

Serbian for Beginners

Practical Learning with SynapseLingo

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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: English – Serbian: have = имати (imati) – fun mini-lesson

Learn the English – Serbian verb have – имати (imati) – in a short, playful mini-lesson. Practice all present-tense forms with clear examples, quick drills, and a tiny dialogue. A culture tip and speed quiz help you remember and use them right away.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Great to have you here! Let's learn fast, laugh a little, and make have – имати (imati) – stick.

This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo. For printable notes, exercises, and more audio, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. Ready? Warm up your voice and your smile – we're about to make grammar fun.

Your goal today

You'll master the core forms of have in Serbian and use them in real lines you can say today.

- Base verb: have = имати (imati).
- I have = имам (imam).
- You have (singular, friendly) = ти имаш (ti imaš).
- He has = он има (on ima).
- She has = она има (ona ima).
- It has = оно има (ono ima).
- We have = ми имамо (mi imamo).
- You have (plural or formal) = имате (imate).
- They have = они имају (oni imaju).

Laugh \ learn: quick drills

Echo me out loud. If your cat looks at you funny, congratulate it on being your new teacher.

- I have snacks: Имам грицкалице (Imam grickalice).
- You have superpowers (singular): Ти имаш супермоћи (Ti imaš supermoći). Use them to find your keys.
- He has the map: Он има мапу (On ima mapu). We still have no idea where we are.
- She has coffee: Она има кафу (Ona ima kafu). Everyone follow her!

- It has two pockets: Оно има два џепа (Ono ima dva džepa). Your jacket is winning.
- We have a plan: Ми имамо план (Mi imamo plan). Step one: celebrate step one.
- You have tickets (plural/formal): Имате карте (Imate karte). Front row, baby!
- They have time: Они имају времена (Oni imaju vremena). We borrow five minutes.

Tiny dialogue: keys, coffee, chaos

Listen first, then shadow the lines. Big gestures encouraged.

- A: Do we have the keys? B: Yes, ми имамо (mi imamo) кључеве. (ključeve)
- A: And do you have coffee? (singular) B: Of course, имам (imam) двоструки еспресо! (dvostruki espresso)
- A: Does she have the tickets? B: Да, она има (она ima) карте у џепу. (karte u džepu)
- A: What about the backpack? B: Relax, оно има (ono ima) све преграде на свету. (sve pregrade na svetu)

Culture tip: the comfort of having

In many Serbian homes, people care if you have what you need – especially food.

Expect warm questions like Do you have enough? – for example, You have soup, right? Имате супу, зар не?

(Imate supu, zar ne?) And someone will proudly announce
We have everything: Ми имамо све (Mi imamo sve).

Speed quiz

Answer fast. If you grin while answering, you get bonus brain points.

- Q1: Translate you have (singular, friendly). A: ти имаш (ti imaš).
- Q2: Translate they have. A: они имају (oni imaju).
- Q3: Translate he has and she has. A: он има (on ima), она има (ona ima).

Challenge round: say it like you own it

Repeat each line twice. Add dramatic movie-trailer voice if possible.

- I have an idea: Имам идеју (Imam ideju). Again: Имам идеју (Imam ideju).
- You (singular) have a minute: Ти имаш минут (Ti imaš minut). Again: Ти имаш минут (Ti imaš minut).
- We have time: Ми имамо времена (Mi imamo vremena). Again: Ми имамо времена (Mi imamo vremena).
- You (plural) have the best seats: Имате најбоља места (Imate najbolja mesta). Again: Имате најбоља места (Imate najbolja mesta).
- It has a secret pocket: Оно има тајни џеп (Ono ima tajni džep).

- They have the map: Они имају мапу (Oni imaju mapu).

Wrap-up

You did great! Keep these forms handy and your speaking will level up fast.

Today you nailed have = имати (imati): имам (imam), ти имаш (ti imaš), он има (on ima), она има (ona ima), оно има (ono ima), ми имамо (mi imamo), имате (imate), они имају (oni imaju). Thanks for listening, and practice a little every day. For more lessons, printables, and games, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. See you next time!

