

Latvian in everyday situations

Module 3: The café

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The café

Latvian

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Nulle, viens, divi

Form	Example	Meaning
Viena	Viena atslēga ir te.	One key is here.
Viens	Viens galds ir te.	One table is here.
Divas	Divas krūzes ir te.	Two cups are here.
Divi	Divi krēsli ir te.	Two chairs are here.
Trīs	Trīs atslēgas ir te.	Three keys are here.
Četras	Četras krūzes ir te.	Four cups are here.
atslēgu	Cik atslēgu jums ir?	How many keys do you have?
krēslu	Cik krēslu jums ir?	How many chairs do you have?

Zero to ten are **nulle, viens, divi, trīs, četri, pieci, seši, septiņi, astoņi, deviņi, desmit**. Say a telephone number digit by digit. This Latvian course uses **26124739**.

Numbers from one to nine have masculine and feminine forms where relevant: **viens/viena, divi/divas, četri/četras, pieci/piecas, seši/sešas, septiņi/septiņas, astoņi/astoņas, deviņi/deviņas**. **Trīs** stays the same for both.

Use **Cik?** for how many. In **Cik atslēgu?**, the counted noun is genitive plural. One item stays singular: **viena atslēga**. Learn zero as the number **nulle**; for absence say **atslēgas nav**.

Gribu, negribu

Form	Example	Meaning
gribu	Es gribu tēju.	I want tea.
gribi	Tu gribi tēju.	You want tea, familiar.
grib	Viņa grib tēju.	She wants tea.
gribam	Mēs gribam tēju.	We want tea.
gribat	Jūs gribat tēju.	You want tea, polite.
grib	Viņi grib tēju.	They want tea.
izsalcis izsalkusi	Es esmu izsalcis. Es esmu izsalkusi.	I am hungry.
noguris nogurusi	Es esmu noguris. Es esmu nogurusi.	I am tired.

The present of **gribēt** is **gribu, gribi, grib, gribam, gribat, grib**. Follow it with an object in the accusative or an infinitive: **gribu tēju, gribu gulēt**. Negation is **negribu**.

Ko jūs vēlaties? is a useful polite service question. **Es gribētu** means I would like. This conditional courtesy form is a whole chunk now, not the simple future.

Eleven to twenty are **vienpadsmit, divpadsmit, trīspadsmit, četrpadsmit, piecpadsmit, sešpadsmit, septiņpadsmit, astoņpadsmit, deviņpadsmit, divdesmit**. These numbers do not change for a masculine or feminine counted noun.

Divi eiro, divus eiro

Form	Example	Meaning
divus	Kafija maksā divus eiro un trīsdesmit centus.	Coffee costs two euros thirty.
divi	Te ir divi eiro.	Here are two euros.
vienu	Tēja maksā vienu eiro un piecdesmit centus.	Tea costs one euro fifty.
viens	Te ir viens eiro.	Here is one euro.
centus	Es maksāju trīsdesmit centus.	I pay thirty cents.
centi	Te ir trīsdesmit centi.	Here are thirty cents.
Rēķinu	Rēķinu, lūdzu.	The bill, please.
Ēdienkarti	Ēdienkarti, lūdzu.	The menu, please.

The tens are **divdesmit, trīsdesmit, četrdesmit, piecdesmit, sešdesmit, septiņdesmit, astoņdesmit, deviņdesmit**. Build a number with the tens then units: **divdesmit divi**. **Simts** is one hundred.

A named price is nominative: **Divi eiro**. After **maksāt** as a cost, use an accusative number: **maksā divus eiro**. **Eiro** is unchanged, but **cents** changes: **trīsdesmit centi, maksā trīsdesmit centus**.

Ask **Cik maksā kafija?**. Request the bill with **Rēķinu, lūdzu**. Tea is **viens eiro un piecdesmit centi**, a roll **sešdesmit centi**, total **divi eiro un desmit centi**. The menu's coffee is **divi eiro un trīsdesmit centi**.

Sešas olas, sešus ābolus

Form	Example	Meaning
sešas	Es gribu sešas olas.	I want six eggs.
sešus	Es gribu sešus ābolus.	I want six apples.
seši	Te ir seši āboli.	There are six apples here.
sešas	Te ir sešas olas.	There are six eggs here.
pienu	Es gribu pienu.	I want milk.
naudas	Man nav naudas.	I have no money.
izsalcis izsalkusi	Es esmu izsalcis. Es esmu izsalkusi.	I am hungry.
izsalcis izsalkusi	Jūs esat izsalcis. Jūs esat izsalkusi.	You are hungry, polite.

