

en stol, dva stola, trije stoli

Introducing the dual with furniture

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Slovenian

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Slovene distinguishes one, exactly two, and three or more. These are singular, dual and plural. Learn **en stol, dva stola, trije stoli**; feminine **ena skodelica, dve skodelici, tri skodelice**.

Use **dva** for masculine, **dve** for feminine and neuter. Numbers three and four also affect the noun ending: **trije stoli, štirje stoli**. After five or more the noun uses the genitive plural: **pet stolov**. This last pattern is previewed as a counting chunk.

The verb agrees too: **en stol je, dva stola sta, trije stoli so**. The dual is ordinary daily grammar in Slovene; use it whenever exactly two things or people are the subject.

Number	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
One	en stol je	ena skodelica je	eno okno je
Exactly two	dva stola sta	dve skodelici sta	dve okni sta
Three	trije stoli so	tri skodelice so	tri okna so
Five, counting chunk	pet stolov	pet skodelic	pet oken

Tukaj je en stol.

There is one chair here.

Tukaj sta dva stola.

There are two chairs here.

Tukaj so trije stoli.

There are three chairs here.

Imam dve skodelici.

I have two cups.

Lačna (Lačen) sem. Tukaj sta dve jajci.

I am hungry. There are two eggs here.

Nova (Nov) sem tukaj. Imam dva stola.

I am new here. I have two chairs.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 Tukaj je en stol.

Meaning: There is one chair here.

2 Tukaj sta dva stola.

Meaning: There are two chairs here.

3 Tukaj so trije stoli.

Meaning: There are three chairs here.

4 Imam dve skodelici.

Meaning: I have two cups.

5 Lačna sem. Tukaj sta dve jajci.

Meaning: I am hungry. There are two eggs here.

6 Nova sem tukaj. Imam dva stola.

Meaning: I am new here. I have two chairs.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Tukaj je en _____.

(A) stola

(B) stol

(C) stoli

Meaning: There is one chair here.

2 Tukaj sta dva _____.

- ☐ A stol
- ☐ B stola
- ☐ C stoli

Meaning: There are two chairs here.

3 Tukaj so trije _____.

- ☐ A stola
- ☐ B stoli
- ☐ C stol

Meaning: There are three chairs here.

4 Imam dve _____.

- ☐ A skodelic
- ☐ B skodelica
- ☐ C skodelici

Meaning: I have two cups.

5 Lačna sem. Tukaj _____ dve jajci.

- ☐ A sta
- ☐ B je
- ☐ C so

Meaning: I am hungry. There are two eggs here.

6 Nova sem tukaj. Imam _____ stola.

- ☐ A dvaindvajset
- ☐ B dve
- ☐ C dva

Meaning: I am new here. I have two chairs.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

stola stol

Tukaj je en _____.

Meaning: There is one chair here.

stol stola

Tukaj sta dva _____.

Meaning: There are two chairs here.

stol stoli

Tukaj so trije _____.

Meaning: There are three chairs here.

skodelica skodelici

Imam dve _____.

Meaning: I have two cups.

je sta

Lačna sem. Tukaj _____ dve jajci.

Meaning: I am hungry. There are two eggs here.

dve dva

Nova sem tukaj. Imam _____ stola.

Meaning: I am new here. I have two chairs.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1

stol.

en

je

Tukaj

Meaning: There is one chair here.

2 sta Tukaj dva stola.

Meaning: There are two chairs here.

3 so trije stoli. Tukaj

Meaning: There are three chairs here.

4 Imam dve skodelici.

Meaning: I have two cups.

5 Lačna sem. Tukaj jajci. dve sta

Meaning: I am hungry. There are two eggs here.

- 6 Imam Nova tukaj. dva sem stola.

Meaning: I am new here. I have two chairs.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 There is one chair here. You say:

- ☐ A Tukaj je en stol.
- ☐ B Tukaj je en stola.

2 There are two chairs here. You say:

- ☐ A Tukaj sta dva stol.
- ☐ B Tukaj sta dva stola.

3 There are three chairs here. You say:

- ☐ A Tukaj so trije stoli.
- ☐ B Tukaj so trije stol.

4 I have two cups. You say:

- (A) Imam dve skodelici.
- (B) Imam dve skodelica.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Tukaj so trije stoli. | (A) I am new here. I have two chairs. |
| (2) Imam dve skodelici. | (B) There are two chairs here. |
| (3) Lačna sem. Tukaj
sta dve jajci. | (C) I am hungry. There are two
eggs here. |
| (4) Tukaj je en stol. | (D) There is one chair here. |
| (5) Nova sem tukaj.
Imam dva stola. | (E) I have two cups. |
| (6) Tukaj sta dva stola. | (F) There are three chairs here. |