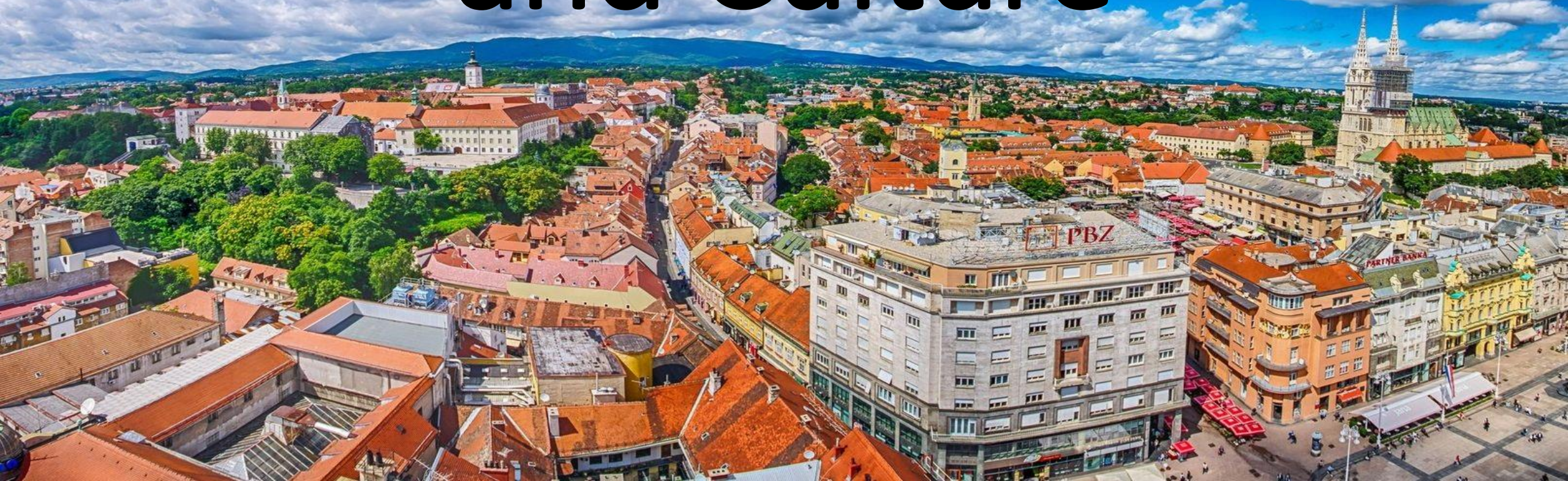


# Croatian Language and Culture





## FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY RANKINGS

- Category 0 (English Speaker)
- Category I, (~24 weeks)
- Category II (~30 weeks)
- Category III (~36 weeks)
- Category IV (~44 weeks)
- Category IV\* (more difficult)
- Category V (~88 weeks)
- Unclassified/NA

Blurb:  
The Foreign Service Institute (FSI)  
has created a list (based on their  
experience training US diplomats)  
to show the approximate time needed  
to learn a specific language **as an  
English speaker**. i.e. the number of  
weeks of study time to reach  
**Speaking and Reading Proficiency.**

German is the only  
Category II language.  
There are no Cat III  
languages in Europe.

