

Belarusian for Beginners

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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: English to Belarusian: have = мець (mieć')

Level up your English – Belarusian skills in a lively lesson on the verb have – мець (mieć'). Practice all core forms (I, you, he, she, it, we, you plural, they) with real-life drills and pronunciation. Learn natural possession patterns like at X there is with examples such as у цябе ёсць (u ciabie jość) and у нас ёсць (u nas jość).

Welcome from SynapseLingo

Hey, good to have you here! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more resources at www.synapse-lingo.com.

Today you'll master the English verb have in Belarusian: мець (mieć'), plus everyday forms like я маю (ja maju) and у цябе ёсць (u ciabie jość). Let's have some fun – pun absolutely intended!

Your goal today

You'll recognize and say all core forms confidently. Keep your ears open and repeat out loud.

- Base verb: have = мець (mieć).
- I have = я маю (ja maju).
- You have (sing.) = у цябе ёсць (u ciabie jość).
- He has = у яго ёсць (u jaho jość).
- She has = яна мае (yana maye).
- It has = яно мае (jano maje).
- We have = у нас ёсць (u nas jość).
- You have (plural) = вы маеце (vy majecie).
- They have = яны маюць (jany majuć).
- Remember: you can do this. Let's roll!

Mini culture tip

Quick secret to sound natural in Belarusian.

Belarusian often says possession as “at X there is.” So “you have” is usually у цябе ёсць (u ciabie jość), and “we have” is у нас ёсць (u nas jość). You'll also hear verb forms like яна мае (yana maye) and яны маюць (jany majuć). Both are correct; the ‘at X there is’ pattern is super common in daily talk.

Dialogue at the station

Listen first, then repeat the Belarusian lines after the beep.

- A: Do we have the tickets? – We have. In Belarusian: у нас ёсць (u nas jość).
- B: He has the keys. – у яго ёсць ключы (u jaho jość kličy).
- A: She has the map. – яна мае мапу (yana maye mapu).
- B: You have cash, right? (sing.) – у цябе ёсць наяўныя? (u ciabie jość najawnye?)
- A: I have a plan. – я маю план (ja maju plan).
- B (to the group): You have rooms on the second floor. – вы маеце нумары на другім паверсе (vy majecie numary na druhim paversie).
- A: It has Wi-Fi. – яно мае Wi-Fi (jano maje Wi-Fi).
- B: They have everything! – яны маюць усё (jany majuć usio).

Call-and-response drill

I say the English; you answer in Belarusian after the pause.
Speak up!

- have → мець (mieć)
- I have → я маю (ja maju)
- you have (sing.) → у цябе ёсць (u ciabie jość)

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- he has → у яго ёсць (u jaho jość)
 - she has → яна мае (jana maje)
 - it has → яно мае (jano maje)
 - we have → у нас ёсць (u nas jość)
 - you have (plural) → вы маеце (vy majecie)
 - they have → яны маюць (jany majuć)

Funny memory hooks

Let humor glue the words in your brain.

- A magician pulls a sandwich from a hat: “Now I have lunch!” In Belarusian: я маю абед (ja maju abed).
- Your backpack brags: “It has pockets for days!” → яно мае кішэні на ўсе выпадкі (jano maje kišenì na ŭsie vypadka).
- Team squirrel voice: “We have reserves!” → у нас ёсць запасы (u nas jość zapasy).
- Coach vibes: “You have everything you need!” (to group) → вы маеце ўсё патрэбнае (vy majecie usio patrebnaje).

Quick quiz

Answer aloud after the pause; then I'll confirm.

- Q1: How do you say “he has”? A: у яго ёсць (u jaho jość).

- Q2: Give “they have.” A: яны маюць (jany majuć).
- Q3: Say “we have.” A: у нас ёсць (u nas jość).
- Q4: The base verb “have” is...? A: мець (mieć’).

Final challenge

Your turn – build the line in Belarusian after each prompt.

- Prompt: I have time. → я маю час (ja maju čas).
- Prompt: You have a ticket (sing.). → у цябе ёсць білет (u ciabie jość bilet).
- Prompt: She has a plan. → яна мае план (yana мае plan).
- Prompt: It has a new battery. → яно мае новую батарэю (jano maje novuju batareju).
- Prompt: You have maps (plural you). → вы маеце карты (vy majecie karty).

Wrap-up

Nice work – you now truly have the verb have!

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing мець (mieć’), я маю (ja maju), у цябе ёсць (u ciabie jość), у яго ёсць (u jaho jość), яна мае (yana мае), яно мае (jano мае), у нас ёсць (u nas jość), вы маеце (vy majecie), яны маюць (jany majuć). This episode was brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more lessons, drills, and laughs. See you next time!

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: English – Belarusian To Be: Master [to be] and быць (być) fast

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this funny, engaging English – Belarusian mini-lesson helps you master the verb to be – быць (być). We'll drill real-life forms like я ёсць (ja josć) (I am), ты ёсць (ty josć) (you are), ён ёсць (jon josć) (he is), яна ёсць (jana josć) (she is), гэта (heta) (it is), мы ёсць (my josć) (we are), вы ёсць (Vy josć) (you are, plural), and яны (jany) (they are). Perfect for beginners learning Belarusian from English, with quick dialogues, culture tips, and a playful quiz to cement meaning and pronunciation.

SynapseLingo welcome

Hey, you! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your fun route to fluent moments. Visit www.synapse-

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Today we unlock the English – Belarusian verb to be: from “to be” to быць (być). Buckle up, breathe out, smile in.

Your goal today

In a few minutes you'll say and recognize all core forms with confidence.

