

SERBIAN - Lesson 2

Kupovina u trafici.

1. Dobar dan. **(1)**
2. Dobar dan, izvolite? **(2)**
3. Daćete mi jedan crveni "Lucky", dve "NES" kafe "3u1" i tri "Smoki-ja". **(3) (4) (5)**
4. Da li želite još nešto? **(6)**
5. Ništa više.
6. To bi bilo 326 (trista dvadeset i šest) dinara. **(7) (8)**
7. Evo ga. **(9)**
8. Izvolite kusur i račun.
9. Hvala. Doviđenja. **(10)**
10. Doviđenja.

Notes:

1. *Dobar dan* – a formal greeting used after 8AM (an unspoken rule), until it starts getting dark.
2. The word "*Izvolite*" has several different meanings: 1. *Izvolite?* (How may I help you?) 2. *Izvolite.* (Here you go.) 3. *Izvolite* + hand gestures (sign of approval for continuing an action or movement).
3. *Laki* – short for "Lucky Strike".
4. *NES 3u1* – a very popular type of instant coffee in Serbia.
5. *Smoki* – one of the most popular snacks in Serbia, a kind of chip.

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Shopping at (in) the corner store.

1. Good afternoon. (Good day)
2. Good afternoon, how may I help you? (Good day, "explained in the notes")
3. (You will give me) one pack of red Lucky, two "NES 3in1" coffees, and three "Smoky-es".
4. Do you want anything else? (Do you want more something?)
5. Nothing else. (Nothing more)
6. That will (would) be 326 dinara.
7. Here you go. (Here he/it is)
8. Here is your change and receipt.
9. Thank you. Goodbye.
10. Goodbye.

6. *Da li* – a grammatical particle used for forming YES/NO questions. *Da li imaš dovoljno vremena?* (Do you have enough time?), *Da li si bio na poslu danas?* (Have you been to work today?), *Da li je Zemlja okrugla?* (Is the Earth round?)
7. *bi* – 2nd and 3rd person singular and 3rd person plural form of the "Aorist" tense (not used in colloquial speech anymore) of the verb "to be". It is used for the construction of the Serbian "Potencijal (Potential)", which is used for expressing wishes, possibilities and intentions.

Full conjugation:

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| 1. ja | bih | 4. mi | bismo |
| 2. ti | bi | 5. vi | biste |
| 3. on | bi | 6. oni | bi |
| | ona | | one |
| | ono | | |

Examples:

Ja bih voleo da radim u toj kompaniji. (I would like to work in that company.)

Da imam vise para, bio bih srećniji. (If I had more money, I would be happier.)

8. *Dinar* – the national currency. Euros are also used as a method of payment .
9. *Evo /ga/je/* – Here he/she/it is. Similar to the Italian "Eccolo".
10. *Doviđenja* – formal greeting meaning "Goodbye".

Vocabulary:

1. dan - day
2. crveno - red
3. kafa - coffee
4. želeti - to wish, to want
5. dati - to give
6. hvala - thanks
7. kupovina - shopping
8. račun - receipt, account
9. kusur - change(noun)
10. nešto - something
11. dovoljno - enough
12. više- more