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Module 8: A bad day

8 Exercises • Duration: 25 min.

A bad day

Maltese

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How you feel, and what hurts

iħoss, to feel, says the person at the front and again at the back:
iħossni, I feel me. What hurts is the subject, and the person it hurts is the ending: **rasi tuġagħni**, my head hurts me. A feminine part like **ras** takes **t-**, a masculine one like **dahar** takes **j-**, and a pair takes the plural: **widnejja juġġħuni**.

Person	iħoss	It hurts	Meaning
Singular			
jien	iħossni	rasi tuġagħni	I feel • my head hurts
int	tħossok	rasek tuġġħek	you feel • your head hurts
hu	iħossu	rasu tuġġħu	he feels • his head hurts
hi	tħossha	rasha tuġagħha	she feels • her head hurts
Plural			
aħna	nħossuna	rasna tuġagħna	we feel • our heads hurt
intom	tħossukom	raskom tuġagħkom	you feel • your heads hurt

Person	iħoss	It hurts	Meaning
huma	iħossu hom	rash om tuġagħ hom	they feel · their heads hurt

No is **ma ... -x**: **Ma nħossnix tajjeb. Dahri ma juġagħnix.** What you have goes with **għand**: **għandi s-sħana**, I'm hot · **għandi l-bard**, I'm cold · **għandi d-deni**, I've got a fever · **għandi riħ**, I've got a cold.

Ma nħossnix tajjeb. Rasi tuġagħni.

I don't feel well. My head hurts.

Fejn juġgħek?

Where does it hurt?

Dates

The day is the number with the article, then **ta'** and the month; only the 1st is **l-ewwel**. On a date takes **fi**, joined to the article as at the clock: **fl-għaxra ta' Lulju. Kemm għandna llum?** asks the date.

Day	Date	With fi	Meaning
1	l-ewwel ta' Mejju	fl-ewwel ta' Mejju	the 1st of May · on the 1st of May
10	l-għaxra ta' Lulju	fl-għaxra ta' Lulju	the 10th of July · on the 10th of July
14	l-erbatax ta' April	fl-erbatax ta' April	the 14th of April · on the 14th of April
28	it-tmienja u għoxrin ta' Marzu	fit-tmienja u għoxrin ta' Marzu	the 28th of March · on the 28th of March

Twice: the dual

For exactly two, many words have a dual in **-ejn**, used instead of **zewġ**. How often is the number of times with **kuljum** or **kull: tliet darbiet kuljum, kull tmien sigħat**.

One	Two	Meaning
darba	darbtejn	once · twice
jum	jumejn	a day · two days
siegħa	sagħtejn	an hour · two hours
minuta	minutejn	a minute · two minutes
ġimgħa	ġimagħtejn	a week · two weeks
widna	widnejn	an ear · the ears

The object ending: jgħinni, jgħidli

The person a verb is done to is an ending on the verb, the same endings as everywhere: **jgħinni**, he helps me. After a vowel, **-ek** is **-k** and **-u** is **-h**: **jarak, jarah**. To someone takes an **!:** **jgħidli**, he tells me · **għidli**, tell me.

Object	jgħin	jgħid	Meaning
Singular			
jien	jgħinni	jgħidli	he helps me · he tells me
int	jgħinek	jgħidlek	he helps you · he tells you
hu	jgħinu	jgħidlu	he helps him · he tells him
hi	jgħinha	jgħidilha	he helps her · he tells her

Object	jghin	jghid	Meaning
Plural			
aħna	jghinna	jghidilna	he helps us · he tells us
intom	jghinkom	jghidilkom	he helps you · he tells you
huma	jghinhom	jghidilhom	he helps them · he tells them

GRAMMAR

G1) A BIT OF EVERYTHING

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Kif _____?

- ☐ A inħossni
- ☐ B tħossok
- ☐ C tħossha

Meaning: How do you feel?

2 _____ tuġagħni.

- ☐ A Rasi
- ☐ B Rasek
- ☐ C Rasu

Meaning: My head hurts.

3 _____ ta' Lulju mmur Hamburg.

- ☐ A Fil-għaxra
- ☐ B Fit-għaxra
- ☐ C Fl-għaxra

Meaning: On the tenth of July I'm going to Hamburg.

4 Żewġ pilloli, _____ kuljum.

- ☐ A żewġ darbiet
- ☐ B darbiet
- ☐ C darbtejn

Meaning: Two tablets, twice a day.

