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Module 7: The weather and what to wear

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Maltese

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The weather, and what you need

The weather is what is out there: **Hemm ix-xemx**, it's sunny · **Hemm ir-riħ**, it's windy · **M'hemmx sħab**, there are no clouds. Rain is made: **Qed tagħmel ix-xita**, it's raining. It's warm is **sħun**, it's cold **kiesaħ**, and you feel them with **għand**: **Għandi s-sħana**, I'm hot · **Għandi l-bard**, I'm cold. Need is **bżonn** with **għand**, and the thing straight after it, with no article.

Person	Need	Meaning
jien	għandi bżonn	I need
int	għandek bżonn	you need
hu	għandu bżonn	he needs
hi	għandha bżonn	she needs
aħna	għandna bżonn	we need
intom	għandkom bżonn	you need
huma	għandhom bżonn	they need

Not: m'għandix bżonn, m'għandekx, m'għandux, m'għandhiex, m'għandniex, m'għandkomx, m'għandhomx. No need: m'hemmx bżonn.

Grazzi, imma m'għandix bżonn umbrella.

Thanks, but I don't need an umbrella.

Għandek il-bard? Int bil-qmis biss!

Are you cold? You're only in a shirt!

Must, know how, can: irid, jaf, jista'

Three verbs take a second verb, and both take the person. **irid** is want, and with a verb must: **Trid tieġu l-umbrella**. **jaf** is knowing how, a skill: **Naf ngħum**. **jista'** is can, possible or allowed: **Wara nofsillejl ma tistax**.

jien	int	hu	hi	Meaning
irrid	trid	irid	trid	must, want
naf	taf	jaf	taf	know how
nista'	tista'	jista'	tista'	can, may

The plural: **irridu, tridu, iridu · nafu, tafu, jafu · nistgħu, tistgħu, jistgħu**. Not: **ma rridx, ma nafx, ma nistax**.

Illum trid tieġu l-umbrella miegħek.

Today you must take the umbrella with you.

Tonio ma jafx jiżfen!

Tonio can't dance!

Comparing: iŝan, l-iŝan, wisq

The comparative puts **i-** in front and an **a** before the last consonant: **ŝun, iŝan**. Only **kbir** gives **akbar**, and **tajjeb** and **ħażin** have shapes of their own. With the article it is the superlative: **l-iŝan**, the warmest. Neither ever changes for gender or number. Than is **minn**, with an ending for a person: **akbar minnek**; before a verb it is **milli**. Longer words take **iktar**: **iktar interessanti**.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative	Meaning
šhun	išħan	l-išħan	warm · warmer · the warmest
kiesaħ	iksaħ	l-iksaħ	cold · colder · the coldest
sabiħ	isbaħ	l-isbaħ	nice · nicer · the nicest
twil	itwal	l-itwal	long · longer · the longest
żgħir	iżgħar	l-iżgħar	small · smaller · the smallest
kbir	akbar	l-akbar	big · bigger · the biggest
tajjeb	aħjar	l-aħjar	good · better · the best
ħażin	agħar	l-agħar	bad · worse · the worst

Too is **wisq** after the adjective, which agrees as always: **żgħira wisq, kbar wisq**. Very is **ħafna**. A hundred is **mija**, before a noun **mitt: mitt ewro, mija u għoxrin ewro, mitejn ewro**. Which? is **liema**.

Iksaħ mis-sajf! F'Jannar, bil-lejl, tmien gradi.

Colder than summer! In January, at night, eight degrees.

L-išħan u l-isbaħ tal-ħanut kollu!

The warmest and the nicest in the whole shop!

Erbgħin sena. Akbar minnek!

Forty years. Older than you!

Why? Because. That's why.

Għaliex? asks why; **għax** gives the reason, with a whole sentence after it. **Allura**, so, and **għalhekk**, that's why, give what follows.

Word	Example	Meaning
għaliex?	Għaliex jien?	why? · Why me?
għax	Għax filgħodu kien hemm ix-xemx.	because · Because in the morning it was sunny.
allura	Għandek riħ, allura għas-sodda!	so · You've got a cold, so off to bed!
għalhekk	Għalhekk għandek bżonn kowt tax-xita.	that's why · That's why you need a raincoat.

GRAMMAR

G1) NEED, MUST, KNOW HOW, CAN

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 **Illum** _____ **tieġu** l-umbrella.

- (A) trid
- (B) irrid
- (C) irid

Meaning: Today you must take the umbrella.

2 Int _____ bżonn kowt tax-xita.

- ☐ A għandu
- ☐ B għandi
- ☐ C għandek

Meaning: You need a raincoat.

