

Pozivam, žao mi je, drugi put

Inviting and declining politely

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

Staying

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Invite with **Pozivam vas na večeru** or **Dodite na večeru**. Accept with thanks and a plan. Decline with **Žao mi je, ne mogu**; a short reason is enough.

Možda drugi put suggests another time. **Svi su zauzeti, nitko ne može** and **nema nikoga** have normal negative agreement. The pronoun nobody does not make an affirmative verb negative by itself.

A learner can say **zauzet sam • zauzeta sam**. **Sam • sama** can also mean alone or by oneself, a describing word separate from the auxiliary **sam**. The gendered forms in **sam kuham • sama kuham** refer to the cook, not the soup.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
večeru	Pozivam vas na večeru.	I invite you to dinner.
mi	Žao mi je, ne mogu.	I am sorry, I cannot.
put	Možda drugi put.	Maybe another time.
su	Svi su zauzeti.	Everyone is busy.

Pozivam vas na večeru.

I invite you to dinner.

Žao mi je, ne mogu.

I am sorry, I cannot.

Možda drugi put.

Maybe another time.

Svi su zauzeti.

Everyone is busy.

Nitko ne može doći.

Nobody can come.

Zauzeta (**Zauzet**) sam.

I am busy.

Sama (**Sam**) kuham.

I cook by myself.

Sviram u subotu.

I play on Saturday.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Pozivam vas na večeru.

Meaning: I invite you to dinner.

- 2 Žao mi je, ne mogu.

Meaning: I am sorry, I cannot.

- 3 Možda drugi put.

Meaning: Maybe another time.

- 4 Svi su zauzeti.

Meaning: Everyone is busy.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Pozivam vas na _____.

- ☐ A večeru
- ☐ B večerom
- ☐ C večera

Meaning: I invite you to dinner.

2 Žao _____ je, ne mogu.

- ☐ A ti
- ☐ B joj
- ☐ C mi

Meaning: I am sorry, I cannot.

3 Možda drugi _____.

- ☐ A posao
- ☐ B put
- ☐ C sat

Meaning: Maybe another time.

4 Svi _____ zauzeti.

- ☐ A sam
- ☐ B je
- ☐ C su

Meaning: Everyone is busy.

5 Nitko ne _____ doći.

- ☐ A možete
- ☐ B mogu
- ☐ C može

Meaning: Nobody can come.

6 Zauzeta _____.

- ☐ A sam
- ☐ B ste
- ☐ C si

Meaning: I am busy.

7 _____ kuham.

- ☐ A Sami
- ☐ B Samo
- ☐ C Sama

Meaning: I cook by myself.

8 Sviram u _____.

- ☐ A subotu
- ☐ B subotom
- ☐ C subota

Meaning: I play on Saturday.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

posao put

Možda drugi _____.

Meaning: Maybe another time.

je su

Svi _____ zauzeti.

Meaning: Everyone is busy.

mogu može

Nitko ne _____ doći.

Meaning: Nobody can come.

si sam

Zauzeta _____.

Meaning: I am busy.

Samo Sama

_____ kuham.

Meaning: I cook by myself.

subota subotu

Sviram u _____.

Meaning: I play on Saturday.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 na večeru. Pozivam vas

Meaning: I invite you to dinner.

2 ne žao mi je, mogu.

Meaning: I am sorry, I cannot.

3 Možda put. drugi

Meaning: Maybe another time.

4 su Svi zauzeti.

Meaning: Everyone is busy.

5 doći. Nitko može ne

Meaning: Nobody can come.

- 6 Sviram subotu. u

Meaning: I play on Saturday.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I invite you to dinner. You say:

- ☐ A Pozivam vas na večeru.
- ☐ B Pozivam vas na večera.

2 I am sorry, I cannot. You say:

- ☐ A Žao mi je, ne mogu.
- ☐ B Žao ti je, ne mogu.

3 Maybe another time. You say:

- ☐ A Možda drugi put.
- ☐ B Možda drugi posao.

4 Everyone is busy. You say:

- (A) Svi je zauzeti.
- (B) Svi su zauzeti.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Žao mi je, ne mogu. | (A) I invite you to dinner. |
| (2) Sviram u subotu. | (B) Everyone is busy. |
| (3) Nitko ne može doći. | (C) Nobody can come. |
| (4) Zauzeta sam. | (D) I am busy. |
| (5) Svi su zauzeti. | (E) I am sorry, I cannot. |
| (6) Pozivam vas na večeru. | (F) I cook by myself. |
| (7) Sama kuham. | (G) I play on Saturday. |
| (8) Možda drugi put. | (H) Maybe another time. |