

NOUNS

You can usually see the **gender** in the last letter. It decides the plural, and the form of everything that goes with the word.

	MASCULINE	FEMININE	NEUTER
ends in	consonant	-a	-o / -e
example	grad, student	kuća, žena	selo, more
plural	gradovi, studenti	kuće, žene	sela, mora
rule	+ i (short: + ovi / + evi)	-a → -e	→ -a

In the plural you use **su**: Gradovi su veliki.

EXCEPTIONS TO GENDER

masculine, in -a	tata, kolega, Luka → dobar tata
feminine, in a consonant	noć, večer, stvar, ljubav → dobra večer
always feminine	-ost, -est: radost, vijest
masculine, in a vowel	auto, radio, taksi, Marko
neuter in -e	ime, vrijeme, rame, dijete
plural only (su)	vrata, usta, naočale, hlače, škare, novine

EXCEPTIONS TO THE PLURAL

short word: + ovi / + evi	grad → gradovi, nož → noževi
short, but still -i	gost → gosti, zub → zubi, dan → dani
the a drops out	pas → psi, otac → očevi, stranac → stranci
k, g, h → c, z, s	učenik → učenici, kovčeg → kovčezi
-me → -mena	ime → imena, vrijeme → vremena

IRREGULAR: LEARN BY HEART

čovjek → ljudi	dijete → djeca	oko → oči
person → people	child → children	eye → eyes
uho → uši	brat → braća	gospodin → gospoda
ear → ears	brother → brothers	gentleman → gentlemen
kći → kćeri		
daughter → daughters		

PRONUNCIATION

c ts **č / ć** ch (hard / soft) **dž / đ** j (hard / soft) **j** y, as in "yes"
lj li, as in "million" **nj** ny, as in "canyon" **š** sh **ž** z, as in "pleasure"

THE VERB BITI AND QUESTIONS

	TO BE	NOT TO BE	QUESTION
ja	sam	nisam	jesam li...?
ti	si	nisi	jesi li...?
on, ona, ono	je	nije	je li...?
mi	smo	nismo	jesmo li...?
vi, Vi	ste	niste	jeste li...?
oni, one, ona	su	nisu	jesu li...?

The short form never comes first: Umoran sam, not Sam umoran. Short answers: Jesam. / Nisam. About someone else: Jest. / Nije.

QUESTION WORDS

tko who **što** what **gdje** where **odakle** where from **kako** how
koliko how much

Question word + short form: Gdje je Ana? Yes/no question: long form + li: Jesi li umoran? Informal ti, formal Vi: Kako ste?

WHAT GOES WITH THE WORD

jedan, dva and every adjective adapt to the gender, in the plural too.

	MASCULINE	FEMININE	NEUTER
one	jedan grad	jedna kuća	jedno selo
two	dva grada	dvije kuće	dva sela
adjective	dobar grad	dobra kuća	dobro selo
plural	dobri gradovi	dobre kuće	dobra sela
with biti	Grad je velik.	Kuća je velika.	Selo je veliko.

The real gender counts: dobar tata, Luka je umoran. With hladan → hladna and umoran → umorna the a drops out.

NUMBERS AND MONEY

1-10	jedan, dva, tri, četiri, pet, šest, sedam, osam, devet, deset
11-19	jedanaest, dvanaest, trinaest ... devetnaest
20-100	dvadeset, trideset, četrdeset, pedeset, šezdeset, sedamdeset, osamdeset, devedeset, sto
21, 47	dvadeset jedan, četrdeset sedam
1 euro (also 21, 31...), 2-4 eura, 5 eura and up.	

USEFUL PHRASES

GREETINGS

Bok! · Dobar dan! · Dobra večer!
hi · good day · good evening

Kako si? / Kako ste?
how are you? (ti / Vi)

Drago mi je.
nice to meet you

Laku noć! · Doviđenja!
good night · goodbye

POLITE

Hvala. · Molim.
thank you · please

Nema na čemu.
you're welcome

Oprosti. / Oprostite.
sorry (ti / Vi)

Ne razumijem.
I don't understand

FOOD AND SHOPPING

Jednu kavu, molim.
one coffee, please

Dobar tek! · Živjeli!
enjoy your meal · cheers

Račun, molim.
the bill, please

Koliko košta?
how much is it?

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

Umoran / Umorna sam.
I am tired (man / woman)

Gladan / Gladna sam.
I am hungry (man / woman)

Boli me glava.
I have a headache