

SCENE 19 • GRAMMAR

Niki, za Niko, zate

Recipients and presents

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Recipients and presents

The dative identifies who receives something: **dam Niki darilo, dam mami knjigo, dam Juretu ključ.** Ask **Komu?** Common feminine singular dative is **-i**; masculine **-u** with stem changes in names such as **Jure → Juretu.**

With **za** (for), use the accusative: **darilo za Niko, za mamo, za Jureta.** Pronoun chunks include **zate** (for you, familiar), **za vas** (for you, polite), **zame** (for me). Dative **mi/ti** can be short: **Maja mi da torto.**

Form	Example	Meaning
Niki	Dam Niki darilo.	I give Nika a present.
Niko	To je darilo za Niko.	This is a present for Nika.
Juretu	Dam Juretu ključ.	I give Jure a key.
mi	Maja mi da torto.	Maja gives me cake.
zame	Vesel sem. Darilo je zame.	I am happy. The present is for me.
mami	Vesel sem. Dam darilo mami.	I am happy. I give Mum a present.

Dam Niki darilo.

I give Nika a present.

To je darilo za Niko.

This is a present for Nika.

Dam Juretu ključ.

I give Jure a key.

Maja mi da torto.

Maja gives me cake.

Vesela (Vesel) sem. Darilo je zame.

I am happy. The present is for me.

Vesela (Vesel) sem. Dam darilo mami.

I am happy. I give Mum a present.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 Dam Niki darilo.

Meaning: I give Nika a present.

- 2 To je darilo za Niko.

Meaning: This is a present for Nika.

- 3 Dam Juretu ključ.

Meaning: I give Jure a key.

- 4 Maja mi da torto.

Meaning: Maja gives me cake.

- 5 Vesela sem. Darilo je zame.

Meaning: I am happy. The present is for me.

- 6 Vesela sem. Dam darilo mami.

Meaning: I am happy. I give Mum a present.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 Dam _____ darilo.

- ☐ A Niko
- ☐ B Nika
- ☐ C Niki

Meaning: I give Nika a present.

2 To je darilo za _____.

- ☐ A Nika
- ☐ B Niko
- ☐ C Niki

Meaning: This is a present for Nika.

3 Dam _____ ključ.

- ☐ A Juretu
- ☐ B Jure
- ☐ C Jureta

Meaning: I give Jure a key.

4 Maja _____ da torto.

- ☐ A me
- ☐ B mi
- ☐ C jaz

Meaning: Maja gives me cake.

5 Vesela sem. Darilo je _____.

- ☐ A zanjo
- ☐ B zame
- ☐ C zate

Meaning: I am happy. The present is for me.

6 Vesela sem. Dam darilo _____.

- ☐ A mamo
- ☐ B mami
- ☐ C mama

Meaning: I am happy. I give Mum a present.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Nika Niki

Dam _____ darilo.

Meaning: I give Nika a present.

Nika Niko

To je darilo za _____.

Meaning: This is a present for Nika.

Jure Juretu

Dam _____ ključ.

Meaning: I give Jure a key.

me mi

Maja _____ da torto.

Meaning: Maja gives me cake.

zate zame

Vesela sem. Darilo je _____.

Meaning: I am happy. The present is for me.

mama mami

Vesela sem. Dam darilo _____.

Meaning: I am happy. I give Mum a present.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1

darilo.

Niki

Dam

Meaning: I give Nika a present.

2 darilo Niko. To je za

Meaning: This is a present for Nika.

3 Dam Juretu ključ.

Meaning: I give Jure a key.

4 torto. mi da Maja

Meaning: Maja gives me cake.

5 zame. Darilo Vesela je sem.

Meaning: I am happy. The present is for me.

- 6 darilo mami. Vesela Dam sem.

Meaning: I am happy. I give Mum a present.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I give Nika a present. You say:

- ☐ A Dam Niki darilo.
- ☐ B Dam Nika darilo.

2 This is a present for Nika. You say:

- ☐ A To je darilo za Nika.
- ☐ B To je darilo za Niko.

3 I give Jure a key. You say:

- ☐ A Dam Jure ključ.
- ☐ B Dam Juretu ključ.

4 Maja gives me cake. You say:

- (A) Maja me da torto.
- (B) Maja mi da torto.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Maja mi da torto. | (A) Maja gives me cake. |
| (2) Dam Juretu ključ. | (B) This is a present for Nika. |
| (3) Vesela sem. Darilo je zame. | (C) I am happy. The present is for me. |
| (4) Vesela sem. Dam darilo mami. | (D) I am happy. I give Mum a present. |
| (5) Dam Niki darilo. | (E) I give Nika a present. |
| (6) To je darilo za Niko. | (F) I give Jure a key. |