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About this Book

“Serbian Handbook” is a curated collection of most frequent, most useful and practical words and phrases that are needed in order to start speaking Serbian language as quickly as possible, with confidence. Vocabulary that was being created and used in the lesson over the years was used as a base of this handbook. It's designed for two kinds of readers: learners who want a fast, no-grammar way into the language, and travelers who need something compact and reliable to use on a trip to Serbia.

O ovoj knjizi

„Serbian Handbook” predstavlja pažljivo odabranu zbirku najučestalijih, najkorisnijih i najpraktičnijih reči i fraza koje su potrebne da biste što pre počeli da govorite srpski jezik, i to sa samopouzdanjem. Rečnik koji je nastajao i koji se koristio na časovima tokom godina poslužio je kao osnova za ovaj priručnik. Namenjen je dvema vrstama čitalaca: onima koji žele brz, negramatički put u učenju jezika, i putnicima kojima je potreban kompaktan i pouzdan vodič za putovanje u Srbiju.



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Greetings and Conversational Basics



Greetings

Hello. - Zdravo

Good day. - Dobar dan.

Good morning. - Dobro jutro.

Good evening. - Dobro veče.

Good night. - Laku noć.

Goodbye. - Doviđenja.

See you soon. - Vidimo se uskoro.

Hi / Bye. (Informal) - Čao.

Pozdrav. - Greetings.

Šta ima novo? - What's new?

Šta ima? - What's up?

Gde si? - What's up?

Introducing Yourself

My name is... - Zovem se... / Moje ime je...

I am... - Ja sam...

I live in... - Živim u...

I am from... - Ja sam iz...

Nice to meet you. - Drago mi je.

How old are you? - Koliko imaš godina?

I am ... years old. - Imam ... godina.

How are you (formal)? - Kako ste?

How are you (informal)? - Kako si?

I'm fine, thanks. - Dobro sam, hvala.

And you? - A vi? / A ti?

So-so. - Onako.

I study Serbian. - Učim srpski.

I speak English. - Govorim engleski.



Politeness

Please. - Molim vas / te.

Thank you. - Hvala.

Thank you very much. - Hvala puno.

You're welcome. - Nema na čemu.

Excuse me / sorry. - Izvinite / izvini.

No problem. - Nema problema.

Pardon? (Didn't hear) - Molim?



Requests and offers

Can you help me? - Da li možete da mi pomognete?

I would like... - Želeo / želela bih ...

Can I...? - Mogu li...?

Of course. - Naravno.

No problem, sure. - Naravno, nema problema.

Agreement / disagreement

Yes. - Da.

No. - Ne.

Maybe. - Možda.

I agree. - Slažem se.

I don't know. - Ne znam.

I understand. - Razumem.

I don't understand. - Ne razumem.

I don't speak Serbian well. - Ne govorim dobro srpski.

Basic questions

Who? - Ko?

What? - Šta?

Where? - Gde?

Why? - Zašto?

How? - Kako?

When? - Kada?

How much? - Koliko?

What is this / that? - Šta je ovo / to?

Can you help me? - Da li možete da mi pomognete?

What is your name? - Kako se zovete?

Where are you from? - Odakle ste?

Where do you live? - Gde živite?

What do you do (for work)? - Čime se bavite?

How much does it cost? - Koliko košta?

Where is...? - Gde je...

What time is it? - Koliko je sati?

What is the weather like? - Kakvo je vreme?

Do you speak English? - Da li govorite engleski?

A bit slower, please. - Malo sporije, molim vas.

One more time, please. - Još jednom, molim.