3 Ċikku _____ bżonn jorqod.

- ☐ A għandu
- ☐ B għandha
- ☐ C għandhom

Meaning: Ċikku needs to sleep.

4 Aħna _____ bżonn voluntiera għall-festa.

- ☐ A għandhom
- ☐ B għandkom
- ☐ C għandna

Meaning: We need volunteers for the feast.

5 Intom _____ bżonn umbrella?

- ☐ A għandna
- ☐ B għandhom
- ☐ C għandkom

Meaning: Do you two need an umbrella?

6 Ġorġ u Lina _____ bżonn kafè.

- ☐ A għandhom
- ☐ B għandu
- ☐ C għandkom

Meaning: Ġorġ and Lina need a coffee.

7 Issa _____ immur l-uffiċċju.

- ☐ A trid
- ☐ B irid
- ☐ C irrid

Meaning: Now I have to go to the office.

8 Ġorġ _____ idoqq is-Sibt.

- ☐ A irid
- ☐ B irrid
- ☐ C trid

Meaning: Ġorġ wants to play on Saturday.

9 Ġorġ _____ idoqq, imma wara nofsillejl ma jistax.

- ☐ A jaf
- ☐ B naf
- ☐ C taf

Meaning: Ġorġ can play, but after midnight he can't.

10 _____ tiżfen?

- ☐ A Jaf
- ☐ B Naf
- ☐ C Taf

Meaning: Can you dance?

G2) FIND THE WORDS

Underline the comparatives and the superlatives.

- 1 Il-ġranet itwal, u l-baħar iſħan.

Meaning: The days are longer, and the sea is warmer.

- 2 Jixraqlek. Aħjar mill-ġakketta s-safra.

Meaning: It suits you. Better than the yellow jacket.

- 3 Erbgħin sena. Akbar minnek!

Meaning: Forty years. Older than you!

- 4 L-iſħan u l-isbaħ tal-ħanut kollu!

Meaning: The warmest and the nicest in the whole shop!

- 5 Il-kafè tiegħi agħar minn ta' Lina, imma Lina tagħmel l-aħjar kejk.

Meaning: My coffee is worse than Lina's, but Lina makes the best cake.

G3) COMPARE, AND SAY WHY

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Fis-sajf il-ġranet _____ mix-xitwa.

- ☐ A itwal
- ☐ B iqsar
- ☐ C twila

Meaning: In summer the days are longer than in winter.

2 Ella _____ minn Ġorġ.

- ☐ A żgħira
- ☐ B akbar
- ☐ C iżgħar

Meaning: Ella is younger than Ġorġ.

3 Għawdex _____ minn hawn.

- ☐ A sabiħ
- ☐ B isbaħ
- ☐ C sabiħa

Meaning: Gozo is nicer than here.

4 Il-kowt tiegħi _____ mill-ġakketta s-safra.

- ☐ A tajjeb
- ☐ B aħjar
- ☐ C agħar

Meaning: My coat is better than the yellow jacket.

5 Ix-xitwa f'Hamburg _____ minn hawn.

- ☐ A agħar
- ☐ B ħażina
- ☐ C aħjar

Meaning: Winter in Hamburg is worse than here.

6 Jannar hu x-xahar _____.

- ☐ A iksaħ
- ☐ B l-isħan
- ☐ C l-iksaħ

Meaning: January is the coldest month.

7 Ġorġ hu _____ fid-dar.

- ☐ A l-itwal
- ☐ B l-iżgħar
- ☐ C itwal

Meaning: Ġorġ is the tallest in the house.

8 Għandek riġ, _____ għas-sodda!

- ☐ A allura
- ☐ B għax

Meaning: You've got a cold, so off to bed!

9 _____ jien?

- ☐ A Għax
- ☐ B Għaliex

Meaning: Why me?

10 Lukas: Il-ġakketta mhix kowt tax-xita, _____ int imxarrab.

- ☐ A għax
- ☐ B għalhekk

Meaning: The jacket isn't a raincoat, that's why you're wet.

11 Lena: Il-ġakketta mhix kowt tax-xita, _____ int imxarrba.

- ☐ A għax
- ☐ B għalhekk

Meaning: The jacket isn't a raincoat, that's why you're wet.

G4) ASK AND ANSWER

Answer the questions.

1 Nista' nipprova din?

- ☐ A Iva, nista'.
- ☐ B Iva, taf.
- ☐ C Iva, tista'.

Meaning: Can I try this on?

2 Ġorġ jista' jdoqq is-Sibt?

