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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: English – Bulgarian Verb Spotlight: have ↔ имам (imam)

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun mini-lesson helps you learn the English – Bulgarian pair have ↔ имам (imam) with clear, spoken-friendly practice. We cover key forms and phrases in English and Bulgarian: have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have, plus Bulgarian forms like mu имам (ti imash) and hue имаме (nie imame). Perfect for learners who want to master the verb have in everyday contexts, with humor, culture tips, and quick drills. Visit SynapseLingo for more English – Bulgarian learning content and resources.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey you, great to have you here! Let's make have in Bulgarian feel easy and fun.

This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo. For

more lessons and goodies, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. Today we play with the English verb have and its Bulgarian partner **имам** (imam). We will joke, drill, and celebrate every tiny win. Ready? Let's roll!

Your goal today

In just a few minutes, you will confidently use have in all key forms. You've got this!

Your goal is simple: be able to say these clearly and quickly in context – have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have. And match them to Bulgarian: **имам** (imam), **ти имаш** (ti imash), **той има** (toy ima), **тя има** (tya ima), **то има** (to ima), **ние имаме** (nie imame), **вие имате** (vie imate), **те имат** (te imat). Pro tip: smile when you say them – your memory likes happy verbs.

Forms in 60 seconds

Say them aloud with me. Short, snappy, done.

- have – **имам** (imam)
- I have – **имам** (imam)
- you have (singular) – **ти имаш** (ti imash)
- he has – **той има** (toy ima)
- she has – **тя има** (tya ima)
- it has – **то има** (to ima)
- we have – **ние имаме** (nie imame)
- you have (plural) – **вие имате** (vie imate)

- they have – те имат (te imat)

Mini dialogue at the market

Time for a quick smile – and a tiny win.

- You: Do you have bread?
- Vendor: Yes, I have fresh bread – Имам пресен хляб (Imam presen hlyab).
- You: Great, we have butter – we have – ние имаме (nie imame) масло.
- Friend to the group: You have the tickets, right? – Вие имате билетите, нали? (Vie imate biletite, nali?)
- Vendor points at a cat: He has attitude – той има (toy ima) характер. The cat blinks. Comedy achieved.

Call-and-response drill

Repeat after me – loud and proud. You can even add a victory nod.

- I have a plan. Say: Имам план (Imam plan).
- You have time (singular). Say: Ти имаш време (Ti imash vreme).
- He has a ticket. Say: Той има билет (Toy ima bilet).
- She has water. Say: Тя има вода (Tya ima voda).
- It has a camera. Say: То има камера (To ima kam-era).

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- We have coffee. Say: Ние имаме кафе (Nie imame kafe).
 - You have snacks (plural group). Say: Вие имате хапки (Vie imate hapki).
 - They have keys. Say: Те имат ключове (Te imat klyuchove).

Culture tip

Tiny cultural nugget – big memory boost.

In a Bulgarian market, you may hear a cheerful call: I have fresh cheese – Имам прясно сирене! (Imam pryasno sirene!) Listen for that confident имам (imam). It is your sonic cue for have – and possibly for a delicious snack.

Quick quiz

No stress – micro-quiz, macro-confidence.

- Q: How do you say they have in Bulgarian? A: те имат (te imat).
- Q: You have (plural) – what is it? A: вие имате (vie imate).
- Q: She has water. Say it. A: Тя има вода (Tyа ima voda).
- Q: I have a question. A: Имам въпрос (Imam vŭpros).

Final challenge

Speed round – hit all forms once. You're the star.

- Say: I have – имам (imam).
- Say: you have (singular) – ти имаш (ti imash).
- Say: he has – той има (toy ima).
- Say: she has – тя има (tya ima).
- Say: it has – то има (to ima).
- Say: we have – ние имаме (nie imame).
- Say: you have (plural) – вие имате (vie imate).
- Say: they have – те имат (te imat).
- Now connect it to everyday English: have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have. Nailed it!

Wrap-up

High five – you did great!

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing these forms out loud today, and you will sound smoother every time. This episode was brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more English – Bulgarian lessons, downloads, and practice drills. You have the skill – ти имаш (ti imash) the will!

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: Learn Bulgarian To Be – съм (săm): I am, You are, We are

Master the Bulgarian verb “to be” – съм (săm) – with a fun, clear English – Bulgarian lesson. We cover the core forms: I am аз съм (az săm), you are (sg.) ти си (ti si), he is той е (toy e), she is тя е (tya e), it is то е (to e), we are ние сме (nie sme), you are (pl./formal) вие сте (vie ste), they are те са (te sa). Perfect for beginners learning Bulgarian for travel, introductions, and daily chat. Keywords: learn Bulgarian, Bulgarian verb to be, English – Bulgarian podcast, съм (săm), аз съм (az săm).

Welcome

Hey there! This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more free resources and practice.

Ready to make Bulgarian click? Today we'll tame “to

be” – съм (săm) – with laughs, drills, and quick wins. To bee or not to bee? Our Bulgarian bee buzzes: “съм (săm)!”

Your goal today

In just a few minutes, you’ll say who you are, who others are, and label the world around you – confidently.

- Base verb: to be → съм (săm).
- I am → аз съм (az săm).
- You are (singular) → ти си (ti si).
- He is → той е (toy e).
- She is → тя е (tya e).
- It is → то е (to e).
- We are → ние сме (nie sme).
- You are (plural/formal) → вие сте (vie ste).
- They are → те са (te sa).

Call-and-response drill

Say it with me – speak out loud and own it!

- I am here: Аз съм тук (Az săm tuk).
- You are kind (to one friend): Ти си мил/мила (Ti si mil/mila).
- He is tall: Той е висок (Toy e visok).
- She is a teacher: Тя е учителка (Tya e uchitelka).