Small count numbers agree with the noun. Nominative **sešas olas** and **seši āboli** become accusative **sešas olas** and **sešus ābolus**. For numbers two to nine other than *trīs*, learn the plural accusative ending **–us** for masculine numbers; feminine stays **–as**.

Singular objects include **olu, maizi, ābolu, pienu**. After many or much use a genitive: **daudz ābolu, daudz piena. Cik ābolu?** also uses genitive plural.

Man nav naudas is I have no money. Notice that no money uses the genitive just like **galda nav**. Possession **Man ir nauda** uses nominative.

Ar pienu, bez cukura

Form	Example	Meaning
pienu	Tēju ar pienu, lūdzu.	Tea with milk, please.
cukura	Tēju bez cukura, lūdzu.	Tea without sugar, please.
sieru	Maizi ar sieru, lūdzu.	Bread with cheese, please.
sviestu	Pankūku ar sviestu, lūdzu.	A pancake with butter, please.
piena	Tēju bez piena, lūdzu.	Tea without milk, please.
siera	Maizi bez siera, lūdzu.	Bread without cheese, please.
pats pati	Es pasūtu pats. Es pasūtu pati.	I order myself.
pats pati	Jūs pasūtāt pats. Jūs pasūtāt pati.	You order yourself, polite.

In the singular, **ar** takes the accusative: **ar pienu, ar sieru, ar sviestu**. **Bez** takes the genitive: **bez cukura, bez piena**. The same word changes because its role is different.

For plural nouns after **ar** use a dative: **ar olām**, with eggs; **ar draugiem**, with friends. The ordinary plural dative endings are **-iem** for masculine and **-ām/-ēm** for feminine nouns.

A full order can simply list **tēju ar pienu, bez cukura**. Every item has the form needed in its own phrase. **Es pasūtu pats/pati** means I order myself, with real learner gender agreement.

GRAMMAR**G1) FIND THE MODULE PATTERNS**

Underline the form taught in this module.

- 1

Meaning: I am hungry.

- 2

Meaning: I am hungry.

- 3

Meaning: I am tired.

- 4

Meaning: I am tired.

- 5

Meaning: One key is here.

6 Es gribu tēju.

Meaning: I want tea.

7 Kafija maksā divus eiro un trīsdesmit centus.

Meaning: Coffee costs two euros thirty.

8 Es gribu sešas olas.

Meaning: I want six eggs.

9 Tēju ar pienu, lūdzu.

Meaning: Tea with milk, please.

10 Viens galds ir te.

Meaning: One table is here.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM 1

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Lukas: Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A izsalkušas
- ☐ B izsalkuši
- ☐ C izsalcis

Meaning: I am hungry.

2 Lena: Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A izsalkušas
- ☐ B izsalkusi
- ☐ C izsalkuši

Meaning: I am hungry.

3 Lukas: Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A noguris
- ☐ B nogurušas
- ☐ C noguruši

Meaning: I am tired.

4 Lena: Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A noguruši
- ☐ B nogurušas
- ☐ C nogurusi

Meaning: I am tired.

5 _____ atslēga ir te.

- ☐ A Viena
- ☐ B Viens
- ☐ C Divas

Meaning: One key is here.

6 Es _____ tēju.

- ☐ A gribu
- ☐ B gribam
- ☐ C gribi

Meaning: I want tea.

7 Kafija maksā _____ eiro un trīsdesmit centus.

- ☐ A divām
- ☐ B divus
- ☐ C divi

Meaning: Coffee costs two euros thirty.

8 Es gribu _____ olas.

- ☐ A sešus
- ☐ B seši
- ☐ C sešas

Meaning: I want six eggs.

9 Tēju ar _____, lūdzu.

- ☐ A piena
- ☐ B piens
- ☐ C pienu

Meaning: Tea with milk, please.

10 _____ galds ir te.

- ☐ A Viena
- ☐ B Viens
- ☐ C Divi

Meaning: One table is here.

G3) CHOOSE THE FORM 2

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Tu _____ tēju.

- ☐ A gribi
- ☐ B gribat
- ☐ C gribu

Meaning: You want tea, familiar.

2 Te ir _____ eiro.

- ☐ A divi
- ☐ B divām
- ☐ C divus

Meaning: Here are two euros.

3 Es gribu _____ ābolus.

- ☐ A sešas
- ☐ B sešus
- ☐ C seši

Meaning: I want six apples.

4 Tēju bez _____, lūdzu.

- ☐ A cukura
- ☐ B cukuru
- ☐ C cukurs

Meaning: Tea without sugar, please.

5 _____ krūzes ir te.

- ☐ A Viena
- ☐ B Divi
- ☐ C Divas

Meaning: Two cups are here.

6 Viņa _____ tēju.

- ☐ A gribu
- ☐ B gribam
- ☐ C grib

Meaning: She wants tea.

