

Vidio/vidjela sam, nisam našao

Seeing and hearing past events

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Reuse the perfect: present **biti** auxiliary plus a participle. **Vidio sam • vidjela sam, čuo sam • čula sam, našao sam • našla sam** are real irregular pairs. Learn them as complete verbs rather than replacing every infinitive suffix the same way.

The participle agrees with the subject's gender/number. The auxiliary normally follows the first phrase: **Jučer sam vidio • vidjela,** but **Vidio • Vidjela sam jučer.** Short object pronouns enter the same early clitic group: **Nisam ga vidio • vidjela.**

Past negation uses **nisam • nisi • nije • nismo • niste • nisu.** For ordinary did not, do not substitute a future negative **neću.** **Svjetla su se ugasila** is a reflexive event phrase with plural neuter agreement.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Vidio	Vidio sam sjenu.	I saw a shadow.
Čuo	Čuo sam trubu.	I heard the trumpet.
našao	Nisam našao Mikija.	I did not find Miki.
sam	Jučer sam bio tamo.	I was there yesterday.

Vidjela (**Vidio**) sam sjenu.

I saw a shadow.

Čula (**Čuo**) sam trubu.

I heard the trumpet.

Nisam našla (**našao**) Mikija.

I did not find Miki.

Jučer sam bila (**bio**) tamo.

I was there yesterday.

Nisam ga vidjela (**vidio**).

I did not see him.

Svjetla su se ugasila.

The lights went out.

Kolač je nestao.

The cake disappeared.

Ivana je vidjela sjenu.

Ivana saw a shadow.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Vidjela sam sjenu.

Meaning: I saw a shadow.

- 2 Čula sam trubu.

Meaning: I heard the trumpet.

- 3 Nisam našla Mikija.

Meaning: I did not find Miki.

- 4 Jučer sam bila tamo.

Meaning: I was there yesterday.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ **sam sjenu.**

- ☐ A Vidjela
- ☐ B Vidjelo
- ☐ C Vidjeli

Meaning: I saw a shadow.

2 _____ **sam trubu.**

- ☐ A Čulo
- ☐ B Čula
- ☐ C Čuli

Meaning: I heard the trumpet.

3 **Nisam** _____ **Mikija.**

- ☐ A našlo
- ☐ B našla
- ☐ C našli

Meaning: I did not find Miki.

4 Jučer _____ bila tamo.

- ☐ A sam
- ☐ B ste
- ☐ C si

Meaning: I was there yesterday.

5 Nisam _____ vidjela.

- ☐ A ga
- ☐ B ih
- ☐ C je

Meaning: I did not see him.

6 Svjetla su se _____.

- ☐ A ugasile
- ☐ B ugasila
- ☐ C ugasio

Meaning: The lights went out.

7 Kolač je _____.

- ☐ A nestala
- ☐ B nestao
- ☐ C nestalo

Meaning: The cake disappeared.

8 Ivana je _____ sjenu.

- ☐ A vidjela
- ☐ B vidio
- ☐ C vidjelo

Meaning: Ivana saw a shadow.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

našla našlo

Nisam _____ Mikija.

Meaning: I did not find Miki.

sam si

Jučer _____ bila tamo.

Meaning: I was there yesterday.

ga je

Nisam _____ vidjela.

Meaning: I did not see him.

ugasila ugasio

Svjetla su se _____.

Meaning: The lights went out.

nestao nestala

Kolač je _____.

Meaning: The cake disappeared.

vidjela vidio

Ivana je _____ sjenu.

Meaning: Ivana saw a shadow.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

sam

Vidjela

sjenu.

Meaning: I saw a shadow.

2 trubu. Čula sam

Meaning: I heard the trumpet.

3 Nisam Mikija. našla

Meaning: I did not find Miki.

4 sam bila тамо. Јучер

Meaning: I was there yesterday.

5 vidjela. Nisam ga

Meaning: I did not see him.

- 6 ugasila. Svjetla se su

Meaning: The lights went out.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I saw a shadow. You say:

- ☐ A Vidjelo sam sjenu.
- ☐ B Vidjela sam sjenu.

2 I heard the trumpet. You say:

- ☐ A Čulo sam trubu.
- ☐ B Čula sam trubu.

3 I did not find Miki. You say:

- ☐ A Nisam našlo Mikija.
- ☐ B Nisam našla Mikija.

4 I was there yesterday. You say:

- (A) Jučer sam bila tamo.
- (B) Jučer si bila tamo.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Nisam našla Mikija. | (A) I did not see him. |
| (2) Ivana je vidjela
sjenu. | (B) Ivana saw a shadow. |
| (3) Svjetla su se ugasila. | (C) I heard the trumpet. |
| (4) Kolač je nestao. | (D) The cake disappeared. |
| (5) Jučer sam bila tamo. | (E) The lights went out. |
| (6) Vidjela sam sjenu. | (F) I did not find Miki. |
| (7) Nisam ga vidjela. | (G) I saw a shadow. |
| (8) Čula sam trubu. | (H) I was there yesterday. |