5 Ċikku _____.

- ☐ A jgħinu
- ☐ B jgħinek
- ☐ C jgħinni

Meaning: Ċikku helps me.

6 Intom, _____ tuġagħkom?

- ☐ A rasna
- ☐ B raskom
- ☐ C rashom

Meaning: You two, do your heads hurt?

7 _____ aħjar.

- ☐ A Inħossni
- ☐ B Iħossu
- ☐ C Tħossok

Meaning: I feel better.

8 Ella _____ tajba.

- ☐ A tħossok
- ☐ B tħossha
- ☐ C iħossu

Meaning: Ella feels well.

9 Ġorġ _____ ħażin.

- ☐ A nħossuna
- ☐ B tħossha
- ☐ C iħossu

Meaning: Ġorġ feels bad.

10 Rasek _____?

- ☐ A juġġħek
- ☐ B tuġġħek
- ☐ C tuġagħni

Meaning: Does your head hurt?

G2) FIND THE WORDS

Underline the verbs with an ending for the person.

- 1** Inħossni ħażin, u rasi tuġagħni.

Meaning: I feel bad, and my head hurts.

2 Ćikku jgħinni. Għidli, fejn juġġhek?

Meaning: Ćikku helps me. Tell me, where does it hurt?

3 Ella? Rasha tuġagħha, u ma tħosshiex tajba.

Meaning: Ella? Her head hurts, and she doesn't feel well.

4 Ġorġ jgħidilna storja, u jgħinna wkoll.

Meaning: Ġorġ tells us a story, and helps us too.

5 Aħna nħossuna tajbin, imma Lina u Ġorġ?
Rashom tuġagħhom.

Meaning: We feel fine, but Lina and Ġorġ? Their heads hurt.

6 Ġorġ jgħinek, u jgħidlek kollox.

Meaning: Ġorġ helps you, and tells you everything.

7 Tonio u Marija? Ġorġ jgħinu, u jgħinha wkoll.

Meaning: Tonio and Marija? Ġorġ helps him, and her too.

- 8 Intom? Ċikku jgħinkom, u jgħidilkom grazzi.

Meaning: You two? Ċikku helps you, and says thank you to you.

- 9 Marija tħossha tajba, imma aħna? Rasna tuġagħna.

Meaning: Marija feels well, but us? Our heads hurt.

- 10 Intom? Raskom tuġagħkom, u ma tħossukomx tajbin.

Meaning: You two? Your heads hurt, and you don't feel well.

G3) DATES, AND TWO OF A KIND

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 Illum għandna _____.

- (A) t-tleTTax
- (B) it-tleTTax
- (C) fit-tleTTax

Meaning: Today is the thirteenth.

2 L-ewwel appuntament liberu _____ u għoxrin.

- ☐ A fis-sebgħa
- ☐ B fil-sebgħa
- ☐ C fl-sebgħa

Meaning: The first free appointment is on the twenty-seventh.

3 _____ ta' Mejju l-kafetterija magħluqa.

- ☐ A Fil-wieħed
- ☐ B Fil-ewwel
- ☐ C Fl-ewwel

Meaning: On the first of May the café is closed.

4 Illum _____ ta' Lulju: għeluq snini!

- ☐ A fil-għaxra
- ☐ B il-għaxra
- ☐ C l-għaxra

Meaning: Today is the tenth of July: my birthday!

5 Kemm għandna llum? _____ u għoxrin.

- ☐ A Il-tmienja
- ☐ B Fit-tmienja
- ☐ C It-tmienja

Meaning: What's the date today? The twenty-eighth.

6 _____ ta' April għandek appuntament.

- ☐ A Fit-erbatax
- ☐ B Fil-erbatax
- ☐ C Fl-erbatax

Meaning: On the fourteenth of April you have an appointment.

7 Nagħlqu f'_____.

- ☐ A minuti
- ☐ B minutejn
- ☐ C żewġ minuti

Meaning: We close in two minutes.

8 F'_____ tħossok aħjar.

- ☐ A iħiem
- ☐ B żewġ iħiem
- ☐ C jumejn

Meaning: In two days you'll feel better.

9 L-appuntament f'_____.

- ☐ A żewġ ġimgħat
- ☐ B ġimgħat
- ☐ C ġimagħtejn

Meaning: The appointment is in two weeks.

