

# **Croatian for Beginners**

Practical Learning with SynapseLingo

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# Lesson 1

## Lesson 1: English to Croatian: have = imati – Fun Conjugation Comedy

*Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this playful English-to-Croatian episode helps you master the verb “have” – imati. We'll nail the essentials: imam, imaš, on ima, ona ima, ima, imamo, imate, oni imaju, with real-life jokes and drills. Perfect for beginners who want clear English guidance while speaking natural Croatian. Learn fast, laugh often, and remember to visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more resources!*

### Welcome from SynapseLingo

Hey you, great to have you here! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab extra goodies at [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com).



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- Today you'll master the Croatian verb for "have": imati. We'll keep it fast, fun, and friendly – with zero grammar headaches and maximum giggles.
  - Strap in: by the end you'll say things like "I have time" – "Imam vremena" – without breaking a sweat.

## Today's Mission

Your goal: say all the core forms of "to have" in Croatian with confidence.

- Infinitive: imati.
- I have: imam.
- You (singular) have: imaš.
- He has: on ima.
- She has: ona ima.
- It has: ima.
- We have: imamo.
- You (plural/formal) have: imate.
- They have: oni imaju.
- Mini mantra: imati → imam, imaš, on ima/ona ima/ima, imamo, imate, oni imaju.

## Comedy Mini-Dialogue

Listen in and imagine the scene – you're at the door, everyone's late, and the keys have gone rogue.

- You: Do you have the keys? – “Imaš ključeve?”
- Friend: Relax, imam ih! (I have them!)
- Another friend: Wait, Tom? On ima i karte. (He has the tickets.)
- You point to Ana: Good – ona ima vodu. (She has water.)
- Someone shakes the backpack: The bag ima grickalice! (It has snacks!)
- Team cheer: Imamo sve, idemo! (We have everything, let's go!)
- Guard at the venue: Vi imate rezervaciju? (Do you have a reservation?)
- You spot your group inside already: Naravno – oni imaju stol! (Of course – they have a table!)

## Forms Fast Track

Repeat after me – short, sharp, and smiley.

- I have coffee – “Imam kavu.”
- You have time – “Imaš vremena.”
- He has a book – “On ima knjigu.”
- She has a plan – “Ona ima plan.”
- It has a new battery – “Ima novu bateriju.”
- We have tickets – “Imamo karte.”
- You (plural) have the map – “Vi imate kartu.”
- They have a dog – “Oni imaju psa.”

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## Call \ Response Drills

You speak, I wait. Say the Croatian out loud – own it!

- Say: I have time. Answer: “Imam vremena.”
- Say: Do you have a pen? (singular you) Answer: “Imaš olovku?”
- Say: He has a ticket. Answer: “On ima kartu.”
- Say: She has coffee. Answer: “Ona ima kavu.”
- Say: It has a camera. Answer: “Ima kameru.”
- Say: We have a plan. Answer: “Imamo plan.”
- Say: Do you (plural) have water? Answer: “Imate li vode?” (core form: imate)
- Say: They have friends. Answer: “Oni imaju prijatelje.”

## Culture \ Memory Hooks

Tie language to life – it sticks better and tastes better.

- Croatian TV: “Hrvatska ima talent” – Croatia has talent. Easy anchor for “ima”.
- Proverb vibe: Better to have a sparrow in hand – remember the base verb imati.
- Inventory chant at the door: “Imam ključeve, imam novčanik” – touch your pockets as you say it.
- Team spirit in Croatia: After a win, fans shout “imamo pobjedu!” (We have the victory!)

## Lightning Quiz

Quick reflexes! Answer in Croatian – shout it if you must.

- Q: You (singular) have three options. → “ - - - - tri opcije.” A: “Imaš tri opcije.”
- Q: He has a car. → “ - - - - auto.” A: “On ima auto.”
- Q: She has an idea. → “ - - - - ideju.” A: “Ona ima ideju.”
- Q: It has Wi-Fi. → “ - - - - Wi-Fi.” A: “Ima Wi-Fi.”
- Q: We have time. → “ - - - - vremena.” A: “Imamo vremena.”
- Q: Do you (plural) have tickets? → “ - - - - li karte?” A: “Imate li karte?”
- Q: They have everything. → “ - - - - sve.” A: “Oni imaju sve.”
- Q: What’s the infinitive of ‘have’? A: “imati.”

## Final Challenge

Speed run! You’ve got this – breathe, grin, go.

- Say the whole chain in 10 seconds: imati → imam → imaš → on ima → ona ima → ima → imamo → imate → oni imaju.
- Now build a mini story: “We have a plan, you have time, she has the keys.” → “Imamo plan, imaš vremena, ona ima ključeve.”

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## Thanks \ Next Steps

You did awesome – high five through the headphones!

- Thanks for learning with SynapseLingo. Keep practicing these forms in tiny daily moments – pocket check, door check, coffee check: “imam... imamo... imate?”
- For more fun lessons, freebies, and drills, visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com). See you next time – you imaš this!

