

Jedanaest do dvadeset, htio bih

Polite ordering and counting

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The café

Croatian

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Continue **jedanaest, dvanaest, trinaest, četrnaest, petnaest, šesnaest, sedamnaest, osamnaest, devetnaest, dvadeset**. With five and higher, use the genitive plural: **šest jaja, devetnaest jabuka**.

The courtesy chunk **htio bih • htjela bih** means I would like. It is a conditional expression, not future or ordinary past meaning. The male learner uses **htio**, the female **htjela**; **bih** stays first-person singular for both.

Order with the accusative: **čaj, kavu, vodu**. **Dva jaja** is two eggs, **dvije šalice** two cups. Use **ne želim** to decline something. A greeting and **molim** keep the exchange polite.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
bih	Htio bih čaj.	I would like tea.
Htio	Htio bih vodu.	I would like water.
čaj	Želim čaj.	I want tea.
kavu	Ne želim kavu.	I do not want coffee.

Htjela (Htio) bih čaj.

I would like tea.

Htjela (Htio) bih vodu.

I would like water.

Želim čaj.

I want tea.

Ne želim kavu.

I do not want coffee.

Evo dva jaja.

Here are two eggs.

Želim vodu.

I want water.

Stol je broj jedanaest.

The table number is eleven.

Ima mnogo ljudi.

There are many people.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Htjela bih čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

- 2 Htjela bih vodu.

Meaning: I would like water.

- 3 Želim čaj.

Meaning: I want tea.

- 4 Ne želim kavu.

Meaning: I do not want coffee.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Htjela _____ čaj.

- ☐ A bih
- ☐ B bi
- ☐ C bismo

Meaning: I would like tea.

2 _____ bih vodu.

- ☐ A Htjeli
- ☐ B Htjelo
- ☐ C Htjela

Meaning: I would like water.

3 Želim _____.

- ☐ A čaja
- ☐ B čajem
- ☐ C čaj

Meaning: I want tea.

4 Ne želim _____.

- ☐ A kava
- ☐ B kavom
- ☐ C kavu

Meaning: I do not want coffee.

5 Evo dva _____.

- ☐ A jajima
- ☐ B jaja
- ☐ C jaje

Meaning: Here are two eggs.

6 Želim _____.

- ☐ A vodom
- ☐ B voda
- ☐ C vodu

Meaning: I want water.

7 Stol je broj _____.

- ☐ A jedanaest
- ☐ B trinaest
- ☐ C dvanaest

Meaning: The table number is eleven.

8 Ima mnogo _____.

- ☐ A ljude
- ☐ B ljudima
- ☐ C ljudi

Meaning: There are many people.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

čaj čaja

Želim _____.

Meaning: I want tea.

kavu kava

Ne želim _____.

Meaning: I do not want coffee.

jaja jaje

Evo dva _____.

Meaning: Here are two eggs.

vodu voda

Želim _____.

Meaning: I want water.

jedanaest dvanaest

Stol je broj _____.

Meaning: The table number is eleven.

ljudi ljudima

Ima mnogo _____.

Meaning: There are many people.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Htjela

bih

čaj.

Meaning: I would like tea.

2 vodu. Htjela bih

Meaning: I would like water.

3 Ne želim kavu.

Meaning: I do not want coffee.

4 dva jaja. Evo

Meaning: Here are two eggs.

5 je broj Stol jedanaest.

Meaning: The table number is eleven.

- 6 ljudi. ima mnogo

Meaning: There are many people.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I would like tea. You say:

- ☐ A Htjela bih čaj.
- ☐ B Htjela bi čaj.

2 I would like water. You say:

- ☐ A Htjelo bih vodu.
- ☐ B Htjela bih vodu.

3 I want tea. You say:

- ☐ A Želim čaja.
- ☐ B Želim čaj.

4 I do not want coffee. You say:

- (A) Ne želim kavu.
- (B) Ne želim kava.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Stol je broj jedanaest. | (A) I do not want coffee. |
| (2) Htjela bih vodu. | (B) I want tea. |
| (3) Evo dva jaja. | (C) Here are two eggs. |
| (4) Ima mnogo ljudi. | (D) I would like water. |
| (5) Htjela bih čaj. | (E) There are many people. |
| (6) Želim čaj. | (F) I want water. |
| (7) Ne želim kavu. | (G) The table number is eleven. |
| (8) Želim vodu. | (H) I would like tea. |