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: English – Serbian To Be: be = бити (biti)

Master the Serbian verb to be with clear examples and friendly drills. This episode walks you through ja sam (ja sam), mi cu (ti si), он је (on je), она је (ona je), мо је (to je), ми смо (mi smo), ви сте (vi ste), они су (oni su), and the base form бити (biti). Ideal for beginners or a quick refresh for everyday conversation.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey you, ready to have fun while learning Serbian? Let's power up your ear for natural speech and real-life phrases.

This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more lessons, downloads, and practice drills. Okay, headphones on, smiles up – let's begin!

Your goal today

In a few minutes, you'll confidently use every key form of "to be" in Serbian.

- be → бити (biti)
- I am → ја сам (ja sam)
- you are (singular) → ти си (ti si)
- he is → он је (on je)
- she is → она је (ona je)
- it is → то је (to je)
- we are → ми смо (mi smo)
- you are (plural/formal) → ви сте (vi ste)
- they are → они су (oni su)

Funny mini-scene

Let's meet a quirky crew and tag them with perfect Serbian.

- Host: Introduce yourself like a pro: I am Alex – Ја сам Алекс (Ja sam Aleks).
- Friend: And to hype your buddy: You are awesome – Ти си сјајан (Ti si sjajan) (to a male) / Ти си сјајна (Ti si sjajna) (to a female).
- Guide: Meet Marko. He is our driver – Он је наш возач (On je naš vozač).
- MC: And Jelena? She is the DJ – Она је ди-џеј (Ona je di-džej).

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- Narrator: Point at the cat: It is fluffy – To је пахуљасто (To је pahuljasto).
 - Team: Together we are unstoppable – Ми смо незаустављиви (Mi smo nezaustavljivi).
 - Coach to the group: You are champions – Ви сте шампиони (Vi ste šampioni).
 - Crowd: They are already here – Они су већ овде (Oni su već ovde).
 - Host: And the big idea behind all of this is simply... to be – бити (biti)!

Call-and-response drill

Repeat out loud after me – confidence on, mistakes welcome!

- Be yourself – Бити свој (Biti svoj).
- I am ready – Ја сам спреман (Ja sam spreman) (male) / Ја сам спремна (Ja sam spremna) (female).
- You are kind – Ти си љубазан (Ti si ljubazan) (to a male) / Ти си љубазна (Ti si ljubazna) (to a female).
- He is here – Он је овде (On је ovde).
- She is smart – Она је паметна (Ona је pametna).
- It is a good idea – То је добра идеја (To је dobra ideja).
- We are friends – Ми смо пријатељи (Mi smo prijatelji).

- You (plural) are funny – Ви сте смешни (Vi ste smešni).
- They are ready – Они су спремни (Oni su spremni).

Culture tip: Hamlet remix

Say the most famous line the Serbian way.

To be or not to be? In Serbian: Бити или не бити (Biti ili ne biti). Bonus: When you wrap up a decision, people also say: “That’s it” – То је то (To je to).

Lightning quiz

Answer out loud; I’ll reveal the phrase after a pause.

- Translate “we are”: Ми смо (Mi smo).
- Translate “you are” (plural/formal): Ви сте (Vi ste).
- Translate “he is”: Он је (On je).
- Translate “she is”: Она је (Ona je).
- Translate “it is”: То је (To je).
- What’s the base form “be” in Serbian? бити (biti).
- Translate “I am”: Ја сам (Ja sam).
- Translate “you are” (singular informal): Ти си (Ti si).
- Translate “they are”: Они су (Oni su).

Challenge mode

Let's stitch it into a mini self-intro – nice and smooth.

Say this with me, adding your own details: I am + name – Ја сам + (име) (Ja sam + (ime)). You are my friend – Ти си мој пријатељ (Ti si мој prijatelj) (to a male) or Ти си моја пријатељица (Ti si моја prijateljica) (to a female). He is/She is from + city – Он је из + (град) (On je iz + (grad)) / Она је из + (град) (Ona je iz + (grad)). We are students – Ми смо студенти (Mi smo studenti). You (plural) are amazing – Ви сте невероватни (Vi ste neverovatni). They are ready – Они су спремни (Oni su spremni).

