

SCENE 43 • GRAMMAR

mai întâi, apoi

Telling events in order

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The festival

Romanian

Read & listen online



Telling events in order

Order a report with **mai întâi** (first), **apoi** (then), **după aceea** (after that). Use the compound past for each completed event: **a început, a căzut, am țipat**.

S-a întâmplat means it happened. The reflexive pronoun belongs to the verb **a se întâmpla**. Lights use reflexive expressions too: **s-au stins, s-au aprins**.

The subject of the event determines the auxiliary: **toba a căzut, luminile s-au stins**. The participle does not gain a plural ending.

Concertul a început.

The concert started.

Luminile s-au stins.

The lights went out.

Toba a căzut.

The drum fell.

Eu am țipat.

I screamed.

Mai întâi am mâncat, apoi am plecat.

First I ate, then I left.

Ce s-a întâmplat?

What happened?

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Concertul a început.

Meaning: The concert started.

- 2 Luminile s-au stins.

Meaning: The lights went out.

- 3 Toba a căzut.

Meaning: The drum fell.

- 4 Eu am țipat.

Meaning: I screamed.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Concertul _____ început.

- ☐ A au
- ☐ B a
- ☐ C am

Meaning: The concert started.

2 Luminile _____ stins.

- ☐ A m-am
- ☐ B s-au
- ☐ C s-a

Meaning: The lights went out.

3 Toba a _____.

- ☐ A cădea
- ☐ B căzut
- ☐ C cade

Meaning: The drum fell.

4 Eu _____ țipat.

- ☐ A ai
- ☐ B am
- ☐ C a

Meaning: I screamed.

5 Mai întâi am mâncat, _____ am plecat.

- ☐ A unde
- ☐ B apoi
- ☐ C cine

Meaning: First I ate, then I left.

6 Ce _____ întâmplat?

- ☐ A s-au
- ☐ B ne-am
- ☐ C s-a

Meaning: What happened?

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

căzut cade

Toba a _____.

Meaning: The drum fell.

am ai

Eu _____ țipat.

Meaning: I screamed.

apoi unde

Mai întâi am mâncat, _____ am plecat.

Meaning: First I ate, then I left.

s-a s-au

Ce _____ întâmplat?

Meaning: What happened?

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Meaning: The concert started.

2

Meaning: The lights went out.

3 Toba a căzut.

Meaning: The drum fell.

4 Eu țipat. am

Meaning: I screamed.

5 întâi am apoi am plecat. mâncat, Mai

Meaning: First I ate, then I left.

6 întâmplat? s-a Ce

Meaning: What happened?

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 The concert started. You say:

- ☐ A Concertul am început.
- ☐ B Concertul a început.

2 The lights went out. You say:

- ☐ A Luminile s-au stins.
- ☐ B Luminile s-a stins.

3 The drum fell. You say:

- ☐ A Toba a căzut.
- ☐ B Toba a cade.

4 I screamed. You say:

- ☐ A Eu am țipat.
- ☐ B Eu ai țipat.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Mai întâi am
mâncat, apoi am
plecat. | ① A The concert started. |
| ② Toba a căzut. | ② B I screamed. |
| ③ Ce s-a întâmplat? | ③ C What happened? |
| ④ Eu am țipat. | ④ D The lights went out. |
| ⑤ Luminile s-au stins. | ⑤ E First I ate, then I left. |
| ⑥ Concertul a început. | ⑥ F The drum fell. |