10 Indoqq _____ kull lejl.

- ☐ A żewġ sigħat
- ☐ B sagħtejn
- ☐ C sigħatejn

Meaning: I play for two hours every night.

G4) WHO, AND HOW OFTEN?

Answer the questions.

1 Ella, Ċikku jgħinek?

- ☐ A Iva, jgħinek ħafna.
- ☐ B Iva, jgħinni ħafna.
- ☐ C Iva, ngħinni ħafna.

Meaning: Ella, does Ċikku help you?

2 Ella u Marija, Ġorġ jgħidilkom storja?

- ☐ A Iva, jgħidilkom storja kull lejl.
- ☐ B Iva, jgħidilhom storja kull lejl.
- ☐ C Iva, jgħidilna storja kull lejl.

Meaning: Ella and Marija, does Ġorġ tell you a story?

3 Lina u Marija? Ġorġ jgħinhom?

- ☐ A Iva, jgħinha fil-kafetterija.
- ☐ B Iva, jgħinkom fil-kafetterija.
- ☐ C Iva, jgħinhom fil-kafetterija.

Meaning: Lina and Marija? Does Ġorġ help them?

4 Kemm-il darba tieġu l-pilloli?

- ☐ A Darbtejn kuljum.
- ☐ B Darbiet kuljum.
- ☐ C Żewġ darbiet kuljum.

Meaning: How many times do you take the tablets?

5 Tonio? Fejn juġġhu?

- ☐ A Rasu tuġġhu.
- ☐ B Rasha tuġagħha.
- ☐ C Rasu juġagħni.

Meaning: Tonio? Where does it hurt him?

6 Intom, kif tħossukom?

- ☐ A Nħossuna tajbin, grazzi.
- ☐ B Inħossni tajbin, grazzi.
- ☐ C Tħossukom tajbin, grazzi.

Meaning: You two, how do you feel?

7 Marija? Ġorġ jgħinha?

- ☐ A Iva, jgħinu, u jgħidlu grazzi.
- ☐ B Iva, jgħinha, u jgħidilha grazzi.
- ☐ C Iva, jgħinni, u jgħidli grazzi.

Meaning: Marija? Does Ġorġ help her?

8 Intom, fejn juġagħkom?

- ☐ A Rasna tuġagħkom.
- ☐ B Rasna tuġagħna.
- ☐ C Raskom tuġagħkom.

Meaning: You two, where does it hurt?

9 Il-pazjenti? Fejn juġagħhom?

- ☐ A Rashom tuġagħhom.
- ☐ B Rashom tuġagħna.
- ☐ C Rasu tuġgħu.

Meaning: The patients? Where does it hurt them?

10 Marija? Fejn juġagħha?

- ☐ A Rasek tuġġhek.
- ☐ B Rasha tuġagħha.
- ☐ C Rasha tuġġħu.

Meaning: Marija? Where does it hurt her?

G5) RITA'S NOTES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sagħtejn rasu rasha sigħatejn

Tonio: _____ tuġġħu. Pillola kull _____.

Meaning: Tonio: his head hurts. One tablet every two hours.

fil-għaxra fit-erbatax fl-għaxra fl-erbatax

Għandek appuntament _____ ta' Lulju u _____ ta'

Awwissu.

Meaning: You have an appointment on the tenth of July and on the fourteenth of August.

fit-tmienja il-wieġed l-ewwel it-tmienja

Illum _____ ta' Mejju, mhux _____.

Meaning: Today is the first of May, not the eighth.

tuġġħu juġagħni tuġagħha juġġħu

Il-pazjent: rasu _____, u dahru _____ wkoll.

Meaning: The patient: his head hurts, and his back too.

rasu rasha

Il-pazjenta: _____ tuġagħha, u ma tħosshiex tajba.

Meaning: The patient: her head hurts, and she doesn't feel well.

darbiet darbtejn ijiem jumejn

Pilloli: tnejn, _____ kuljum, għal _____.

Meaning: Tablets: two, twice a day, for two days.

it-tmienja fit-tmienja

Appuntament ieħor: _____ u għoxrin ta' April.

Meaning: Another appointment: on the twenty-eighth of April.

iħossuhom fit-tlethax it-tlethax nħossuna

Illum _____ ta' April, u t-tfal _____ tajbin.

Meaning: Today is the thirteenth of April, and the children feel fine.

jgħinek jgħidli jgħidlu jgħinni

Ċikku _____, u Ġorġ _____ kollox.