## Lesson 2

# Lesson 2: English – Croatian 'to be': biti – Fast, Fun Lesson

*Learn the English – Croatian verb “to be” – biti – in a fast, funny mini podcast. We cover present-tense forms: ja sam, ti si, on je, ona je, to je, mi smo, vi ste, oni su with real-life lines, drills, and a catchy rhythm. Ideal for “learn Croatian,” “English Croatian verb to be,” and “biti meaning” searches – clear pronunciation, useful context, and quick wins.*

## Welcome

Hey friend! This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your smart way to learn languages. Visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more resources and freebies.

Today you'll master English – Croatian “to be” with jokes, rhythm, and quick drills – zero fluff, maximum progress. Let's make biti your superpower.

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## Your goal today

By the end, you'll use every key present form of "to be" in Croatian in real, short sentences. Ready?

- Infinitive: biti (to be).
- I am: ja sam.
- You are (singular, informal): ti si.
- He is: on je.
- She is: ona je.
- It is: to je.
- We are: mi smo.
- You are (plural/formal): vi ste.
- They are: oni su.

## Rhythm: clap the verb

Let's groove it in – speak with a beat, remember with a smile.

- Clap – clap: bi-ti... that's biti!
- Call and response – repeat after me:
- I am → ja sam.
- You are (1 friend) → ti si.
- He is → on je. She is → ona je.
- It is → to je.

- We are → mi smo.
- You are (you all) → vi ste.
- They are → oni su.
- Humor boost: If you forget, sip some “be tea” – ahh, biti!

## Mini dialogue: at the café

Listen, picture it, then echo the Croatian out loud.

- You: Hi, I am Alex – ja sam Alex.
- Friend: You are ready – ti si spreman/spremna.
- Barista (pointing at the cup): It is coffee – to je kava.
- You (pointing at a photo): He is my teacher – on je moj učitelj.
- Friend (smiling): She is a doctor – ona je liječnica.
- Team at the table: We are hungry – mi smo gladni.
- Barista to the group: You are awesome – vi ste super!
- Everyone cheers: They are the winners of trivia night – oni su pobjednici!

## Quick drills

Lightning round – answer in Croatian before I do.

- I am at home → ja sam kod kuće.



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- You are my friend (singular) → ti si moj prijatelj/prijateljica.
  - He is in Zagreb → on je u Zagrebu.
  - She is happy → ona je sretna.
  - It is easy → to je lako.
  - We are a team → mi smo tim.
  - You are ready (plural) → vi ste spremni.
  - They are here → oni su ovdje.

## Culture tip

Connect words to culture – it sticks longer.

- Famous line: “To be or not to be” is “Biti ili ne biti” in Croatian – dramatic and unforgettable.
- Football chant you’ll hear: “mi smo Hrvatska!” (We are Croatia!).
- Pointing at landmarks with locals? Label confidently: “to je” + place. Example: “to je Jadransko more.”

## Funny check-in

Time for a smile test – you got this!

- A jar of jam says, “I am jam” → ja sam džem. Still breakfast, not philosophy.
- Coach pointing at you: “You are the MVP!” → ti si MVP. Victory dance optional.
- A trophy on the shelf: “It is shiny” → to je sjajno. Wear sunglasses indoors.

## Quiz time

Answer out loud – fast and fearless.

- Q1: Croatian for “to be”? → biti.
- Q2: Say “I am” → ja sam.
- Q3: Say “you are” to one friend → ti si.
- Q4: “He is / She is / It is” → on je / ona je / to je.
- Q5: “We are / You (pl) are / They are” → mi smo / vi ste / oni su.

## Your 60-second challenge

Make nine tiny lines using every form – talk to yourself, your plant, your squad.

- 1) ja sam student/studentica.
- 2) ti si spreman/spremna.
- 3) on je učitelj.
- 4) ona je liječnica.
- 5) to je ukusno.
- 6) mi smo prijatelji.
- 7) vi ste sjajni.
- 8) oni su ovdje.
- 9) Bonus mantra: samo biti – just be.

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## Thanks and next steps

Nice work – short, sharp, and done!

Thanks for listening, and keep practicing these lines until they're effortless. This podcast was brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more lessons, drills, and printables at [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com). See you next time, and until then: breathe, smile, and just biti.

## Lesson 3

# Lesson 3: Go = ići: English – Croatian Quick Guide

*Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun English-to-Croatian episode helps you master the Croatian verb for 'go': ići, plus everyday forms like idem, ti ideš, ona ide, mi idemo, idete, oni idu, and even the mood word takotako. Learn Croatian with clear examples, rhythm drills, and jokes you can actually repeat. Whether you're an absolute beginner or brushing up, you'll get quick wins speaking both English and Croatian. Visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more lessons, downloads, and practice tracks.*

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Today you'll nail the Croatian verb 'go' – ići – and its