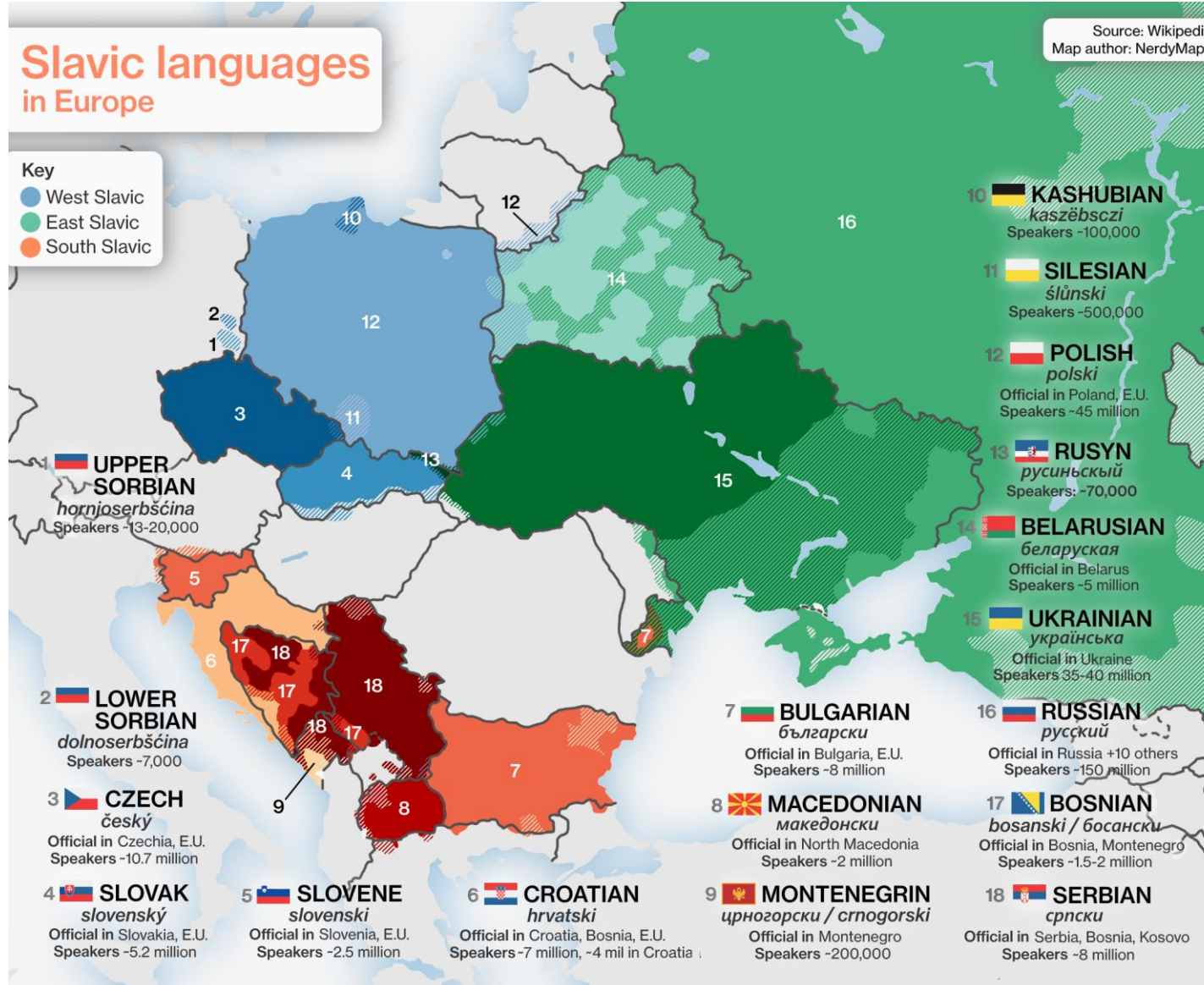
Time for Cat IV\*  
is unspecified  
but they are considered  
harder than other Cat IV

Arabic is Category V



# Slavic languages in Europe

Key  
 ● West Slavic  
 ● East Slavic  
 ● South Slavic



# Complexity of grammar

- 7 cases (nominative, genitive, dative, accusative, vocative, locative)
- 3 word genders (masculine, feminine and neuter)
- 2 numbers (singular and plural)
- adjectives and adverbs are very similar
- prefixes and suffixes will take time to master
- [Learning Croatian](#)

# Abeceda

## *Alphabet*

A	B	C	Č	Ć
D	Dž	Đ	E	F
G	H	I	J	K
L	LJ	M	N	NJ
O	P	R	S	Š
T	U	V	Z	Ž



# Vowels

Letter	Approximate Pronunciation	Symbol	Example	Pronunciation
a	like in father	ah	dan	dahn
e	like in get	eh	petak	peh-tahk
i	1. like in sit 2. like in meet	1. ih 2. ee	1. ime 2. pismo	1. ih-meh 2. pee-smoh
o	like in rope	oh	more	moh-reh
u	like in soon	oo	sunce	soon-tseh

# Consonants

Letter	Approximate Pronunciation	Symbol	Example	Pronunciation
ć/č	like in cheese (but stronger)	ch	čamac	chah-mats
đ/dž	like in John (but harder)	j	džem	jehm
ž	like as in <i>measure</i>	zh	žut	zhoot

Letter	Approximate Pronunciation	Symbol	Example	Pronunciation
h	like in <i>house</i>	h	hitno	hit-noh
j	like y in <i>yellow</i>	y	jutro	yoo-troh
lj	a fast pronunciation of l+y	ly	ljudi	ljoo-dih
nj	like ni in <i>onion</i>	ny	dinja	dih-nyah
r	always <i>trilled</i>	r	ruksak	rook-sahk
g	like in good	g	grad	grahd



## When speaking Croatian:

- Every single letter must be clearly pronounced
- There are no silent letters
- There are no special combinations of letters that together create one sound
- Letters are pronounced the same, regardless of their position in the word
- *nj*, *lj* and *dž* are single letters comprised of two characters and not two individual letters



