

Croatian in everyday situations

Module 6: Around town

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Croatian

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Na kolodvor, na kolodvoru

U • na plus the accusative marks destination, while **u • na** plus the locative marks a fixed place: **idem u stan, živim u stanu; idem na kolodvor, na kolodvoru sam.**

From uses **iz • od • s** plus the genitive: **iz kuće, od kuće, s kolodvora.** **K** plus the dative moves toward a person or point: **k baki.** Do not assign one case to every preposition regardless of meaning.

Directions are **skrenite lijevo • desno, idite ravno, prva ulica lijevo, druga desno.** A simple case table compares destination and fixed place with the same few familiar nouns.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
kolodvor	Idem na kolodvor.	I go to the station.
kolodvoru	Na kolodvoru sam.	I am at the station.
stan	Idem u stan.	I go into the flat.
stanu	Živim u stanu.	I live in the flat.

Kilogram rajčica, bocu mlijeka

A measure or container is followed by a genitive: **kilogram rajčica, pola kilograma sira, boca mlijeka, komad kolača**. The container itself changes case when it is an object: **želim bocu mlijeka**.

With two, three and four, use common counted forms: **dva kilograma, tri komada**. With five up, genitive plural: **pet kilograma, deset boca**. **Pola** takes genitive singular for a single measure: **pola kilograma**.

Još nešto? asks anything else. **To je sve** finishes. **Ukupno** gives the total. The market purchase is €12.50, and Miki's monthly fish bill €42; quantities and ownership must stay clear.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
rajčica	Želim kilogram rajčica.	I want a kilo of tomatoes.
krumpira	Želim dva kilograma krumpira.	I want two kilos of potatoes.
sira	Pola kilograma sira.	Half a kilo of cheese.
bocu	Želim bocu mlijeka.	I want a bottle of milk.

Vlakom, povratna karta

Transport can use the instrumental alone: **vlakom, autobusom, autom, biciklom**. Do not add companion **s** for ordinary by-train travel. **Pješice** means on foot and does not take an invented noun-case ending.

Povratna karta is return, **karta u jednom smjeru** one way. An object is **dvije povratne karte**. **Otkazan** is cancelled and agrees with **vlak; polazi • stiže** says leaves/arrives.

A 24-hour timetable uses **u sedamnaest i četrdeset**. A future plan can use the present with a time word: **Sutra idem vlakom**. This does not require a future verb form in every sentence.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
vlakom	Idem vlakom.	I go by train.
autobusom	Idem autobusom.	I go by bus.
biciklom	Idem biciklom.	I go by bicycle.
pješice	Idem pješice.	I go on foot.

Mogu, smijem, odakle ste

Moći is possibility or ability: **mogu, možeš, može, možemo, možete, mogu. Mogu li ući?** can politely request entry; context distinguishes possibility from permission.

Smjeti explicitly expresses permission: **smijem, smiješ, smije, smijemo, smijete, smiju. Ne smijem** is not allowed; **ne mogu** cannot. **Znati** plus the infinitive describes a learned skill, as in **znam plivati**.

Keep origin and location distinct: **iz Njemačke, u Hrvatskoj. Kamo?** is where to; **gdje?** where at. Say **Idemo za Mikijem** to follow Miki; the companion phrase takes instrumental.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
mogu	Ja mogu doći.	I can come.
možete	Vi možete doći.	You can come. (polite)
smijem	Ja smijem ući.	I am allowed to enter.
ne mogu	Ja ne mogu plivati.	I cannot swim.

Nasuprot, između, zatim

Nasuprot takes dative: **nasuprot parku**. **Između** takes genitive: **između banke i ljekarne**. **Pokraj** also takes genitive, while fixed **na uglu** is locative.

Sequence can use **prvo, zatim, pa**. Keep instructions short: **Prvo desno, zatim druga ulica lijevo**. The ordinal agrees with the street: **druga ulica**.

For already completed making, recycle the perfect introduced with photos: **Nacrtala sam kartu** is Lana's sentence. The maker's gender controls **nacrtao · nacrtala**, but the object keeps its own accusative **kartu**.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
parku	Škola je nasuprot parku.	The school is opposite the park.
banke	Pošta je između banke i ljekarne.	The post office is between the bank and pharmacy.
uglu	Supermarket je na uglu.	The supermarket is on the corner.
zatim	Prvo desno, zatim lijevo.	First right, then left.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Ja sam Nijemac.