Most Frequent Verbs and Adjectives



Most Frequent Verbs

to be - biti, budem

to have - imati, imam

to want - hteti, hoću

to be able to / can - moći, mogu

to do / make - raditi, radim

to say/tell - reći, kažem, kazati, kažem

to know - znati, znam

to see - videti, vidim

to give - dati, dam

to take - uzeti, uzmem

to think - misliti, mislim

to speak / talk - govoriti, govorim

to talk / chat - pričati, pričam

to live - živeti, živim

to look / watch - gledati, gledam

to find - naći, nađem

to ask - pitati, pitam

to need / must - morati, moram

to feel - osećati, osećam

to love - voleti, volim

to eat - jesti, jedem

to drink - piti, pijem

to read - čitati, čitam

to write - pisati, pišem

to hear - čuti, čujem

to listen - slušati, slušam

to understand - razumeti, razumem

to believe - verovati, verujem

to stand - stajati, stojim

to sit - sedeti, sedim

to lay - ležati, ležim

to remain / stay - ostati, ostanem

to begin / start - početi, počnem

to finish / end - završiti, završim

to become - postati, postanem

to sleep - spavati, spavam

to play - igrati, igram

to learn / study - učiti, učim

to remember - sećati se, sećam se

to forget - zaboraviti, zaboravim

to help - pomoći, pomognem

to try - pokušati, pokušam

to try / taste - probati, probam

to wash - prati, perem

to call - zvati, zovem

to get up - ustati, ustanem

to prepare - spremati, spremam

to get dressed - oblačiti se, oblačim se



Verbs of Movement/Motion

to go - ići, idem
to come - doći, dođem
to arrive - stići, stignem
to leave / depart / (went) - otići, odem
to start going / set off - poći, pođem
to travel - putovati, putujem
to walk - hodati, hodam
to go for a walk / stroll - šetati, šetam
to run - trčati, trčim
to enter - ući, uđem
to exit / go out - izaći, izađem
to drive / ride - voziti, vozim
to ride as a passenger - voziti se, vozim se
to return - vratiti se, vratim se
to fly - leteti, letim
to swim - plivati, plivam
to climb - penjati se, penjem se
to fall - pasti, padnem
to jump - skočiti, skočim
to carry - nositi, nosim
to bring (by vehicle) - dovesti, dovezem
to lead / guide - voditi, vodim
to follow - pratiti, pratim
to wander / roam - lutati, lutam
to crawl - puzati, puzim
to move - kretati se, krećem se
to stop (moving) - zaustaviti se, zaustavim se
to turn - okrenuti se, okrenem se
to sail - ploviti, plovim



Object-manipulation verbs

to take - uzeti, uzmem

to leave / put down - ostaviti, ostavim

to put / place - staviti, stavim

to hold / keep - držati, držim

to take out / remove - izvaditi, izvadim

to open - otvoriti, otvorim

to close - zatvoriti, zatvorim

to add / hand over - dodati, dodam

to give - dati, dam

to take off / remove - skinuti, skinem

to throw / throw away - baciti, bacim

to lift / pick up - podići, podignem

to lower / put down - spustiti, spustim

to push - gurati, guram

to pull - vući, vučem

to turn - okrenuti, okrenem

to break - razbiti, razbijem

to fix / repair - popraviti, popravim

to make / build - (na)praviti, (na)pravim

to break (snap) - slomiti, slomim

to replace / exchange - zameniti, zamenim

to wrap - umotati, umotam

to unwrap - razmotati, razmotam

to fill - napuniti, napunim

to empty - isprazniti, ispraznim

to lock - zaključati, zaključam

to unlock - otključati, otključam



Most Frequent Adjectives

good - dobar, dobra, dobro

bad - loš, loša, loše

big - veliki, velika, veliko

small / little - mali, mala, malo

new - nov, nova, novo

old - star, stara, staro

young - mlad, mlada, mlado

long - dug, duga, dugo





short (length) - kratak, kratka, kratko
tall - visok, visoka, visoko
short (height) - nizak, niska, nisko
wide - širok, široka, široko
narrow - uzak, uska, usko
fast / quick - brz, brza, brzo
slow - spor, spora, sporo
easy - lak, laka, lako
difficult / hard - težak, teška, teško
heavy - težak, teška, teško
light (weight) - lak, laka, lako
hard (texture) - tvrd, tvrda, tvrdo
soft - mek, meka, meko
happy - srećan, srećna, srećno
sad - tužan, tužna, tužno
angry - ljut, ljuta, ljuto
tired - umoran, umorna, umorno
hungry - gladan, gladna, gladno
thirsty - žedan, žedna, žedno
healthy - zdrav, zdrava, zdravo
sick, ill - bolestan, bolesna, bolesno
warm - topao, topla, toplo
hot - vruć, vruća, vruće
cold - hladan, hladna, hladno
wet - mokar, mokra, mokro
dry - suv, suva, suvo
clean - čist, čista, čisto
dirty - prljav, prljava, prljavo
full - pun, puna, puno
empty - prazan, prazna, prazno
strong - jak, jaka, jako
weak - slab, slaba, slabo
beautiful / pretty - lep, lepa, lepo
ugly - ružan, ružna, ružno
smart / intelligent - pametan, pametna, pametno
stupid - glup, glupa, glupo
rich - bogat, bogata, bogato
poor - siromašan, siromašna, siromašno



expensive - skup, skupa, skupo
cheap - jeftin, jeftina, jeftino
near / close - blizak, bliska, blisko
far - dalek, daleka, daleko
high - visok, visoka, visoko
low - nizak, niska, nisko
thick - debeo, debela, debelo
thin - tanak, tanka, tanko
deep - dubok, duboka, duboko
shallow - plitak, plitka, plitko
quiet - tih, tiha, tiho



loud - glasan, glasna, glasno
important - važan, važna, važno
interesting - zanimljiv, zanimljiva, zanimljivo
boring - dosadan, dosadna, dosadno
free (available) - slobodan, slobodna, slobodno
busy - zauzet, zauzeta, zauzeto
open - otvoren, otvorena, otvoreno
closed - zatvoren, zatvorena, zatvoreno
right / correct - ispravan, ispravna, ispravno
wrong - pogrešan, pogrešna, pogrešno
same - isti, ista, isto
different - drugačiji, drugačija, drugačije
early - ran, rana, rano
late - kasan, kasna, kasno
sweet - sladak, slatka, slatko
salty - slan, slana, slano
sour - kiseo, kisela, kiselo
bitter - gorak, gorka, gorko
tasty, delicious - ukusan, ukusna, ukusno

Colors

red - crven, crvena, crveno

green - zelen, zelena, zeleno

blue - plav, plava, plavo

yellow - žut, žuta, žuto

orange - narandžast, narandžasta, narandžasto

purple - ljubičast, ljubičasta, ljubičasto

pink - roze

brown - braon / smeđ, smeđa, smeđe

gray - siv, siva, sivo

black - crn, crna, crno

white - beo, bela, belo

colorful - šaren, šarena, šareno