- ☐ A Iva, jaf, imma mhux wara nofsillejl.
- ☐ B Iva, jista', imma mhux wara nofsillejl.
- ☐ C Iva, nista', imma mhux wara nofsillejl.

Meaning: May Ġorġ play on Saturday?

3 Tista' tgħin fil-festa?

- ☐ A Iva, jista' jgħin.
- ☐ B Iva, tista' tgħin.
- ☐ C Iva, nista' ngħin.

Meaning: Can you help at the feast?

4 Kif inhu t-temp f'Malta fis-sajf?

- ☐ A Isħan minn Hamburg.
- ☐ B Sħun minn Hamburg.
- ☐ C Iksaħ minn Hamburg.

Meaning: What's the weather like in Malta in summer?

5 Liema ġakketta hi l-isbaħ?

- ☐ A Is-safra. Hi l-agħar tal-ħanut.
- ☐ B Is-safra. Hi l-isbaħ tal-ħanut.
- ☐ C Is-safra. Hi isbaħ tal-ħanut.

Meaning: Which jacket is the nicest?

6 Liema kappell hu l-iżgħar?

- ☐ A L-aħmar hu l-akbar.
- ☐ B L-aħmar hu l-iżgħar.
- ☐ C L-aħmar hu iżgħar.

Meaning: Which hat is the smallest?

7 Min hu l-akbar fin-numru sebgħa?

- ☐ A Marija hi l-akbar.
- ☐ B Marija hi l-iżgħar.
- ☐ C Marija hi akbar.

Meaning: Who is the oldest at number 7?

8 Min jagħmel l-aħjar kejk?

- ☐ A Lina tagħmel aħjar kejk.
- ☐ B Lina tagħmel l-agħar kejk.
- ☐ C Lina tagħmel l-aħjar kejk.

Meaning: Who makes the best cake?

9 Il-kafè tiegħek tajjeb?

- ☐ A Le! Il-kafè tiegħi l-agħar fil-belt.
- ☐ B Le! Il-kafè tiegħi l-aħjar fil-belt.
- ☐ C Le! Il-kafè tiegħi agħar fil-belt.

Meaning: Is your coffee good?

10 Għaliex int imxarrab?

- ☐ A Għax barra hemm maltempata.
- ☐ B Allura barra hemm maltempata.
- ☐ C Għalhekk barra hemm maltempata.

Meaning: Why are you wet?

11 Għaliex int imxarrba?

- ☐ A Allura barra hemm maltempata.
- ☐ B Għax barra hemm maltempata.
- ☐ C Għalhekk barra hemm maltempata.

Meaning: Why are you wet?

G5) A WEEK BEFORE THE FEAST

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Trid Irrid

It-Tlieta hemm ix-xemx, imma Marija tgħid: "_____ tieġu l-umbrella."

Meaning: On Tuesday it's sunny, but Marija says: "You must take the umbrella."

għax allura

Ċikku ma jridx joħroġ, _____ ġejja x-xita.

Meaning: Ċikku doesn't want to go out, because rain is coming.

għandu għandna għandhom

Ċikku _____ bżonn jorqod, u aħna _____ bżonn
voluntiera.

Meaning: Ċikku needs to sleep, and we need volunteers.

iksaħ kiesaħ isħan

F'Hamburg _____ minn hawn, u hawn il-baħar _____.

Meaning: In Hamburg it's colder than here, and here the sea is warmer.

wisq l-isħan ħafna

Il-ġakketta s-sewda żgħira _____, u s-safra hi _____
tal-ħanut.

Meaning: The black jacket is too small, and the yellow one is the warmest in the shop.

l-iksaħ itwal l-itwal

Jannar hu x-xahar _____, u Ġorġ hu _____ fid-dar.

Meaning: January is the coldest month, and Ġorġ is the tallest in the house.

taf jafx naf

Ella _____ tkanta, imma Tonio ma _____ jiżfen.

Meaning: Ella can sing, but Tonio can't dance.

jista' jaf

Ġorġ _____ idoqq is-Sibt, imma mhux wara nofsillejl.

Meaning: Ġorġ may play on Saturday, but not after midnight.

għandi għax għandek għalhekk

Il-ġakketta mhix kowt tax-xita, _____ int _____ bżonn

il-kowt ta' Marija.

Meaning: The jacket isn't a raincoat, that's why you need Marija's coat.

akbar agħar aħjar

Il-kowt ta' Marija _____ mill-ġakketta, u _____ minni!

Meaning: Marija's coat is better than the jacket, and older than me!