Meaning: I am German.

2 Ja sam Njemica.

Meaning: I am German.

3 Nacrtao sam kartu.

Meaning: I drew the map.

4 Nacrtala sam kartu.

Meaning: I drew the map.

5 Idem na kolodvor.

Meaning: I go to the station.

- 6 Želim kilogram rajčica.

Meaning: I want a kilo of tomatoes.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

- 1 **Lukas: Ja sam _____.**

- ☐ A Nijemci
- ☐ B Nijemac
- ☐ C Nijemcima

Meaning: I am German.

- 2 **Lena: Ja sam _____.**

- ☐ A Nijemci
- ☐ B Nijemcima
- ☐ C Njemica

Meaning: I am German.

3 Lukas: _____ sam kartu.

- ☐ A Nacrtali
- ☐ B Nacrtao
- ☐ C Nacrtalo

Meaning: I drew the map.

4 Lena: _____ sam kartu.

- ☐ A Nacrtala
- ☐ B Nacrtalo
- ☐ C Nacrtali

Meaning: I drew the map.

5 Idem na _____.

- ☐ A kolodvorom
- ☐ B kolodvor
- ☐ C kolodvoru

Meaning: I go to the station.

6 Želim kilogram _____.

- ☐ A rajčice
- ☐ B rajčica
- ☐ C rajčicama

Meaning: I want a kilo of tomatoes.

7 Idem _____.

- ☐ A vlaka
- ☐ B vlaku
- ☐ C vlakom

Meaning: I go by train.

8 Ja _____ doći.

- ☐ A možete
- ☐ B mogu
- ☐ C možeš

Meaning: I can come.

9 Škola je nasuprot _____.

- ☐ A parkom
- ☐ B parku
- ☐ C park

Meaning: The school is opposite the park.

10 Na _____ sam.

- ☐ A kolodvora
- ☐ B kolodvor
- ☐ C kolodvoru

Meaning: I am at the station.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

kolodvoru kolodvor

Idem na _____.

Meaning: I go to the station.

rajčice rajčica

Želim kilogram _____.

Meaning: I want a kilo of tomatoes.

vlaka vlakom

Idem _____.

Meaning: I go by train.

možeš mogu

Ja _____ doći.

Meaning: I can come.

park parku

Škola je nasuprot _____.

Meaning: The school is opposite the park.

kolodvor kolodvoru

Na _____ sam.

Meaning: I am at the station.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Ja

Nijemac.

sam

Meaning: I am German.

2 Ja Njemica. sam

Meaning: I am German.

3 Nacrtao sam kartu.

Meaning: I drew the map.

4 kartu. sam Nacrtala

Meaning: I drew the map.

5 Idem kolodvor. na

Meaning: I go to the station.

- 6 kilogram rajčica. Želim

Meaning: I want a kilo of tomatoes.

- 7 doći. mogu Ja

Meaning: I can come.

- 8 je nasuprot parku. Škola

Meaning: The school is opposite the park.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 **Lukas: I am German. You say:**

- (A) Ja sam Nijemac.
(B) Ja sam Nijemci.

2 Lena: I am German. You say:

- ☐ A Ja sam Nijemci.
- ☐ B Ja sam Njemica.

3 Lukas: I drew the map. You say:

- ☐ A Nacrtao sam kartu.
- ☐ B Nacrtalo sam kartu.

4 Lena: I drew the map. You say:

- ☐ A Nacrtala sam kartu.
- ☐ B Nacrtalo sam kartu.

5 I go to the station. You say:

- ☐ A Idem na kolodvor.
- ☐ B Idem na kolodvoru.

6 I want a kilo of tomatoes. You say:

- ☐ A Želim kilogram rajčice.
- ☐ B Želim kilogram rajčica.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ① Ja mogu doći. | Ⓐ I am at the station. |
| ② Škola je nasuprot parku. | Ⓑ I go by train. |
| ③ Ja sam Njemica. | Ⓒ I go to the station. |
| ④ Želim kilogram rajčica. | Ⓓ I am German. |
| ⑤ Idem vlakom. | Ⓔ I drew the map. |
| ⑥ Idem na kolodvor. | Ⓕ I want a kilo of tomatoes. |
| ⑦ Nacrtala sam kartu. | Ⓖ The school is opposite the park. |
| ⑧ Na kolodvoru sam. | Ⓗ I can come. |