Meaning: Ċikku helps me, and Ġorġ tells me everything.

tħossok marid inħossni

Lukas: Illum _____ aħjar. M'iniex _____ ħafna.

Meaning: Today I feel better. I'm not very ill.

tħossok marida inħossni

Lena: Illum _____ aħjar. M'iniex _____ ħafna.

Meaning: Today I feel better. I'm not very ill.

G6) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Put the words in order.

- 1 tuġagħni. rasi ħażin, Inħossni u

Meaning: I feel bad, and my head hurts.

- 2 tħossok Kif illum?

Meaning: How do you feel today?

- 3 kuljum. darbtejn pilloli, Żewġ

Meaning: Two tablets, twice a day.

- 4 Ella Għeluq fit-tmienja għoxrin Marzu. snin ta' u

Meaning: Ella's birthday is on the twenty-eighth of March.

5 u jgħinni, kollox. jgħidli Ċikku

Meaning: Ċikku helps me, and tells me everything.

6 għandna t-tlettax. illum

Meaning: Today is the thirteenth.

7 iħossu għajjen Ġorġ filgħodu.

Meaning: Ġorġ feels tired in the morning.

8 L-appuntament ġimagħtejn. tiegħi wara

Meaning: My appointment is in two weeks.

- 9 jgħidilhom grazzi. u Lina u Ġorġ Marija? jgħinhom,

Meaning: Lina and Marija? Ġorġ helps them, and says thank you to them.

- 10 rasek tuġgħek? Ella,

Meaning: Ella, does your head hurt?

- 11 Mejju ta' Fl-ewwel mmur il-baħar.

Meaning: On the first of May I'm going to the sea.

- 12 Rashom iħossuhom tuġagħhom, imma tajbin.

Meaning: Their heads hurt, but they feel fine.

G7) THE RIGHT WORDS

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Tell the doctor your back hurts. You say:

- ☐ A Dahrek juġġhek.
- ☐ B Dahri tuġagħni.
- ☐ C Dahri juġagħni.

2 Lukas: Ella plays doctor and asks how you feel. You feel bad, and you're tired. You say:

- ☐ A Tħossok ħażin. Jien għajjien.
- ☐ B Inħossni ħażin. Jien għajjien.
- ☐ C Inħossni tajjeb. Jien għajjien.

3 Lena: Ella plays doctor and asks how you feel. You feel bad, and you're tired. You say:

- ☐ A Inħossni ħażin. Jien għajjiena.
- ☐ B Inħossni tajjeb. Jien għajjiena.
- ☐ C Tħossok ħażin. Jien għajjiena.

4 Ask Ella how she feels. You say:

- ☐ A Kif tħossha, Ella?
- ☐ B Kif inħossni, Ella?
- ☐ C Kif tħossok, Ella?

5 The receptionist asks for your birthday: the tenth of July. You say:

- ☐ A L-għaxra ta' Lulju.
- ☐ B L-għaxra Lulju.
- ☐ C Il-għaxra ta' Lulju.

6 Ask the pharmacist how many times a day you take the tablets.

You say:

- ☐ A Kemm-il darba kuljum?
- ☐ B Kemm jiswew kuljum?
- ☐ C Fejn kuljum?

7 Ella asks you to tell Grandma thank you. Ella says:

- ☐ A Għidilhom grazzi!
- ☐ B Għidlu grazzi!
- ☐ C Għidilha grazzi!

8 The doctor asks you and Ella if your heads hurt. They do. Rita says:

- ☐ A Iva, rashom tuğagħhom.
- ☐ B Iva, rasna tuğagħna.
- ☐ C Iva, raskom tuğagħkom.

9 Ask Ella and Marija if their heads hurt. You say:

- ☐ A Raskom tuğagħkom?
- ☐ B Rashom tuğagħhom?
- ☐ C Rasna tuğagħna?

G8) LITTLE ENDINGS, BIG JOBS

Match the pairs.

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|-------------|-----------------------------|
| ① jgħinek | Ⓐ he tells us |
| ② nħossuna | Ⓑ we feel |
| ③ jgħidilha | Ⓒ he tells her |
| ④ jgħidlu | Ⓓ he helps me |
| ⑤ jgħidilna | Ⓔ he helps them |
| ⑥ tħossukom | Ⓕ you feel (several people) |
| ⑦ jgħinni | Ⓖ he helps you |
| ⑧ jgħinhom | Ⓗ he tells him |