

SCENE 25 • GRAMMAR

Dođi, dođite, nemojte

Requests, instructions and rules

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The first week at work

Croatian

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Requests, instructions and rules

An imperative gives an instruction or request. Familiar one-person forms include **dođi, daj, napiši, pročitaj, uzmi, sjedni**. Polite/plural forms add **-te: dođite, dajte, napišite, pročitajte, uzmite, sjednite**.

Useful commands are not made by copying the present ending of every verb. Learn common real pairs. **Molim** softens the request; **izvolite** invites someone politely.

For a negative instruction, use **nemoj · nemojte** plus the infinitive: **nemoj spavati, nemojte kasniti**. Ordinary rules can use **ne** plus the present tense: **Mačak ne sjedi na računalu. Dvaput dnevno** is twice a day.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Dođi	Dođi ovamo, Miki.	Come here, Miki. (familiar)
Dođite	Dođite ovamo, molim.	Please come here. (polite)
Dajte	Dajte mi papir, molim.	Please give me paper. (polite)
Napišite	Napišite poruku, molim.	Please write a message. (polite)

Dođi ovamo, Miki.

Come here, Miki. (familiar)

Dođite ovamo, molim.

Please come here. (polite)

Dajte mi papir, molim.

Please give me paper. (polite)

Napišite poruku, molim.

Please write a message. (polite)

Pročitaj pravila, Lana.

Read the rules, Lana. (familiar)

Nemojte kasniti.

Do not be late. (polite)

Nemoj spavati na pisaču, Miki.

Do not sleep on the printer, Miki. (familiar)

Mačak jede dvaput dnevno.

The cat eats twice a day.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Dođi ovamo, Miki.

Meaning: Come here, Miki. (familiar)

- 2 Dođite ovamo, molim.

Meaning: Please come here. (polite)

- 3 Dajte mi papir, molim.

Meaning: Please give me paper. (polite)

- 4 Napišite poruku, molim.

Meaning: Please write a message. (polite)

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ **ovamo, Miki.**

- ☐ A Dođi
- ☐ B Dođem
- ☐ C Dođite

Meaning: Come here, Miki. (familiar)

2 _____ **ovamo, molim.**

- ☐ A Dođite
- ☐ B Dođem
- ☐ C Dođi

Meaning: Please come here. (polite)

3 _____ **mi papir, molim.**

- ☐ A Dajem
- ☐ B Dajte
- ☐ C Daj

Meaning: Please give me paper. (polite)

4 _____ poruku, molim.

- ☐ A Napiši
- ☐ B Pišem
- ☐ C Napišite

Meaning: Please write a message. (polite)

5 _____ pravila, Lana.

- ☐ A Pročitajte
- ☐ B Pročitaj
- ☐ C Čitam

Meaning: Read the rules, Lana. (familiar)

6 _____ kasniti.

- ☐ A Molim
- ☐ B Nemojte
- ☐ C Nemoj

Meaning: Do not be late. (polite)

7 _____ spavati na pisaču, Miki.

- ☐ A Izvoli
- ☐ B Nemojte
- ☐ C Nemoj

Meaning: Do not sleep on the printer, Miki. (familiar)

8 Mačak jede _____ dnevno.

- ☐ A jednom
- ☐ B triput
- ☐ C dvaput

Meaning: The cat eats twice a day.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Dajte Daj

_____ mi papir, molim.

Meaning: Please give me paper. (polite)

Napišite Napiši

_____ poruku, molim.

Meaning: Please write a message. (polite)

Pročitaj Pročitajte

_____ pravila, Lana.

Meaning: Read the rules, Lana. (familiar)

Nemojte Nemoj

_____ kasniti.

Meaning: Do not be late. (polite)

Nemoj Nemojte

_____ spavati na pisaču, Miki.

Meaning: Do not sleep on the printer, Miki. (familiar)

dvaput triput

Mačak jede _____ dnevno.

Meaning: The cat eats twice a day.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Dođi

Miki.

ovamo,

Meaning: Come here, Miki. (familiar)

2 molim. Dođite ovamo,

Meaning: Please come here. (polite)

3 molim. papir, mi Dajte

Meaning: Please give me paper. (polite)

4 molim. Napišite poruku,

Meaning: Please write a message. (polite)

5 Lana. pravila, Pročitaj

Meaning: Read the rules, Lana. (familiar)

- 6 Miki. spavati pisaču, Nemoj na

Meaning: Do not sleep on the printer, Miki. (familiar)

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Come here, Miki. (familiar) You say:

- ☐ A Dođi ovamo, Miki.
- ☐ B Dođite ovamo, Miki.

2 Please come here. (polite) You say:

- ☐ A Dođi ovamo, molim.
- ☐ B Dođite ovamo, molim.

3 Please give me paper. (polite) You say:

- ☐ A Dajte mi papir, molim.
- ☐ B Daj mi papir, molim.

4 Please write a message. (polite) You say:

- (A) Napišite poruku, molim.
- (B) Napiši poruku, molim.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Nemojte kasniti. | (A) The cat eats twice a day. |
| (2) Dođi ovamo, Miki. | (B) Do not sleep on the printer, Miki. (familiar) |
| (3) Napišite poruku, molim. | (C) Read the rules, Lana. (familiar) |
| (4) Dođite ovamo, molim. | (D) Please come here. (polite) |
| (5) Pročitaj pravila, Lana. | (E) Come here, Miki. (familiar) |
| (6) Nemoj spavati na pisaču, Miki. | (F) Please write a message. (polite) |

7 Dajte mi papir, G Please give me paper. (polite)
molim.

8 Mačak jede dvaput H Do not be late. (polite)
dnevno.