

# **Hungarian for Beginners**

Practical Learning with SynapseLingo

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# Lesson 1

## Lesson 1: Learn Hungarian: 'to have' = van – English – Hungarian Power Mini

*Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun English – Hungarian lesson helps you master the verb 'to have' with the Hungarian core word van. We'll drill real-life phrases like nekem van, neked van, neki van, nekünk van, nektek van, and nekik van so you speak with confidence. Perfect for beginners learning Hungarian possession structures and quick dialogues such as "Do you have...?" and "We have a reservation." Visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more resources and practice.*

### Welcome

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Today you'll unlock the Hungarian way to say 'to have' with the magic word van. Expect quick wins, laughs, and phrases you can use right away.

## Your goal today

You'll master the 'to have' family in Hungarian and sound natural when talking about what you or others have.

- Main key: van = there is/it has/used for possession with a person marker.
- I have → nekem van. You (sing.) have → neked van. He/She has → neki van.
- It has → van (e.g., Kék szeme van). We have → nekünk van.
- You (plural) have → nektek van. They have → nekik van.

## Forms in 60 seconds

Repeat after me – rhythm on, confidence up.

- I have: nekem van.
- You have (singular): neked van.
- He has: neki van.
- She has: neki van.
- It has: van ... e.g., Két lehetősége van.
- We have: nekünk van.

- You have (plural): nektek van.
- They have: nekik van.
- Chant: Have it? van! Have it? van!

## Mini-dialogues

Let's drop these into real life – short, useful, and a bit funny.

- 1) Café quick-check: You: “Do you have time?” → Van időd? Friend: “Yes, I have.” → Nekem van.
- 2) At the restaurant: “We have a table.” → Az étteremben van asztalunk or Nekünk van asztalunk.
- 3) Keys drama: “Do you (sing.) have the key?” → Neked van kulcsod? Reply: “He has it.” → Neki van.
- 4) Concert gate: “You (pl.) have two tickets!” → Nektek van két jegyetek!
- 5) Navigator squad: “They have the map.” → Nekik van a térkép / Nekik van térképük.
- 6) Cute pet brag: “It has blue eyes.” → Kék szeme van.

## Drills \ rhythm

Call-and-response – answer fast, then celebrate with a mini pause.

- Prompt: I have a book. You say: Nekem van egy könyvem.

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- Prompt: You (sing.) have time today. You say: Noked van ma időd.
  - Prompt: He has a plan. You say: Neki van egy terve.
  - Prompt: We have a reservation. You say: Nekünk van foglalásunk.
  - Prompt: You (pl.) have questions. You say: Nektek van kérdésetek.
  - Prompt: They have a dog. You say: Nekik van egy kuttyájuk.
  - Beat tag: Have it? van! Need it? van!

## Culture tips

A few nuggets so you sound street-smart in Budapest.

- Shops and signs: “Van akció” = there’s a sale; the place “has” discounts.
- Everyday question: “Van apró?” = Do you have small change?
- Friendly ask: “Van időd?” = Do you have time? (to a friend).
- Quick contrast: “What’s up?” is “Mi van?” but “We have ...” is “Nekünk van ...” Don’t mix them.

## Quiz time

Fast quiz – say your answer out loud before I reveal it.

- 1) English: You (sing.) have. Hungarian? Answer: noked van.

- 2) English: They have a plan. Hungarian core phrase? Answer: nekik van (e.g., Nekik van egy tervük).
- 3) English: We have time. Hungarian core phrase? Answer: nekünk van (e.g., Nekünk van időnk).
- 4) English: It has blue eyes. Key word? Answer: van (full: Kék szeme van).
- 5) English: She has the ticket. Core phrase? Answer: neki van (e.g., Neki van jegye).
- Bonus: You (pl.) have two tickets. Answer: Nektek van két jegyetek.

## Challenge \ wrap-up

Final speed-chain – beat the clock and smile while you do it.

- Say in order with a tiny pause between each: nekem van ... nekem van ... neki van ... nekünk van ... nektek van ... nekik van ... van.
- Morning inventory comedy: Phone? Nekem van. Keys? Check him – neki van. Tickets? Team power – nekünk van. At the gate: “Relax, nektek van jegyetek, and nekik van térképük. Also, the venue? Van Wi-Fi.”
- Thanks for listening! Keep practicing these mini-phrases daily, and you’ll sound natural fast. This podcast is 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!

## Lesson 2

# Lesson 2: English – Hungarian To Be Made Easy: to be = lenni

*Master the English – Hungarian verb “to be” fast: to be = lenni. Practice all core forms – “I am” vagyok, “you are” (sg.) vagy, “he/she is” ő van, “it is” van, “we are” mi vagyunk, “you are” (pl.) ti vagytok, and “they are” ők vannak. This fun, engaging lesson is perfect for learners who want real-life phrases, humor, and clear tips. Keywords: learn Hungarian, English – Hungarian podcast, Magyar ig-eragozás, verb to be, lenni.*

## Welcome to SynapseLingo

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Today you and I make friends with the English – Hungarian verb “to be” – short, simple, and super useful. Get

comfy, smile, and get ready to speak out loud with me.

## **Your goal today**

By the end, you'll say who and where you are in Hungarian – confidently and with a grin.

- to be → lenni
- I am → vagyok
- you are (sing.) → vagy
- he is → ő van
- she is → ő van
- it is → van
- we are → mi vagyunk
- you are (plural) → ti vagytok
- they are → ők vannak

## **Forms with a smile**

Repeat after me – yes, out loud; your plant won't judge.

