

Romanian in everyday situations

Module 9: The festival

7 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The festival

Romanian

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o să cânt, o să cânte

A common spoken future is **o să** followed by the present subjunctive. The particle **o** does not change: **o să cânt, o să cânți, o să cânte, o să cântăm, o să cântați, o să cânte.**

Third-person singular and plural have the same following form: **o să vină, o să fie, o să aibă.** Negate before the future group: **nu o să vin.**

Another future is **voi, vei, va, vom, veți, vor** plus the infinitive without **a**: **voi veni, va veni.** Recognise it in formal messages; the course mainly practises **o să** and present with a future time.

am văzut, nu am găsit

Recycle compound past auxiliary forms **am, ai, a, am, ați, au.**

Useful participles are **văzut, auzit, găsit, plecat, venit, făcut.** They stay invariant for all subjects.

Questions use the same verb order: **Ai văzut pisica?, Ce ai auzit?.** Put **nu** before the auxiliary: **nu am găsit cheia.**

A completed event can use **ieri, aseară, sâmbătă.** A short continuing background can use **era**: **Era întuneric. Am auzit trompeta.**

mai întâi, apoi

Order a report with **mai întâi** (first), **apoi** (then), **după aceea** (after that). Use the compound past for each completed event: **a început, a căzut, am țipat**.

S-a întâmplat means it happened. The reflexive pronoun belongs to the verb **a se întâmpla**. Lights use reflexive expressions too: **s-au stins, s-au aprins**.

The subject of the event determines the auxiliary: **toba a căzut, luminile s-au stins**. The participle does not gain a plural ending.

era, dormea, a închis

The imperfect describes a past background or repeated activity; the compound past tells a completed event. Compare **dormea** (was sleeping) and **a dormit** (slept).

Useful background forms are **era, avea, dormea, cânta**. Their first-person forms are **eram, aveam, dormeam, cântam**. Use **când** to connect an event to its setting: **Dormeam când a sunat telefonul**.

The course does not require a full imperfect conjugation for every verb. Learn these common background forms and keep simple event stories in the compound past.

I-am văzut, am văzut-o

With compound past, masculine singular **îl** becomes attached **I-** before the auxiliary: **I-am văzut**. Feminine **o** follows the participle: **am văzut-o**. Masculine plural **i-am văzut** and feminine/neuter plural **le-am văzut** go before the auxiliary.

These pronouns refer to the object. A male or female learner says **am văzut-o** when seeing Ana. The subject's sex does not change the participle.

Open a postcard with **Dragă Anna** and close with **Cu drag**. Use short completed past sentences and a clear future plan for tomorrow.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Eu o să cânt.

Meaning: I will sing.

- 2 Eu am văzut pisica.

Meaning: I saw the cat.

- 3 Concertul a început.

Meaning: The concert started.

- 4 Maria dormea când a sunat telefonul.

Meaning: Maria was sleeping when the phone rang.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Eu o să _____.

- ☐ A cânte
- ☐ B cânt
- ☐ C cânți

Meaning: I will sing.

2 Eu am _____ pisica.

- ☐ A vedem
- ☐ B văd
- ☐ C văzut

Meaning: I saw the cat.

3 Concertul _____ început.

- ☐ A a
- ☐ B au
- ☐ C am

Meaning: The concert started.

4 Maria _____ când a sunat telefonul.

- ☐ A dormeam
- ☐ B dormea
- ☐ C dormeai

Meaning: Maria was sleeping when the phone rang.

5 Pe Andrei? _____ văzut.

- ☐ A L-am
- ☐ B Am văzut-o
- ☐ C Le-am

Meaning: Andrei? I saw him.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

am a

Concertul _____ început.

Meaning: The concert started.

dormeam dormea

Maria _____ când a sunat telefonul.

Meaning: Maria was sleeping when the phone rang.

Le-am L-am

Pe Andrei? _____ văzut.

Meaning: Andrei? I saw him.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

o

cânt.

Eu

să

Meaning: I will sing.

2 pisica. am Eu văzut

Meaning: I saw the cat.

3 Concertul a început.

Meaning: The concert started.

4 a Maria telefonul. dormea când sunat

Meaning: Maria was sleeping when the phone rang.

5 L-am Pe Andrei? văzut.

Meaning: Andrei? I saw him.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I will sing. You say:

- ☐ A Eu o să cânt.
- ☐ B Eu o să cânt.

2 I saw the cat. You say:

- ☐ A Eu am văd pisica.
- ☐ B Eu am văzut pisica.

3 The concert started. You say:

- ☐ A Concertul am început.
- ☐ B Concertul a început.

4 Maria was sleeping when the phone rang. You say:

- ☐ A Maria dormeam când a sunat telefonul.
- ☐ B Maria dormea când a sunat telefonul.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Pe Andrei? L-am văzut. | ① A I will sing. |
| ② Eu o să cânt. | ② B Andrei? I saw him. |
| ③ Eu am văzut pisica. | ③ C Maria was sleeping when the phone rang. |
| ④ Concertul a început. | ④ D I saw the cat. |
| ⑤ Maria dormea când a sunat telefonul. | ⑤ E The concert started. |

G7) AGREEMENT IN YOUR REPLY

Match the pairs.

① Mulțumesc, Ana. ④ Thank you, Ana.

② Sunt flămândă. ⑤ I am hungry.

③ Sunt obosită. ⑥ I am tired.