |

G7) AGREEMENT IN YOUR REPLY

Match the pairs.

① Sunt nouă.

Ⓐ I am hungry.

② Mulțumesc, Ana.

Ⓑ Thank you, Ana.

③ Sunt flămândă.

Ⓒ I am new.