- I am here – Itt vagyok.
- You are kind – Kedves vagy.
- He is in the room – Ő van a szobában.
- She is in the kitchen – Ő van a konyhában.
- It is on the table – Az asztalon van.

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- We are ready – Mi vagyunk készen.
  - You (plural) are awesome – Ti vagytok szuperek.
  - They are here – Ők vannak itt.
  - To be calm is a superpower – to be = lenni.

## Quick party dialogue

Jump into a mini scene; you're at a party in Budapest.

- A: Where are you? – B: I am here! Itt vagyok.
- A: Great. You are next. Te vagy a következő.
- B: Is Péter inside? – A: Yes, he is. Ő van bent.
- B: And Anna? – A: She is in the kitchen. Ő van a konyhában.
- A: The cake? It is on the table. Az asztalon van.
- B: Perfect, we are hungry. Mi vagyunk éhesek.
- A: Team, you are the best! Ti vagytok a legjobbak!
- B: Look, they are by the window. Ők vannak az ablaknál.

## Lightning drills

Fast repeats – echo me with confidence. Big voice, big progress.

- Say “to be” – lenni.
- Say “I am Anna” – Anna vagyok.

- Say “you are ready” (sing.) – Készen vagy.
- Say “he is here” – Ő van itt.
- Say “she is at home” – Ő van otthon.
- Say “it is there” – Ott van.
- Say “we are a team” – Mi vagyunk egy csapat.
- Say “you are winners” (plural) – Ti vagytok a nyertesek.
- Say “they are in the park” – Ők vannak a parkban.

## Culture tip: the van that isn’t a van

Tiny grammar, huge win.

In Hungarian, van means “is/are” for location, time, and weather: “It is cold” → Hideg van; “It is here” → Itt van. In simple “X is Y” sentences, Hungarians often drop it: “She is a doctor” is Ő orvos, not “Ő van orvos”. But for place or presence, you need it: “She is in the kitchen” → Ő van a konyhában.

## Pop quiz

Answer, then I’ll reveal the solution. Ready?

- Which word means “to be”? Answer: lenni.
- Fill in: “We are ready” → Mi - - - - készen. Answer: vagyunk.
- Translate: “They are here.” Answer: Ők vannak itt.
- Pick the form for “you are” to one friend: vagy or vagytok? Answer: vagy.



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- Say “It is on the table.” Answer: Az asztalon van.

## **Challenge and goodbye**

You’ve got this!

Your challenge: introduce yourself and your crew in Hungarian – “I am ...” ... vagyok; “we are ...” Mi vagyunk ...; point at friends and say “you (plural) are amazing” Ti vagytok csodálatosak. Record yourself, smile at every van, and remember “to be” = lenni. Thank you for learning with me today! Keep practicing a little every day, and come say hi at [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more lessons, downloads, and good vibes from SynapseLingo. See you next time!

## Lesson 3

# Lesson 3: Go in Hungarian: go = menni – Conjugation Made Fun

*Learn English – Hungarian essentials with a smile as we master the verb “to go” – go = menni – plus the handy mood phrase úgy-ahogy (“so-so”). We’ll cover present-tense forms like méysz (you go), megy (he/she goes), megyünk (we go), ti mentek (you plural go), and ők mennek (they go). Perfect for beginners who want clear examples, quick drills, and cultural vibes in both English and Hungarian.*

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Today we kick off with the Hungarian verb for “to go”: menni. If your day feels úgy-ahogy (so-so), no worries – by the end you’ll go from meh to motivated.

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## Your Goal Today

You'll master one verb and a mood phrase – fast, friendly, and useful.

- to go = menni
- you go (singular) = méysz
- he goes = megy
- she goes = megy
- we go = megyünk
- you go (plural) = ti mentek
- they go = ők mennek
- so-so = úgy-ahogy

## Catchy Conjugation Beat

Clap along and repeat after me – keep it light and funny.

Go: menni. I go? (we'll skip) You go: méysz. He goes: megy. She goes: megy. We go: megyünk. You all go: ti mentek. They go: ők mennek. If someone asks "How are you?" and it's meh – say: úgy-ahogy.

## Mini Dialogue: Park Plans

Listen, smile, and repeat the punchlines.

- A: How are you today? B: Úgy-ahogy.
- A: No problem – shall we go? B: Yes, "we go" is megyünk!

- A: Team, you go left – ti mentek balra.
- B: And they go right – ők mennek jobbra.
- A: You (singular), you go faster – mász gyorsabban!
- B: Look, he goes – megy!
- A: And she goes too – megy!

## Culture Tip: Budapest Stroll

Picture the scene and drop your new words into it.

On Budapest's Chain Bridge, you say, "We go across" – megyünk át; the tour guide smiles: "You (plural) go first" – ti mentek először; the group behind starts moving: ők mennek; a friend points – "He goes" – megy; another waves – "She goes" – megy. If someone asks "Hogy vagy?" and you're average, shrug: úgy-ahogy.

## Quick Drills

Your turn – short prompts, sharp answers. Say them out loud!

- Say "to go" in Hungarian → menni
- Say "you go" (singular) → mász
- Say "he goes" → megy
- Say "she goes" → megy
- Say "we go" → megyünk
- Say "you go" (plural) → ti mentek
- Say "they go" → ők mennek
- Say "so-so" → úgy-ahogy