

# **Bosnian for Beginners**

Practical Learning with SynapseLingo

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# Lesson 1

## Lesson 1: English – Bosnian: Have = imati – Fun, Fast Verb Podcast

*Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this English – Bosnian lesson makes the verb “have” (imati) simple, catchy, and fun. Learn present-tense forms like imam, imaš, on ima, ona ima, ima, mi imamo, vi imate, and oni imaju with jokes, drills, and a mini-dialogue. Perfect for beginners who want quick confidence using real-life phrases in Bosnian. Visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more English – Bosnian learning resources and practice.*

### Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey you, great to have you here! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more bite-size Bosnian lessons and free practice.

Today you’ll master the English verb “have” in Bosnian: imati. We’ll keep it upbeat, easy to remember, and yes, a

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little funny – because laughing brains remember better!

## Your goal today

You'll learn the key forms so you can talk about what you have – solo or in a group. Ready? Clap along!

- To have (infinitive) = imati
- I have = imam
- You (singular) have = imaš
- He has = on ima
- She has = ona ima
- It has = ima
- We have = mi imamo
- You (plural/formal) have = vi imate
- They have = oni imaju

## Mini dialogue: Tickets at the door

Listen in and repeat the Bosnian lines out loud. You've got this!

- You: Do you have the tickets? Say: Imaš li karte?
- Friend: I have two tickets. Say: Imam dvije karte.
- You: What about Marko? He has the wallet. Say: On ima novčanik.

- You: And Ana? She has the keys. Say: Ona ima ključeve.
- You: Does the backpack have a hidden pocket? It has one! Say: Ima skriveni džep.
- Friend: We have a plan. Say: Mi imamo plan.
- You to the group: You have the map. Say: Vi imate mapu.
- Guard whispers: They have snacks. Say: Oni imaju grickalice.

## Quick drills

Your turn – hear the English, then say the Bosnian after the pause.

- I have time. Imam vremena.
- You (sg) have a question. Imaš pitanje.
- He has a new bike. On ima novi bicikl.
- She has an idea. Ona ima ideju.
- It has two doors. Ima dvoja vrata.
- We have tickets. Mi imamo karte.
- You (pl) have the keys. Vi imate ključeve.
- They have a plan. Oni imaju plan.

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## Culture tip: Ask like a local

In Bosnia, you'll hear quick, friendly answers in shops and cafés. Here's how to ask like a pro.

- To ask "Do you have ...?" (singular informal), say: Imaš li ...? Example: Imaš li kafu?
- To ask politely or to a group: Imate li ...? Example: Imate li hljeb?
- A common, cheerful answer is simply: Ima! – "We have it!"

## Memory hack rap

Bounce with me – short, silly, sticky. Repeat out loud!

I'm-at-tea sounds like imati – you have time for tea!  
Clap: imam, imaš, on ima, ona ima, ima; wave: mi imamo, vi imate, oni imaju. Now flex the base: imati!

## Quick quiz

Answer in Bosnian after the pause; I'll confirm the answer right away.

- Translate: We have enough time. Mi imamo dovoljno vremena.
- Translate: She has a book. Ona ima knjigu.
- Translate: You (plural) have two options. Vi imate dvije opcije.
- Translate: He has the answer. On ima odgovor.
- Translate: They have a car. Oni imaju auto.

## 30-second challenge

Say each one twice – whisper once, then say it like you mean it. Go!

- Imam ... imam.
- Imaš ... imaš.
- On ima ... on ima.
- Ona ima ... ona ima.
- Ima ... ima.
- Mi imamo ... mi imamo.
- Vi imate ... vi imate.
- Oni imaju ... oni imaju.
- Bonus base form: imati ... imati.

## Goodbye from SynapseLingo

Nice work – you just unlocked the whole present tense of “have” in Bosnian!

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing imati with daily mini-sentences and try them in real conversations. For more English – Bosnian lessons, drills, and freebies, visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com). See you next time!

## Lesson 2

# Lesson 2: English – Bosnian To Be: to be vs biti

*Learn English – Bosnian verb basics fast with a funny, friendly show. Master the verb to be: biti, plus key forms ja sam, ti si, on je, ona je, to je, mi smo, vi ste, oni su. We mix dialogues, rhythm drills, and culture tips so you can switch between English and Bosnian with confidence. Perfect for beginners who want clear examples, useful phrases, and a smile.*

## Welcome

Hey! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more resources. Ready to laugh and learn?

Picture Hamlet at a café debating pastry or no pastry: to be, or not to be? Then the barista whispers, in Bosnian it's biti – and yes, it comes with coffee.

## Your Goal Today

In minutes, you'll handle the core 'to be' forms – say them out loud with me.

- to be → biti
- I am → ja sam
- you are (singular, informal) → ti si
- he is → on je
- she is → ona je
- it is / that is → to je
- we are → mi smo
- you are (plural/formal) → vi ste
- they are → oni su

## Quick Forms, Big Laughs

Repeat after me – say it like you're talking to a friend.

