

PRESENT TENSE

Shows infinitive forms. Reflexive verbs are followed by *se*. Verbs with perfective aspect only are marked *pf.*

Singular: *ja*: I, *ti*: you, *on/ono/ona*: he/it/she. Plural: *mi*: we, *vi*: you (also sg. formal), *oni/ona/one*: they (M or mixed/N/F).

PAST TENSE

Don't use the present tense conjugations. Instead, (1) use the subject's "to be" helping verb (*sam, si, je*, etc.—see chart on the left), (2) cut the trailing -ti or -sti from the verb's infinitive form, and (3) add the past tense ending for the subject's gender and plurality:

	M.	N.	F.
Sg.	-o	-lo	-la
Pl.	-li ³	-la	-le

3: Use M form for mixed genders.

4: Forms 2 and 2 are more common.

Ex: "I watched a movie." (infinitive: *gledati*)

Sentence structure with and without pronoun:

- ① *Ja sam gledao film.* Negative: "I didn't watch a movie."
 ② *Gledao sam film.*⁴ ① *Ja nisam gledao film.*
 ② *Nisam gledao film.*⁴

If using a reflexive verb (see positions for *se*):

- Positive: ① *Ja sam se šetao.* ② *Šetao sam se.*
- Negative: ① *Ja se nisam šetao.* ② *Nisam se šetao.*

Exception: For third person singular subjects (*on, ono, ona*) in positive sentences with reflexive verbs, don't include the "to be" helping verb *je*: ① *On se šetao.* ② *Šetao se.*

- If after other word, use ① with the helping verb only:
 - E.g. in a question: *Kada si gledao film?*
 - E.g. with time in front: *Juče sam gledao film.*
- If at start of clause, use ②: *Da, jeo sam.* — "Yes, I ate."
- If using *i*: *Jeli smo i pili.* — "We ate and drank."
- If "to be" is the main verb: *Gde si bio juče?*

If the infinitive ends with -ći, change ć to š (or ša for M sg. subjects) and follow the other rules. Ex:

- doći → došao, došla, došlo ... • ići → išao, išla, išlo ...
- moći (irreg.) → mogao, mogla, moglo ...
- peći (irreg.) → pekao, pekla, peklo ...

FUTURE TENSE

An abbreviated guide.

Cut *ho-* from the present tense forms for *hteti* (see chart on the left) and follow with the verb in infinitive. Ex: *Ja ću raditi.* Negative: (*Ja*) *neću raditi.* At the start of positive sentences, can cut the -ti and combine into one word. Ex: *Radiću.* For verbs ending with -sti, change s to š (*jesti* → *ješču, ješćeš* ...). For verbs ending with -ći, stay as two words (*ići* → *ići ću* ...).

IM E	AM AJU	EM U	EM EJU	
ja: -im mi: -imo ti: -iš vi: -ite on: -i oni: -e	ja: -am mi: -amo ti: -aš vi: -ate on: -a oni: -aju	ja: -em mi: -emo ti: -eš vi: -ete on: -e oni: -u	ja: -em mi: -emo ti: -eš vi: -ete on: -e oni: -eju	
-ATI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> brojati — count držati — hold ležati — lie down stajati — stand <i>stojim, stojiš</i> ... trčati — run -ETI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mrzeti — hate sedeti — sit videti — see voleti — love, like želiti — wish, want živeti — live -ITI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> čistiti — clean dolaziti — arrive govoriti — speak koristiti — use kupiti (pf.) — buy misliti — think nositi — wear, carry platiti (pf.) — pay praviti — make raditi — work, do učiti — learn voziti — drive zaboraviti (pf.) — forget <p>💡 Find conjugations for any verb at en.wiktionary.org.</p>	-ATI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> čekati — wait čitati — read dati (pf.) — give gledati — watch igrati — play sports, dance igrati se — play imati — have nemati — not have kuvati — cook morati — have to pevati — sing plivati — swim pričati — talk ručati — eat lunch sanjati — dream šetati se — walk slušati — listen to spavati — sleep studirati — study at university svidati se — like svirati — play an instrument trebati¹ — need, should trenirati — train tuširati se — shower večerati — eat dinner znati — know <p>1: As <i>should</i>, always use <i>treba</i>.</p>	-GATI: ² g... → ž... -ZATI: ² z... → ž... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lagati — lie pomagati — help pokazati (pf.) — show -HATI: ² h... → š... -SATI: ² s... → š... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mahati — wave pisati — write plesati — dance -KATI: ² k... → č... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> plakati — cry skakati — jump vikati — shout -AVATI: ² av... → aj... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> davati — give predavati — teach prodavati — sell -IVATI: ² iv... -OVATI: ov... → uj... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> očekivati — expect doručkovati — eat breakfast kupovati — buy poštovati — respect putovati — travel radovati se — be happy 	Many irregular changes: -TI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> čuti — hear <i>čujem, čuješ</i> ... dobiti (pf.) — get <i>dobijem, dobiješ</i> ... pititi — drink <i>pijem, piješ</i> ... jesti — eat <i>jedem, jedeš</i> ... pasti (pf.) — fall <i>padnem, padneš</i> ... prati — wash <i>perem, pereš</i> ... smejati se — laugh <i>smejem se, smeješ se</i> ... zvati se — be called <i>zovem se, zoveš se</i> ... -ĆI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> doći (pf.) — come <i>dođem, dođeš</i> ... ići — go <i>idem, ideš</i> ... leći (pf.) — lie down <i>legnem, legneš</i> ... peći — bake <i>pečem, pečeš</i> ... <i>but: oni peku</i> 	-ETI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> razumeti — understand smeti — be allowed to uspjeti (pf.) — succeed
Irregular				
• biti — to be				
ja sam / jesam ti si / jesi on } je / jeste ona } ono } mi smo / jesmo vi ste / jeste oni } su / jesu one } ona }				
Neg: nisam, nisi, nije, nismo, niste, nisu				
• hteti — want				
ja hoću ti hoćeš on hoće mi hoćemo vi hoćete oni hoće				
Neg: neću, nećeš, neće, nećemo, nećete, neće				
• moći — can				
ja mogu ti možeš on može mi možemo vi možete oni mogu				