Wrap-up

You did great – keep that smile and momentum!

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing ја сам (ja sam), ти си (ti si), он је (on je), она је (ona je), то је (to je), ми смо (mi smo), ви сте (vi ste), они су (oni su), and the base бити (biti). For more resources, quizzes, and downloads, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. See you next time!

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: Go in Serbian: go → ићи (ići)

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this English – Serbian mini-podcast teaches the verb ‘go’ in context: go = uћu (ići). You’ll master the present forms: I go uћem (idem), you go ти uћеш (ti ideš), he goes он uће (on ide), she goes она uће (ona ide), we go ми uћемо (mi idemo), you (plural) go ви uћете (vi idete), they go они uћу (oni idu), plus the small-talk reply ‘so-so’ мако-мако (tako-tako). Perfect for learners searching “Learn Serbian,” “English to Serbian,” and “Serbian verb uћu (ići)” with fun practice and real-life phrases.

Welcome

Hey, learner! This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your fun path to Serbian. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources and freebies.

Strap in for a brisk, funny ride where we make ‘go’ – ићи (ići) – stick in your brain like gum on a sneaker. If

laughter is cardio, this lesson is a marathon! Today you'll speak: I go **идем (idem)**, you go **ти идеш (ti ideš)**, he goes **он иде (on ide)**, she goes **она иде (ona ide)**, we go **ми идемо (mi idemo)**, you (plural) go **ви идете (vi idete)**, they go **они иду (oni idu)**, and the shruggy mood 'so-so' **тако-тако (tako-tako)**.

Your goal today

You'll nail the key forms and use them in tiny, real sentences. Ready? Let's go – **odnosno – ајмо (ajmo)!**

- Infinitive: go → **ићи (ići)**.
- I go → **идем (idem)**. Example: After coffee, I go: 'После кафе, **идем (idem)!**'
- You (singular) go → **ти идеш (ti ideš)**. Example: 'Кад **ти идеш (ti ideš)** раније, **стижеш на време.**'
- He goes → **он иде (on ide)**. Example: 'Он **иде (On ide)** у школу у 8.'
- She goes → **она иде (ona ide)**. Example: 'Она **иде (Ona ide)** прва.'
- We go → **ми идемо (mi idemo)**. Example: 'После ручка, **ми идемо (mi idemo)** у парк.'
- You (plural) go → **ви идете (vi idete)**. Example: 'На следећој, **ви идете (vi idete)** лево.'
- They go → **они иду (oni idu)**. Example: 'Кад пада киша, **они иду (oni idu)** аутобусом.'
- So-so → **тако-тако (tako-tako)**. Example: How are you? 'Како си?' – 'тако-тако (tako-tako).'

Mini-dialogues

Listen and repeat; keep it light and lively. You're the star of this tiny theater!

- A: Are you ready? B: Yes – идем (idem)!
- A: Where's Mark? B: Он иде (On ide) у библиотеку.
- A: And Ana? B: Она иде (Ona ide) прва, ми после.
- A: Team, what's the plan? B: Ми идемо (Mi idemo) десно; ви идете (vi idete) право; они иду (oni idu) лево.
- A: Kako si? B: тако-тако (tako-tako)... but coffee and then идем (idem!)

Drill time

Quick call-and-response – say it out loud. Your neighbors will think you're awesome.

- Say in Serbian: go (infinitive). Answer: ићи (ići).
- Say in Serbian: I go. Answer: идем (idem).
- Say in Serbian: you (singular) go. Answer: ти идеш (ti ideš).
- Say in Serbian: he goes. Answer: он иде (on ide).
- Say in Serbian: she goes. Answer: она иде (ona ide).
- Say in Serbian: we go. Answer: ми идемо (mi idemo).