- Target checklist: я ёсць (ja josć), ты ёсць (ty josć), ён ёсць (jon josć), яна ёсць (jana josć), гэта (heta), мы ёсць (my josć), вы ёсць (Vy josć), яны (jany), and infinitive быць (być).
- Mini-mission: nail these in a fun drill, then show them off in a quick dialogue.

Turbo forms chant

Repeat after me – short, strong, smiley.

- I am – я ёсць (ja josć).
- You are (sing.) – ты ёсць (ty josć).
- He is – ён ёсць (jon josć).
- She is – яна ёсць (jana josć).
- It is – гэта (heta).
- We are – мы ёсць (my josć).
- You are (plural) – вы ёсць (Vy josć).
- They are – яны (jany).
- Infinitive – to be: быць (być).

Funny mini-dialogue

Let's drop the forms into real life – short and silly.

- A: Who's at the door?
- B: Гэта (Heta) pizza! It is pizza!
- A: Great. I am hungry – я ёсць (ja josć) hungry for victory too.
- B: You are ready – ты ёсць (ty josć) готовы/готова (ready)!
- A: He is here – ён ёсць (jon josć). She is here – яна ёсць (jana josć).
- B: We are a team – мы ёсць (my josć) команда.
- A: You are legends – вы ёсць (Vy josć) легенды.
- Both: They are awesome – яны (jany) супер!

Pronunciation hack

Quick tip so your mouth cooperates.

- Hear the “yo” in ёсць (josć); it's like “yo + shch (soft ś).”
- Point at a thing and label it гэта (heta) (it is).
- Tap your chest for я ёсць (ja josć); point to a friend for ты ёсць (ty josć).

Call-and-response drill

I cue it, you echo it – out loud, like a champ.

- Say: I am ready – я ёсць гатовы (ja josć hatovy) (masc) / я ёсць гатовая (ja josć hatovaja) (fem).
- Say: You are my friend – ты ёсць мой сябар (ty josć moj siabra).
- Say: He is here – ён ёсць тут (jon josć tut).
- Say: She is at home – яна ёсць дома (jana josć doma).
- Say: It is my book – гэта мая кніга (heta maja kniha).
- Say: We are together – мы ёсць разам (my josć razam).
- Say: You are awesome (group) – вы ёсць цудоўныя (Vy josć cudounyja).
- Say: They are in the park – яны ў парку (jany ў parku).

Culture tip

A tiny grammar gem for big confidence.

In everyday Belarusian, the present ‘to be’ can drop out, but adding ёсць (josć) gives emphasis: “я ёсць тут (ja josć tut)” (I am here). And remember: pointing plus гэта (heta) is your Swiss-army knife for “it is/this is.”

Lightning quiz

Answer fast; if you grin, you win.

- Which Belarusian verb means “to be”? → быць (być).
- Translate: “It is my book.” → Гэта мая кніга (Heta maja kniha).
- Fill the blank: “- - - дома.” = “we are at home.” → Мы ёсць (My josć).
- Say “you are” to one friend → ты ёсць (ty josć); to a group → вы ёсць (Vy josć).

Story challenge

Build a tiny tale using every form – your victory lap.

- I knock and say: I am here – я ёсць тут (ja josć tut).
- You are on time – ты ёсць своечасова (ty josć sva-jočasova).
- He is ready – ён ёсць гатовы (jon josć hatovy); she is smiling – яна ёсць вясёлая (jana josć vasiołaja).
- It is a good idea – гэта добрая ідэя (heta dobraya ideja).
- We are a team – мы ёсць каманда (my josć ka-manda); you are champions – вы ёсць чэмпіёны (Vy josć čempi'jony).
- They are here – яны (jany) тут. Choose to be – choose быць (być)!

Goodbye from SynapseLingo

You nailed it – short, sweet, and useful.

Thanks for listening! Practice these lines today, and come back tomorrow for more wins. For extra exercises, videos, and freebies, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. Keep going – ты ёсць (ty josc) unstoppable!

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: English – Belarusian: go = ісці (isci) – Fun Verb Practice

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this English – Belarusian podcast teaches the verb “go” fast: go → ісці (isci), I go → Я іду (Ya idu), you go → Ты ідзеш (Ty idzesh), he goes → Ён ідзе (Yon idze), she goes → Яна ідзе (Yana idzie), so-so (it goes) → Так сабе (Tak sabie), we go → Мы ідзем (My idziom), you (plural) go → Вы ідзяце (Vy idziacie), they go → Яны ідуць (Yany iduts). Perfect for beginners who want natural, spoken drills and a smile. Learn Belarusian basics with clear examples, culture tips, and quizzes. Keywords: Learn Belarusian, English Belarusian, verb to go, present tense, ісці (isci), podcast.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey you, ready to have fun while you learn Belarusian? Let's warm up and get moving together.

This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources, printable cheatsheets, and mini-games. Today your mission is simple: master English “go” and its Belarusian superpower ісці (isci) with friendly, funny drills. Let’s go!

Your goal today

In a few minutes, you’ll say every key form confidently. Speak aloud with me.

- go → ісці (isci)
- I go → Я іду (Ya idu)
- you go (singular) → Ты ідзеш (Ty idzesh)
- he goes → Ён ідзе (Yon idze)
- she goes → Яна ідзе (Yana idzie)
- it goes → in everyday replies this is “so-so”: Так сабе (Tak sabie)
- we go → Мы ідзем (My idziom)
- you (plural) go → Вы ідзяце (Vy idziacie)
- they go → Яны ідуць (Yany iduts)

Funny dialogue: The Couch vs. Your Feet

Repeat the Belarusian lines after me and enjoy the silliness.

- Couch: Stay!