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- It is late: То е късно (To e kasno).
 - We are friends: Ние сме приятели (Nie sme priyateli).
 - You are welcome here (to a group): Вие сте добре дошли (Vie ste dobre doshli).
 - They are students: Те са студенти (Te sa studenti).

Mini dialogue: The Party Puzzle

Enjoy a silly scene – and catch all the forms in action.

- A: Who's at the door? B: Той е (Toy e) the DJ!
- A: And her? B: Тя е (Tya e) the singer.
- A: What's that sound? B: То е (To e) the blender – smoothie time.
- A: Where are we in this schedule? B: Ние сме (Nie sme) right on time.
- A: Folks, вие сте (Vie ste) amazing guests.
- A: And those people dancing salsa? B: Те са (Te sa) the neighbors – legendary!
- A: Finally, who am I again? B: The host! Say it: Аз съм (Az sām) the host.

Pronunciation beats

Clap the rhythm and let your mouth do the memory work.

- Beat 1 – 2: аз (az) – съм (sām).

- Beat 1 – 2: ти (ti) – си (si).
- Beat 1 – 2: той (toy) – е (e); тя (tya) – е (e); то (to) – е (e).
- Beat 1 – 2: ние (nie) – сме (sme).
- Beat 1 – 2: вие (vie) – сте (ste).
- Beat 1 – 2: те (te) – са (sa).

Culture tip

Use it like a local and you'll make instant friends.

For friendly self-intros in Bulgaria, say “Аз съм (Az sǎm) + Name.” With a group, be polite and plural: “Вие сте (Vie ste) чудесни гости” (you are wonderful guests). And yes, simple pointing works: “Той е (Toy e) ..., Тя е (Ty a e) ..., То е (To e) ...”

Quick quiz

Answer fast – then I'll reveal it.

- 1) Translate: “they are here.” Answer: Те са тук (Te sa tuk).
- 2) Fill in: “I am” → Аз - - - - (Az - - - -). Answer: съм (sǎm).
- 3) Say “you are” to one friend. Answer: Ти си (Ti si).
- 4) Which is plural/formal “you are”? Answer: Вие сте (Vie ste).

Challenge time

Level up – speak a full chain without stopping.

Chant the whole ladder: аз съм (az sǎm), ти си (ti si), той е (toy e), тя е (tya e), то е (to e), ние сме (nie sme), вие сте (vie ste), те са (te sa). Now tag the base verb out loud: to be = съм (sǎm).

Goodbye \ next steps

Fantastic work – your Bulgarian just leveled up.

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing “Аз съм (Az sǎm) ...” with your name and point things out with “То е (To e) ...”. This episode was brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more lessons, drills, and printables at www.synapse-lingo.com. See you next time!

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: English to Bulgarian: go = отивам (otivam)

Learn the Bulgarian verb отивам (otivam) ('go') with an English guide in this funny, fast episode by SynapseLingo. We practice: I go аз отивам (az otivam), you go ти отиваш (ti otivash), she goes тя отива (tya otiva), we go ние отиваме (nie otivame), you (plural) go вие отивате (vie otivate), they go те отиват (te otivat), plus the everyday mood word 'so-so' горе-долу (gore-dolu). Perfect for English – Bulgarian learners seeking conjugation drills, daily phrases, and pronunciation practice. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more English – Bulgarian learning resources.

Welcome, let's roll

Hey you! This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your fun path to fluent moves. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com

lingo.com for more goodies and practice packs.

Today we learn 'go' in Bulgarian: отивам (otivam). Warm up your voice, do a tiny victory wiggle, and say it once with me. Nice! Buckle up for a friendly sprint through the forms, jokes, and a mini-quiz.

Your goal today

By the end, you'll say 'go' naturally in all key forms. You'll also know a cheeky mood word for 'so-so'.

- Target verb: go = отивам (otivam).
- Bonus mood: 'so-so' = горе-долу (gore-dolu).
- Mission: speak it, hear it, and use it in mini real-life lines.

Forms you need (quick tour)

Repeat after me out loud – your couch will forgive you. Keep it punchy!

- I go = аз отивам (az otivam)
- You go (sing.) = ти отиваш (ti otivash)
- He goes = той отива (toy otiva)
- She goes = тя отива (tya otiva)
- It goes = то отива (to otiva)
- We go = ние отиваме (nie otivame)
- You go (plural) = вие отивате (vie otivate)
- They go = те отиват (te otivat)
- Base verb to remember: отивам (otivam).

Speed drill: say it, play it

I'll cue the English – fire back the Bulgarian. Loud and proud!

- I go → аз отивам (az otivam)
- You go (sing.) → ти отиваш (ti otivash)
- She goes → тя отива (tya otiva)
- We go → ние отиваме (nie otivame)
- You go (plural) → вие отивате (vie otivate)
- They go → те отиват (te otivat)
- He goes (bonus) → той отива (toy otiva)
- It goes (bonus) → то отива (to otiva)

Tiny dialogue (fun and real)

You're late but charming – use the verb to save the day.

- A: How are you? B: Горе-долу (Gore-dolu). 'So-so.'
- A: Where are you going? B: 'I go now,' that's аз отивам сега (az otivam sega).
- A: And you? (to one friend) B: 'You go right,' say ти отиваш надясно (ti otivash nadyasno).
- A: Team, we go together! B: Yes – ние отиваме заедно (nie otivame zaedno).
- Guide voice to the group: Вие отивате до автобуса (vie otivate do avtobusa).
- Narrator: Look, the crowd is moving – те отиват (te otivat) fast.