7 Tēja maksā _____ eiro un piecdesmit centus.

- ☐ A vienu
- ☐ B vienam
- ☐ C viens

Meaning: Tea costs one euro fifty.

8 Te ir _____ āboli.

- ☐ A sešas
- ☐ B seši
- ☐ C sešus

Meaning: There are six apples here.

G4) CHOOSE THE FORM 3

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Maizi ar _____, lūdzu.

- ☐ A siers
- ☐ B sieru
- ☐ C siera

Meaning: Bread with cheese, please.

2 Mēs _____ tēju.

- ☐ A gribam
- ☐ B grib
- ☐ C gribat

Meaning: We want tea.

3 Pankūku ar _____, lūdzu.

- ☐ A sviestu
- ☐ B sviesta
- ☐ C sviests

Meaning: A pancake with butter, please.

4 _____ atslēgas ir te.

- ☐ A Piecas
- ☐ B Četras
- ☐ C Trīs

Meaning: Three keys are here.

5 Jūs _____ tēju.

- ☐ A gribat
- ☐ B gribu
- ☐ C gribam

Meaning: You want tea, polite.

G5) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

izsalkuši izsalcis

Lukas: Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am hungry.

izsalkuši izsalkusi

Lena: Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am hungry.

noguruši noguris

Lukas: Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am tired.

noguruši nogurusi

Lena: Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am tired.

Viens Viena

_____ atslēga ir te.

Meaning: One key is here.

gribi gribu

Es _____ tēju.

Meaning: I want tea.

divi divus

Kafija maksā _____ eiro un trīsdesmit centus.

Meaning: Coffee costs two euros thirty.

seši sešas

Es gribu _____ olas.

Meaning: I want six eggs.

piens pienu

Tēju ar _____, lūdzu.

Meaning: Tea with milk, please.

Viena Viens

_____ galds ir te.

Meaning: One table is here.

gribu gribi

Tu _____ tēju.

Meaning: You want tea, familiar.

divus divi

Te ir _____ eiro.

Meaning: Here are two euros.

G6) PUT THE MESSAGES TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

1 sešus Es ābolus. gribu

Meaning: I want six apples.

2 cukura, Tēju bez lūdzu.

Meaning: Tea without sugar, please.

3 krūzes te. Divas ir

Meaning: Two cups are here.

4 tēju. grib Viņa

Meaning: She wants tea.

5 un Tēja vienu centus. eiro maksā piecdesmit

Meaning: Tea costs one euro fifty.

6 ir āboli. Te seši

Meaning: There are six apples here.

7 sieru, Maizi lūdzu. ar

Meaning: Bread with cheese, please.

8 tēju. Mēs gribam

Meaning: We want tea.

9 sviestu, lūdzu. Pankūku ar

Meaning: A pancake with butter, please.

10 atslēgas ir Trīs te.

Meaning: Three keys are here.

G7) USE THE PATTERNS

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 **Lukas: I am hungry. You say:**

- ☐ A Es esmu izsalkuši.
- ☐ B Es esmu izsalcis.

2 **Lena: I am hungry. You say:**

- ☐ A Es esmu izsalkusi.
- ☐ B Es esmu izsalkuši.

3 **Lukas: I am tired. You say:**

- ☐ A Es esmu noguruši.
- ☐ B Es esmu noguris.

4 Lena: I am tired. You say:

- ☐ A Es esmu noguruši.
- ☐ B Es esmu nogurusi.

5 One key is here. You say:

- ☐ A Viens atslēga ir te.
- ☐ B Viena atslēga ir te.

6 I want tea. You say:

- ☐ A Es gribu tēju.
- ☐ B Es gribi tēju.

7 Coffee costs two euros thirty. You say:

- ☐ A Kafija maksā divus eiro un trīsdesmit centus.
- ☐ B Kafija maksā divi eiro un trīsdesmit centus.

8 I want six eggs. You say:

- ☐ A Es gribu seši olas.
- ☐ B Es gribu sešas olas.

9 Tea with milk, please. You say:

- ☐ A Tēju ar pienu, lūdzu.
- ☐ B Tēju ar piens, lūdzu.

10 One table is here. You say:

- ☐ A Viens galds ir te.
- ☐ B Viena galds ir te.

G8) ONE MORE MIXED MESSAGE SET

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

gribu gribat

Jūs _____ tēju.

Meaning: You want tea, polite.

izsalkuši izsalcis

Lukas: Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am hungry.

izsalkuši izsalkusi

Lena: Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am hungry.

noguruši noguris

Lukas: Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am tired.

noguruši nogurusi

Lena: Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am tired.

Viens Viena

_____ atslēga ir te.

Meaning: One key is here.