

## 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/ona/ono*: he/she/it.  
Plural: *mi*: we, *vi*: you all, *oni/one/ona*: they (M. or mixed/F./N.)

## 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 to 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.	F.	N.
Sg.	-o	-la	-lo
Pl.	-li <sup>3</sup>	-le	-la

3: Use masc. form for mixed genders.

Example: "I watched a movie."

Sentence structure with and without pronoun:

- ① *Ja sam gledao film.*  
② *Gledao sam film.*<sup>4</sup>

Details:

- "I" — masc. sg. subject: *ja*
- "watched" — infinitive of verb: *gledati*
- "movie" — masc. sg. noun in accusative case: *film*

Negative: "I didn't watch a movie."

- ① *Ja nisam gledao film.*  
② *Nisam gledao film.*<sup>4</sup>

4: Forms ② and ③ are more common.

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, ona, ono*) 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 using connected verbs (with *da*), the second verb stays in present tense: *Hteo sam da gledam.*

If the infinitive ends with *-ći*, change *ć* to *š* (or *ša* for masc. 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, ...*

### IM | E

*ja*: -im    *mi*: -imo  
*ti*: -iš    *vi*: -ite  
*on*: -i    *oni*: -e

### AM | AJU

*ja*: -am    *mi*: -amo  
*ti*: -aš    *vi*: -ate  
*on*: -a    *oni*: -aju

### EM | U

*ja*: -em    *mi*: -emo  
*ti*: -eš    *vi*: -ete  
*on*: -e    *oni*: -u

### EM | EJU

*ja*: -em    *mi*: -emo  
*ti*: -eš    *vi*: -ete  
*on*: -e    *oni*: -eju

#### -ATI

- brojati* — count
- držati* — hold
- ležati* — lie down
- stajati* — stand  
*stojim, stojiš, ...*
- trčati* — run

#### -ETI

- mrzeti* — hate
- sedeti* — sit
- videti* — see
- voleti* — love, like
- želeti* — wish, want
- živeti* — live

#### -ITI

- čistiti* — clean
- dolaziti* — arrive
- govoriti* — speak
- kupiti* (pf.) — buy
- misлити* — think
- nositi* — wear, carry
- platiti* (pf.) — pay
- praviti* — make
- raditi* — work, do
- učiti* — learn
- voziti* — drive
- zaboraviti* (pf.) — forget

🔍 Find conjugations for any verb at [en.wiktionary.org](http://en.wiktionary.org).

#### Ex:

- platiti*  
*platim, platiš, plati ...*
- želeti*  
*želim, želiš, želi ...*

#### -ATI

- 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
- trebati*<sup>1</sup> — need, should
- trenirati* — train
- tuširati se* — shower
- večerati* — eat dinner
- znati* — know

1: As *should*, always use *treba*.

#### Ex:

- čitati*  
*čitam, čitaš, čita ...*
- šetati se*  
*šetam se, šetaš se ...*

**-GATI:**<sup>2</sup> g...  
**-ZATI:**<sup>2</sup> z... → ž...

- lagati* — lie
- pomagati* — help
- pokazati* (pf.) — show

**-HATI:**<sup>2</sup> h...  
**-SATI:**<sup>2</sup> s... → š...

- mahati* — wave
- pisati* — write
- plesati* — dance

**-KATI:**<sup>2</sup> k... → č...

- plakati* — cry
- skakati* — jump

**-AVATI:**<sup>2</sup> av... → aj...

- davati* — give
- predavati* — teach
- prodavati* — sell

**-IVATI:**<sup>2</sup> iv...  
**-OVATI:** ov... → uj...

- očekivati* — expect
- doručkovati* — eat breakfast
- kupovati* — buy
- poštovati* — respect
- putovati* — travel
- radovati se* — be happy

2: Applies to most verbs (all shown here), but exceptions exist.

#### Ex:

- lagati*  
*lažem, lažeš, laže, lažemo, lažete, lažu*
- kupovati*  
*kupujem, kupuješ, kupuje, kupujemo ... kupuju*

Many irregular changes:

#### -TI

- čuti* — hear  
*čujem, čuješ ...*
- pititi* — drink  
*pijem, piješ ...*
- jesti* — eat  
*jedem, jedeš ...*
- pasti* (pf.) — fall  
*padnem, padneš ...*
- trešiti* — shake  
*trešem, trešeš ...*
- prati* — wash  
*perem, pereš ...*
- smejati se* — laugh  
*smejem se, smeješ se ...*
- zvati se* — be called  
*zovem se, zoveš se ...*

#### -ĆI

- doći* (pf.) — come  
*dođem, dođeš ...*
- ići* — go  
*idem, ideš ...*
- leći* (pf.) — lie down  
*legnem, legneš ...*
- pečiti* — bake  
*pečem, pečeš ...*  
but: *oni peku*

#### -ETI

- razumeti* — understand
- smeti* — be allowed to
- uspeti* (pf.) — succeed

### Irregular

- biti* — to be

<i>ja</i>	<i>sam / jesam</i>
<i>ti</i>	<i>si / jesi</i>
<i>ona</i>	} <i>je / jeste</i>
<i>ono</i>	
<i>mi</i>	<i>smo / jesmo</i>
<i>vi</i>	<i>ste / jeste</i>
<i>oni</i>	} <i>su / jesu</i>
<i>one</i>	
<i>ona</i>	

Neg: *nisam, nisi, nije, nismo, niste, nisu*

- hteti* — want

<i>ja</i>	<i>hoću</i>
<i>ti</i>	<i>hoćeš</i>
<i>ona</i>	<i>hoće</i>
<i>mi</i>	<i>hoćemo</i>
<i>vi</i>	<i>hoćete</i>
<i>oni</i>	<i>hoće</i>

Neg: *neću, nećeš, neće, nećemo, nećete, neće*

- moći* — can

<i>ja</i>	<i>moгу</i>
<i>ti</i>	<i>možeš</i>
<i>ona</i>	<i>može</i>
<i>mi</i>	<i>možemo</i>
<i>vi</i>	<i>možete</i>
<i>oni</i>	<i>moгу</i>