

SCENE 2 • GRAMMAR

am, ai, nu am

Having things and saying no

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Arrival

Romanian

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Having things and saying no

The present forms of **a avea** (to have) are **am, ai, are, avem, aveți, au**. Polite **dumneavoastră** takes **aveți**.

Put **nu** before the verb to make a negative statement: **nu am cheia, nu este aici**. Questions can use the same order as statements and a question intonation: **Ai cheia?**

Use **cine** for who, **ce** for what, and **unde** for where. Romanian often uses **este** or **sunt** for there is or there are. Learn **îmi este foame** and **îmi este frig** as whole expressions.

Eu am cheia.

I have the key.

Tu ai cheia?

Do you have the key?

Maria are cheia.

Maria has the key.

Nu am cheia.

I do not have the key.

Unde este cheia?

Where is the key?

Noi avem timp.

We have time.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Eu am cheia.

Meaning: I have the key.

2 Tu ai cheia?

Meaning: Do you have the key?

3 Maria are cheia.

Meaning: Maria has the key.

4 Nu am cheia.

Meaning: I do not have the key.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Eu _____ cheia.

- ☐ A am
- ☐ B ai
- ☐ C are

Meaning: I have the key.

2 Tu _____ cheia?

- ☐ A am
- ☐ B avem
- ☐ C ai

Meaning: Do you have the key?

3 Maria _____ cheia.

- ☐ A ai
- ☐ B am
- ☐ C are

Meaning: Maria has the key.

4 _____ am cheia.

- ☐ A Și
- ☐ B Nu
- ☐ C Da

Meaning: I do not have the key.

5 _____ este cheia?

- ☐ A Cine
- ☐ B Cât
- ☐ C Unde

Meaning: Where is the key?

6 Noi _____ timp.

- ☐ A au
- ☐ B aveți
- ☐ C avem

Meaning: We have time.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

am are

Maria _____ cheia.

Meaning: Maria has the key.

Da Nu

_____ am cheia.

Meaning: I do not have the key.

Cine Unde

_____ este cheia?

Meaning: Where is the key?

aveți avem

Noi _____ timp.

Meaning: We have time.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

am

cheia.

Eu

Meaning: I have the key.

2

ai

Tu

cheia?

Meaning: Do you have the key?

3 cheia. are Maria

Meaning: Maria has the key.

4 Nu cheia. am

Meaning: I do not have the key.

5 cheia? este Unde

Meaning: Where is the key?

6 timp. avem Noi

Meaning: We have time.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have the key. You say:

- ☐ A Eu am cheia.
- ☐ B Eu ai cheia.

2 Do you have the key? You say:

- ☐ A Tu am cheia?
- ☐ B Tu ai cheia?

3 Maria has the key. You say:

- ☐ A Maria are cheia.
- ☐ B Maria am cheia.

4 I do not have the key. You say:

- ☐ A Nu am cheia.
- ☐ B Da am cheia.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Tu ai cheia? | Ⓐ I do not have the key. |
| ② Maria are cheia. | Ⓑ Where is the key? |
| ③ Noi avem timp. | Ⓒ Do you have the key? |
| ④ Unde este cheia? | Ⓓ We have time. |
| ⑤ Eu am cheia. | Ⓔ I have the key. |
| ⑥ Nu am cheia. | Ⓕ Maria has the key. |