

SCENE 43 • GRAMMAR

Prvo, zatim, pao, plesao

A report and event sequence

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The festival

Croatian

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A report and event sequence

Prvo, zatim, onda, poslije order events. A past time or the report context lets you reuse the perfect without repeating yesterday in every sentence.

Useful irregulars are **pasti** → **pao** • **pala**, **otići** → **otišao** • **otišla**, **doći** → **došao** • **došla**. Regular **plesati** → **plesao** • **plesala** follows the same auxiliary-and-agreement pattern. Polite **Vi ste plesali** keeps masculine plural agreement for either learner sex.

A report can use 24-hour times, **dvadeset i četrnaest**. **Ništa nisam vidio** • **vidjela** is standard negative agreement. Do not remove the negative auxiliary just because the sentence already has nothing.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Prvo	Prvo je počeo koncert.	First the concert started.
pao	Zatim je bubanj pao.	Then the drum fell.
Otišao	Otišao sam kući.	I went home.
Došao	Došao sam u osam.	I came at eight.

Prvo je počeo koncert.

First the concert started.

Zatim je bubanj pao.

Then the drum fell.

Otišla (Otišao) sam kući.

I went home.

Došla (Došao) sam u osam.

I came at eight.

Dario je plesao.

Dario danced.

Vi ste plesali.

You danced. (polite)

Ništa nisam vidjela (vidio).

I did not see anything.

To je pogreška.

That is a mistake.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Prvo je počeo koncert.

Meaning: First the concert started.

- 2 Zatim je bubanj pao.

Meaning: Then the drum fell.

- 3 Otišla sam kući.

Meaning: I went home.

- 4 Došla sam u osam.

Meaning: I came at eight.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ je počeo koncert.

- ☐ A Sutra
- ☐ B Prvo
- ☐ C Poslije

Meaning: First the concert started.

2 Zatim je bubanj _____.

- ☐ A palo
- ☐ B pao
- ☐ C pala

Meaning: Then the drum fell.

3 _____ sam kući.

- ☐ A Otišli
- ☐ B Otišla
- ☐ C Otišlo

Meaning: I went home.

4 _____ sam u osam.

- ☐ A Došlo
- ☐ B Došla
- ☐ C Došli

Meaning: I came at eight.

5 Dario je _____.

- ☐ A plesala
- ☐ B plesao
- ☐ C plesalo

Meaning: Dario danced.

6 Vi ste _____.

- ☐ A plesao
- ☐ B plesala
- ☐ C plesali

Meaning: You danced. (polite)

7 Ništa _____ vidjela.

- ☐ A nije
- ☐ B nisi
- ☐ C nisam

Meaning: I did not see anything.

8 To je _____.

- ☐ A pjesma
- ☐ B fotografija
- ☐ C pogreška

Meaning: That is a mistake.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Otišla Otišlo

_____ sam kući.

Meaning: I went home.

Došla Došlo

_____ sam u osam.

Meaning: I came at eight.

plesao plesala

Dario je _____.

Meaning: Dario danced.

plesali plesao

Vi ste _____.

Meaning: You danced. (polite)

nisam nisi

Ništa _____ vidjela.

Meaning: I did not see anything.

pogreška pjesma

To je _____.

Meaning: That is a mistake.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 koncert. počeo Prvo je

Meaning: First the concert started.

2 pao. Zatim bubanj je

Meaning: Then the drum fell.

3 Otišla sam kući.

Meaning: I went home.

4 sam osam. Došla u

Meaning: I came at eight.

5 plesao. je Dario

Meaning: Dario danced.

6 plesali. ste Vi

Meaning: You danced. (polite)

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 First the concert started. You say:

- ☐ A Poslije je počeo koncert.
- ☐ B Prvo je počeo koncert.

2 Then the drum fell. You say:

- ☐ A Zatim je bubanj pao.
- ☐ B Zatim je bubanj pala.

3 I went home. You say:

- ☐ A Otišla sam kući.
- ☐ B Otišlo sam kući.

4 I came at eight. You say:

- (A) Došla sam u osam.
- (B) Došlo sam u osam.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Dario je plesao. | (A) You danced. (polite) |
| (2) Došla sam u osam. | (B) First the concert started. |
| (3) Ništa nisam vidjela. | (C) Then the drum fell. |
| (4) To je pogreška. | (D) Dario danced. |
| (5) Prvo je počeo koncert. | (E) That is a mistake. |
| (6) Vi ste plesali. | (F) I went home. |
| (7) Otišla sam kući. | (G) I did not see anything. |

- ⑧ Zatim je bubanj
pao.
- ⑨ I came at eight.