

sem igral, sva igrala, smo igrali

Past actions across gender and number

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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The past uses present **biti** plus the participle. Singular endings: masculine **igral**, feminine **igrala**, neuter **igralo**. The auxiliary identifies the person: **sem, si, je**.

For two use **sva/sta**: male or mixed pair **igrala**, female pair **igrali**. For three or more use **smo/ste/so**: masculine or mixed **igrali**, feminine **igrale**, neuter **igrala**. Thus **medve sva igrali** and **mi smo igrali** share a participle ending but have different auxiliaries.

Form	Example	Meaning
je	Jure je igral.	Jure played.
igrala	Midva sva igrala.	We two played, male or mixed pair.
igrali	Medve sva igrali.	We two women played.
smo	Mi smo igrali.	We played, three or more male or mixed people.
igral	Včeraj sem igral.	I played yesterday.
iskal	Včeraj sem iskal Murija.	I looked for Muri yesterday.

Jure je igral.

Jure played.

Midva sva igrala.

We two played, male or mixed pair.

Medve sva igrali.

We two women played.

Mi smo igrali.

We played, three or more male or mixed people.

Včeraj sem igrala (igral).

I played yesterday.

Včeraj sem iskala (iskal) Murijsa.

I looked for Muri yesterday.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 Jure je igral.

Meaning: Jure played.

2 Midva sva igrala.

Meaning: We two played, male or mixed pair.

- 3 Medve sva igrali.

Meaning: We two women played.

- 4 Mi smo igrali.

Meaning: We played, three or more male or mixed people.

- 5 Včeraj sem igrala.

Meaning: I played yesterday.

- 6 Včeraj sem iskala Murijs.

Meaning: I looked for Muri yesterday.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 Jure _____ igral.

- (A) je
(B) sem
(C) sva

Meaning: Jure played.

2 Midva sva _____.

- ☐ A igrála
- ☐ B igrál
- ☐ C igráli

Meaning: We two played, male or mixed pair.

3 Medve sva _____.

- ☐ A igráli
- ☐ B igrále
- ☐ C igrála

Meaning: We two women played.

4 Mi _____ igráli.

- ☐ A sem
- ☐ B sva
- ☐ C smo

Meaning: We played, three or more male or mixed people.

5 Včeraj sem _____.

- ☐ A igralo
- ☐ B igrala
- ☐ C igrali

Meaning: I played yesterday.

6 Včeraj sem _____ Murija.

- ☐ A iskalo
- ☐ B iskala
- ☐ C iskali

Meaning: I looked for Muri yesterday.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sem je

Jure _____ igral.

Meaning: Jure played.

igrālī igrāla

Midva sva _____.

Meaning: We two played, male or mixed pair.

igrāla igrālī

Medve sva _____.

Meaning: We two women played.

sva smo

Mi _____ igrālī.

Meaning: We played, three or more male or mixed people.

igralo igrala

Včeraj sem _____.

Meaning: I played yesterday.

iskalo iskala

Včeraj sem _____ Murija.

Meaning: I looked for Muri yesterday.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1

je

Jure

igral.

Meaning: Jure played.

2 Midva sva igrala.

Meaning: We two played, male or mixed pair.

3 Medve igrali. sva

Meaning: We two women played.

4 Mi smo igrali.

Meaning: We played, three or more male or mixed people.

5 sem Včeraj igrala.

Meaning: I played yesterday.

- 6 Včeraj sem Murija. iskala

Meaning: I looked for Muri yesterday.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Jure played. You say:

- ☐ A Jure sem igral.
- ☐ B Jure je igral.

2 We two played, male or mixed pair. You say:

- ☐ A Midva sva igrala.
- ☐ B Midva sva igrali.

3 We two women played. You say:

- ☐ A Medve sva igrali.
- ☐ B Medve sva igrala.

4 We played, three or more male or mixed people. You say:

(A) Mi smo igrali.

(B) Mi sva igrali.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

(1) Včeraj sem igrala.

(A) I played yesterday.

(2) Včeraj sem iskala
Murija.

(B) We two played, male or mixed
pair.

(3) Midva sva igrala.

(C) I looked for Muri yesterday.

(4) Medve sva igrali.

(D) We played, three or more male
or mixed people.

(5) Jure je igral.

(E) Jure played.

(6) Mi smo igrali.

(F) We two women played.