G6) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Put the words in order.

- 1 trid tieĥu illum l-umbrella.

Meaning: Today you must take the umbrella.

- 2 u Ġorġ irrid jorqod, irid jien immur.

Meaning: Ġorġ wants to sleep, and I have to go.

- 3 għandhom Ġorġ kafè. u Lina bżonn

Meaning: Ġorġ and Lina need a coffee.

- 4 lksaĥ u iktar hawn, xita. minn

Meaning: Colder than here, and more rain.

- 5 l-iżgħar, hu l-akbar. l-kowt u ll-kappell
-

Meaning: The hat is the smallest, and the coat the biggest.

- 6 inkanta Ma xejn. nafx
-

Meaning: I can't sing at all.

- 7 wara jaf Ġorġ jistax idoqq, nofsillejl. imma
ma
-

Meaning: Ġorġ can play, but he isn't allowed to after midnight.

- 8 Tista' fil-festa? tgħin
-

Meaning: Can you help at the feast?

- 9 għas-sodda! Għandek allura riġ,

Meaning: You've got a cold, so off to bed!

- 10 sebgħa. tan-numru Għax Għaliex int jien?

Meaning: Why me? Because you are one of number 7.

G7) THE RIGHT WORDS

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 **Lukas: You come home soaked. Tell Marija there's a storm outside. You say:**

- A Jien niexef! Barra hemm ix-xemx.
- B Jien imxarrab! Barra hemm maltempata.
- C Jien imxarrbin! Barra hemm il-borra.

2 Lena: You come home soaked. Tell Marija there's a storm outside.**You say:**

- ☐ A Jien imxarrbin! Barra hemm il-borra.
- ☐ B Jien niexfa! Barra hemm ix-xemx.
- ☐ C Jien imxarrba! Barra hemm maltempata.

3 Lukas: You've got a cold. Marija tells you to stay in bed tomorrow. Marija says:

- ☐ A Għada tista' toħroġ barra.
- ☐ B Għada trid toqgħod mimdud fis-sodda.
- ☐ C Għada rrid noqgħod mimdud fis-sodda.

4 Lena: You've got a cold. Marija tells you to stay in bed tomorrow. Marija says:

- ☐ A Għada trid toqgħod mimduda fis-sodda.
- ☐ B Għada tista' toħroġ barra.
- ☐ C Għada rrid noqgħod mimduda fis-sodda.

5 Tell Tonio that Hamburg is colder than Malta. You say:

- ☐ A Hamburg kiesaħ minn Malta.
- ☐ B Hamburg isħan minn Malta.
- ☐ C Hamburg iksaħ minn Malta.

6 In the shop, the jacket you try on is too big. You say:

- ☐ A L-akbar.
- ☐ B Kbira wisq.
- ☐ C Akbar minni.

7 Ella asks if you can sing. You can't, not at all. You say:

- ☐ A Le, ma nafx inkanta xejn.
- ☐ B Iva, naf inkanta ħafna.
- ☐ C Le, ma tafx tkanta xejn.

8 Ġorġ asks Marija if he may play on Saturday. Ġorġ says:

- ☐ A Nista' ndoqq is-Sibt?
- ☐ B Naf indoqq is-Sibt?
- ☐ C Tista' ddoqq is-Sibt?

9 Marija asks why you're wet. Your umbrella is at the office. You say:

- ☐ A Allura l-umbrella fl-uffiċċju.
- ☐ B Għax l-umbrella fl-uffiċċju.
- ☐ C Għaliex l-umbrella fl-uffiċċju?

10 Tell Lina you need a warm jacket. You say:

- ☐ A Għandi bżonn ġakketta sħuna.
- ☐ B Għandek bżonn ġakketta sħuna.
- ☐ C Għandi bżonn ġakketta sħun.

G8) QUESTION AND ANSWER

Match each question to its answer.

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ① Taf tkanta? | ① A Għax int tan-numru sebgħa. |
| ② Nista' ndoqq wara
nofsillejl? | ② B Mija u għoxrin ewro. |
| ③ Kemm tiswa? | ③ C Le, ma nafx inkanta. |
| ④ Hamburg iŝhan
minn hawn? | ④ D Le, ma tistax. |
| ⑤ Għandek bżonn
umbrella? | ⑤ E Is-safra. |
| ⑥ Liema hi l-iŝhan? | ⑥ F Hemm ix-xemx. |
| ⑦ Għaliex jien? | ⑦ G Le, m'hemmx sħab. |
| ⑧ Kif inhu t-temp? | ⑧ H Le, iksaħ. |