

SCENE 7 • GRAMMAR

Nema stola, u kupaonici

Existence and absence in rooms

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

Croatian

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Existence and absence in rooms

Ima can mean there is/are as well as have. **Nema** says there is no: **nema stola, nema kauča, nema stolica**. This existence/absence pattern takes the genitive. Do not copy English there is/are into a person-conjugated be phrase.

A feminine noun in **-a** often has genitive **-e**: **šalica** → **šalice**. Many masculine nouns add **-a**: **stol** → **stola**. Genitive plural often has **-a**, but common phrases are learnt with their real form.

For a fixed location, **u** and **na** take the locative: **u stanu, u kupaonici**. For entry, learn **Mogu li ući?** and **Uđi • Uđite**. These imperative request chunks precede the fuller instructions lesson.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
stola	Nema stola.	There is no table.
kauča	Nema kauča.	There is no sofa.
stolica	Nema stolica.	There are no chairs.
krevet	Ima jedan krevet.	There is one bed.

Nema stola.

There is no table.

Nema kauča.

There is no sofa.

Nema stolica.

There are no chairs.

Ima jedan krevet.

There is one bed.

Miki je u stanu.

Miki is in the flat.

Kauč je u kupaonici.

The sofa is in the bathroom.

Mogu li ući?

May I come in?

Ormar je star.

The wardrobe is old.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Nema stola.

Meaning: There is no table.

2 Nema kauča.

Meaning: There is no sofa.

3 Nema stolica.

Meaning: There are no chairs.

4 Ima jedan krevet.

Meaning: There is one bed.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Nema _____.

- ☐ A stola
- ☐ B stolom
- ☐ C stol

Meaning: There is no table.

2 Nema _____.

- ☐ A kauč
- ☐ B kaučem
- ☐ C kauča

Meaning: There is no sofa.

3 Nema _____.

- ☐ A stolicama
- ☐ B stolice
- ☐ C stolica

Meaning: There are no chairs.

4 Ima jedan _____.

- ☐ A kreveta
- ☐ B krevet
- ☐ C krevetom

Meaning: There is one bed.

5 Miki je u _____.

- ☐ A stan
- ☐ B stanu
- ☐ C stana

Meaning: Miki is in the flat.

6 Kauč je u _____.

- ☐ A kupaonicom
- ☐ B kupaonica
- ☐ C kupaonici

Meaning: The sofa is in the bathroom.

7 Mogu li _____?

- ☐ A spavati
- ☐ B jesti
- ☐ C ući

Meaning: May I come in?

8 Ormar je _____.

- ☐ A star
- ☐ B stara
- ☐ C staro

Meaning: The wardrobe is old.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

stolica stolice

Nema _____.

Meaning: There are no chairs.

krevet kreveta

Ima jedan _____.

Meaning: There is one bed.

stanu stan

Miki je u _____.

Meaning: Miki is in the flat.

kupaonici kupaonica

Kauč je u _____.

Meaning: The sofa is in the bathroom.

ući spavati

Mogu li _____?

Meaning: May I come in?

star stara

Ormar je _____.

Meaning: The wardrobe is old.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Ima

krevet.

jedan

Meaning: There is one bed.

2 je stanu. Miki u

Meaning: Miki is in the flat.

3 Kauč kupaonici. u je

Meaning: The sofa is in the bathroom.

4 li ući? Mogu

Meaning: May I come in?

5 Ormar star. je

Meaning: The wardrobe is old.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 There is no table. You say:

- ☐ A Nema stol.
- ☐ B Nema stola.

2 There is no sofa. You say:

- ☐ A Nema kauča.
- ☐ B Nema kauč.

3 There are no chairs. You say:

- ☐ A Nema stolica.
- ☐ B Nema stolice.

4 There is one bed. You say:

- ☐ A Ima jedan krevet.
- ☐ B Ima jedan kreveta.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ① Nema stolica. | Ⓐ May I come in? |
| ② Ormar je star. | Ⓑ The sofa is in the bathroom. |
| ③ Nema kauča. | Ⓒ The wardrobe is old. |
| ④ Kauč je u kupaonici. | Ⓓ There is no table. |
| ⑤ Ima jedan krevet. | Ⓔ There is one bed. |
| ⑥ Nema stola. | Ⓕ Miki is in the flat. |
| ⑦ Miki je u stanu. | Ⓖ There is no sofa. |
| ⑧ Mogu li ući? | Ⓗ There are no chairs. |