- Introduce yourself: ja sam Alex. Now swap the name to yours.
- Compliment a buddy: ti si awesome.
- Point at a photo of a guy: on je hilarious.
- Point at a photo of a woman: ona je smart.
- Tap the right object: to je the one.
- High-five your team: mi smo ready!

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- Address the group: vi ste fantastic.
- Cheer for others: oni su the winners!
- And the core idea: 'to be' is biti. Easy.

## Mini Dialogues

Tiny scenes, big clarity – listen, then echo.

- A: Who's at the door? B: to je Marko.
- A: Where's the coach? B: on je in the locker room.
- A: Who's our guide? B: ona je from Sarajevo.
- A: Are we late? B: Nope – mi smo on time.
- A: Team, are you ready? B: Yes, vi ste loud and proud!
- A: And those people? B: oni su our classmates.
- A: Identity check. B: ja sam hungry – snack break soon?

## Rhythm Drill

Clap or tap; we're building muscle memory.

- Beat 1-2: ja sam – I am.
- Beat 1-2: ti si – you are (singular).
- Beat 1-2: on je / ona je – he is / she is.
- Beat 1-2: to je – it is.
- Beat 1-2: mi smo – we are.

- Beat 1-2: vi ste – you are (plural).
- Beat 1-2: oni su – they are.
- Final hit: to be is biti.

## Culture Tip

Use your new words out in the world – friendly, clear, and fun.

At a market, point and smile: to je cheese? Expect a grin and maybe a sample. On game day, you'll hear chants like mi smo Zmajevi! When introducing yourself, keep it simple: ja sam + your name. Pay a compliment one-to-one: ti si super; politely to a group: vi ste sjajni. And when you spot your friends arriving together: oni su here!

## Lightning Quiz

Answer out loud; I'll reveal the solution after a short pause.

- How do you say 'to be' in Bosnian? biti.
- Translate 'I am'. ja sam.
- Translate 'you are' (singular, informal). ti si.
- Translate 'it is'. to je.
- Translate 'we are'. mi smo.
- Translate 'you are' (plural/formal). vi ste.
- Translate 'they are'. oni su.
- Bonus: 'he is' and 'she is'. on je, ona je.

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## Challenge

Your turn – make it playful and personal.

Create three true lines about your world: ‘ja sam ...’, ‘mi smo ...’, ‘oni su ...’. Then a dream using the infinitive: say ‘I want to be kinder’ – in Bosnian, put *biti* after ‘I want’. Record yourself, grin, and do it again tomorrow.

## Goodbye

Nice work today – you showed up and spoke up!

Thanks for listening to SynapseLingo. Keep practicing these forms daily, and visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more lessons, drills, and smiles. See you next time – to je the spirit!

## Lesson 3

# Lesson 3: English – Bosnian: Go = ići – Fun Present Tense Drill

*Learn Bosnian from English with a playful, bite-sized podcast on the verb 'go' = ići. We'll cover key present-tense forms – on ide, ona ide, ide, mi idemo, vi idete, oni idu – with rhythm, dialogue, drills, and a quick quiz. Perfect for English – Bosnian learners who want natural phrases and confident speaking. Practice how to say "How's it going?" (Kako ide?) and answer with style.*

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Today you and I will master English – Bosnian 'go' = ići with jokes, rhythm, and real-life phrases. Ready to move?

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Let's go!

## Your goal today

You'll nail the present-tense family of 'go' in Bosnian – short, sweet, and memorable.

- Base verb: ići (to go)
- I go: idem (useful bonus!)
- You go (singular): ideš
- He goes: on ide
- She goes: ona ide
- It goes: ide
- We go: mi idemo
- You go (plural): vi idete
- They go: oni idu

## Forms with rhythm

Stand up, clap lightly, and speak – your brain loves rhythm.

- Clap... Base: ići. Step forward: I go – idem.
- Clap... You go – ideš. Smile like you're leaving a meeting early.
- Clap... He goes – on ide. She goes – ona ide.
- Clap... It goes – ide (like 'it works').
- Clap... We go – mi idemo. Team energy!

- Clap... You (plural) go – vi idete. Group power!
- Clap... They go – oni idu. Marching squad!

## Mini dialogue: bus adventure

Listen first, then repeat the Bosnian parts out loud.

- A: Shall we go now? In Bosnian: Hoćemo li ići sada?
- B: Yes, we go together: Da, mi idemo zajedno.
- A: He goes left, she goes right: On ide lijevo, ona ide desno.
- B: If the tram works, it goes! Ako tramvaj radi, ide!
- Guide: You (plural) go first, then they go: Vi idete prvi, onda oni idu.
- Comedic aside: My lazy shoes say “no,” but my feet shout “ići!” and drag me out the door.

## Quick drills

Answer out loud; I'll confirm after a pause.

- Say ‘we go’. Answer: mi idemo.
- Say ‘you (plural) go’. Answer: vi idete.
- Say ‘they go’. Answer: oni idu.
- Say ‘she goes’. Answer: ona ide.
- Say ‘he goes’. Answer: on ide.
- Say ‘it goes’. Answer: ide.
- Say the base verb ‘to go’. Answer: ići.