# Try reading these words!

- auto = a car
- brod = a ship
- crveno = red
- čokolada = chocolate
- ćup = a jar
- drvo = a tree
- džem = jam
- đumbir = ginger
- engleski = English
- fino = tasty
- grad = a town/city
- hrana = food
- ime = a name
- juha = soup
- kuća = a house
- lopta = a ball
- ljeto = summer
- mlijeko = milk

Njemačka  
= Germany

olovka = a  
pencil

peron = a  
platform

ručak =  
lunch

spavati =  
to sleep

što = what

tata = dad

ulica = a  
street

naranča = an  
orange

vilica = a  
fork

zmaj = a  
dragon

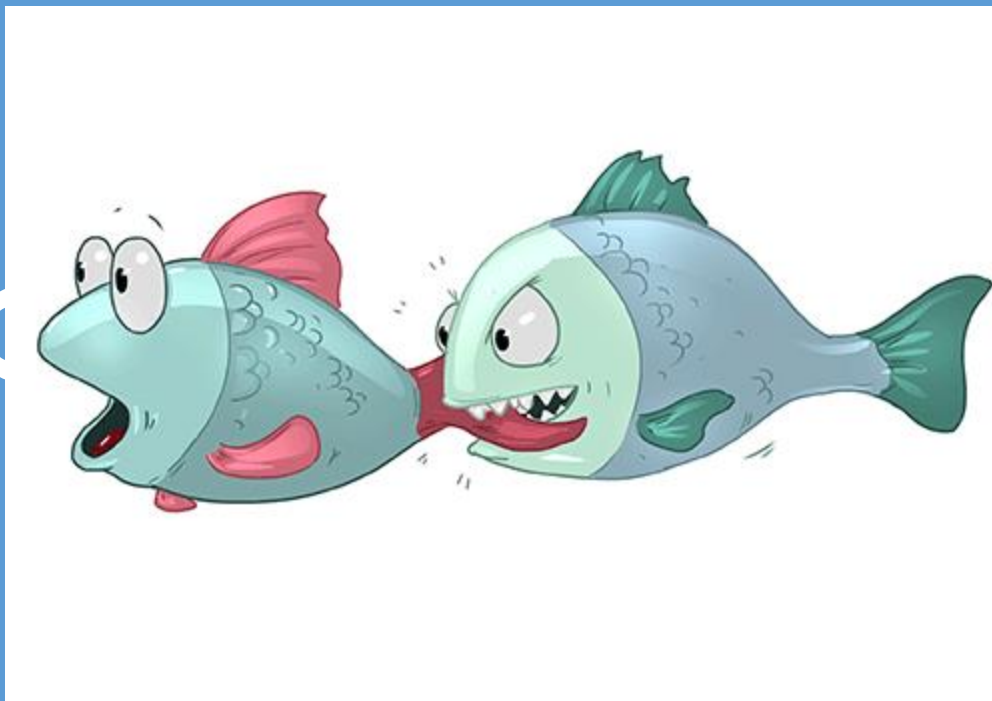
žuto =  
yellow



# Try pronouncing these difficult Croatian words!

- **mjenjačnica** – currency exchange office
- **ljuljačka** – swing
- **šišmiš** – bat
- **slastičarnica** – pastry shop
- **šćućuriti se** – to crouch
- **Ljubljana** – capital of Slovenia
- **željeznica** – railway
- **cvjećarnica** – flower shop
- **čučnjevi** – squats
- **mršav** – thin
- **ponedjeljak** – Monday
- **patlidžan** – eggplant/aubergine
- **žvačkalica** – toothpick

Rik



ep.

# Tongue twisters

- Na štriku se suši šareni šosić.
- Petar Petru plete petlju.
- Kralj Karlo i kraljica Karla su krali klarinet.





# REVISION

- Danas je četvrtak.
- Predavanje je počelo ujutro.
- Volim učiti hrvatski jezik.
- Sveučilište Algebra nalazi se na zapadnom dijelu grada.
- Grad Zagreb je glavni grad Hrvatske.
- Drugi najveći grad u Hrvatskoj je Split.
- U Splitu se nalazi Dioklecijanov palača.

