

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 ³	-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.*⁴

4: Forms ② and ③ are more common.

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.*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, 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
- želiti — wish, want
- živeti — live

-ITI

- čistiti — clean
- dolaziti — arrive
- govoriti — speak
- kupiti (*pf.*) — buy
- misliti — 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.

Ex:

- platiti
platim, platiš, plati ...
- želiti
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
- trebati¹ — 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:² g...

-ZATI:² z... → ž...

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

-HATI:² h...

-SATI:² s... → š...

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

-KATI:² k... → č...

- plakati — cry
- skakati — jump

-AVATI:² av... → aj...

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

-IVATI:² iv...

-OVATI:² 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 ...
- piti — drink
pijem, piješ ...
- jesti — eat
jedem, jedeš ...
- pasti (*pf.*) — fall
padnem, padneš ...
- tresti — shake
trešem, trešeš ...
- prati — wash
perem, pereš ...
- smejati se — laugh
smejeme 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 ...
- peći — 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>on</i>	} <i>je / jeste</i>
<i>ona</i>	
<i>ono</i>	} <i>su / jesu</i>
<i>mi</i>	
<i>vi</i>	<i>ste / jeste</i>
<i>oni</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>on</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>on</i>	<i>može</i>
<i>mi</i>	<i>možemo</i>
<i>vi</i>	<i>možete</i>
<i>oni</i>	<i>moгу</i>