# Otvorite knjige na stranici 10.

*Open your books on page 10.*

- čovjek
  - muškarac
  - žena

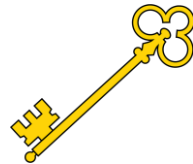


- kravata



- ljubav

- ključ



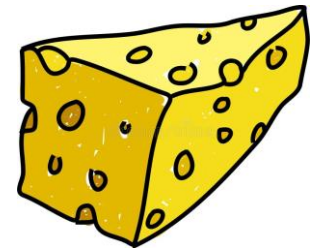
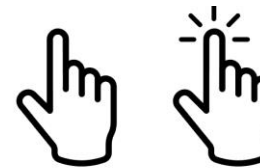
- čarapa

- šalica

- čaj



- kuhinja
- pitanje
- zemlja
- džemper
- džip
- prst
- sir
- škola
- cvijeće



# Strane riječi u hrvatskom

*International words in Croatian*



## Koje riječi već poznajemo?



student



fakultet



kompjutor



indeks



park



more



karta



vino



sendvič



hotel



auto



avion



autobus



tramvaj



motor

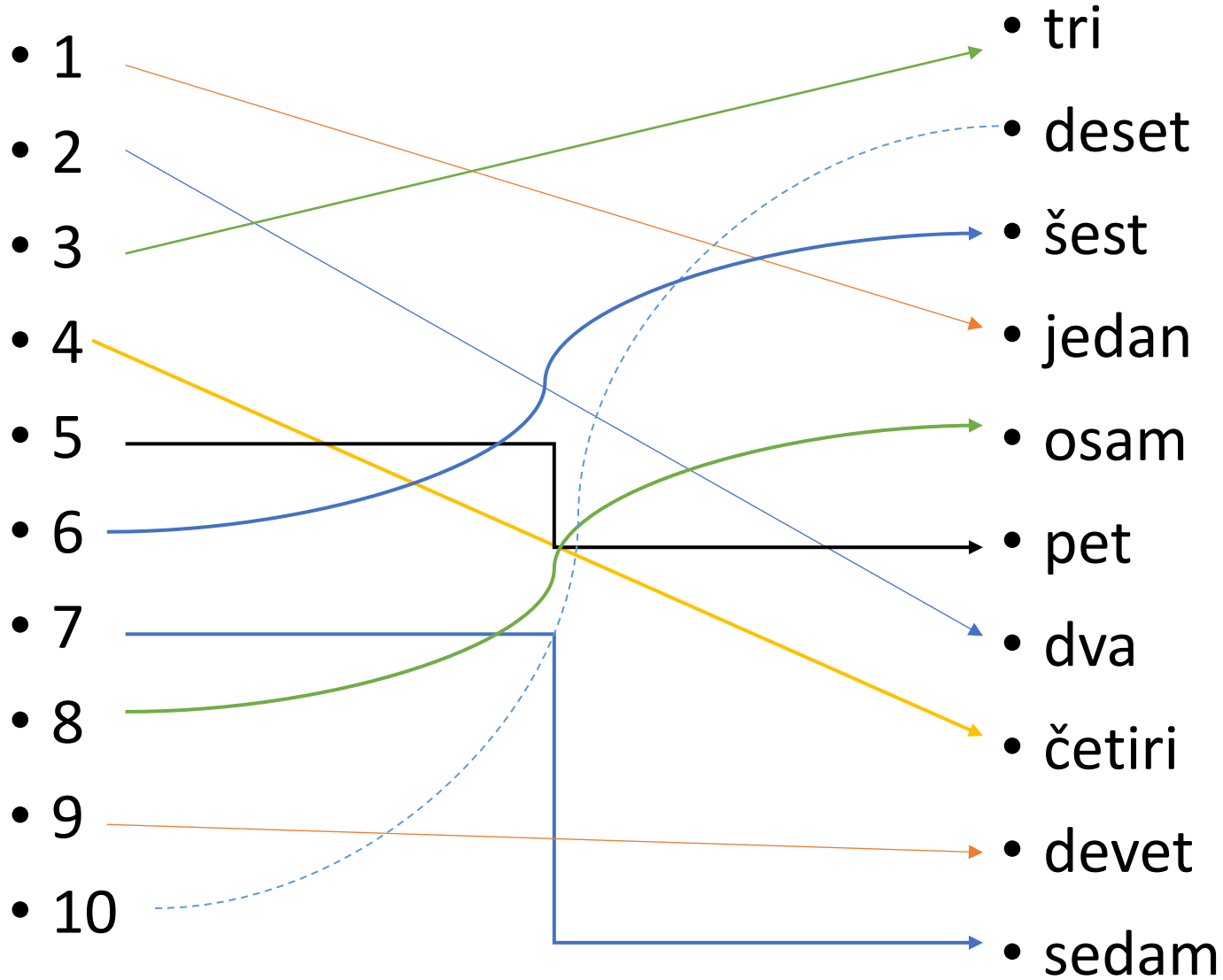
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# Brojevi Numbers

• <b>one</b>	• jedan
• <b>two</b>	• dva
• <b>three</b>	• tri
• <b>four</b>	• četiri
• <b>five</b>	• pet
• <b>six</b>	• šest
• <b>seven</b>	• sedam
• <b>eight</b>	• osam
• <b>nine</b>	• devet
• <b>ten</b>	• deset







**SPOJI!**  
**MATCH!**

