

Interslavic crash course for slavs

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1 Forword

This little course has been created to help speakers of Slavic languages learn to write and speak Interslavic in a natural way. The course is intentionally short, as Slavs already passively understand most of the grammar and vocabulary, and the goal here is to activate this knowledge. By working through the word lists and inflecting words with the grammar tables, learners can start building sentences.

I have carefully selected words for the word list that are widely understood by most Slavs. For cases where South Slavs might not be familiar with a word, I have provided an alternative.

At the end of this book, you will find 50 example sentences to inspire you to create your own Interslavic sentences. I recommend printing the word lists and grammar tables on separate sheets and arranging them side by side on your desk. This will make the writing process more efficient.

By the time you reach the end of the 50 example sentences, you'll find it easy to create your own sentences. Feel encouraged to contribute additional words, improved grammatical explanations, or even a cover design for this course. Your contributions will, of course, be credited. My goal is to turn this crash course into a community project because I believe that more Slavic speakers should discover the beauty of Interslavic and form connections with each other and for this easily accessible learning material is needed. The book will be open source on my github.

The grammar tables and the numbered section were created based on Jan van Steenberg's grammar articles, available at steen.free.fr. I hope he is comfortable with this usage.

Good luck with your journey in learning Interslavic/Medžuslovjanski!
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2 Helpful links

- https://github.com/ginschel/interslavic_crash_course/tree/master (in case you want to contribute)
- <https://interslavic-dictionary.com> (in case you don't know a word or want to compare languages)
- <https://interslavic.fun/learn/grammar> (good side for learning grammar)
- <http://steen.free.fr/interslavic/grammar.html> (the original web site with the grammar articles from interslavic.fun)
- <https://hackmd.io/@xlO6E2n-S5eX4tROzsbTpg/ryr9565Ni> (this is a german-english-interslavic phrase book with practical sentences)
- <https://www.youtube.com/@interslavicofficial> (if you want to hear very well spoken interslavic)
- <https://linktr.ee/interslavicmedzuslovjansky>

3 Words

osnova/fundamental words

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| • ako | • neželi | • vsaky |
| • ale / no | • něčto | • vseгда |
| • bez | • něhaky | • za |
| • bliz | • několik | • začto |
| • bolje | • ni... ni... | • zato |
| • menje | • ničto | • že |
| • čemu ili od kakogo povoda | • nikto | • sovsěm |
| • črěz | • něktory | • tutdenj |
| • čto | • o | • tutčas |
| • daže | • ob | • da by |
| • dlja (south slavic zaradi) | • očevidno | • až (ili daže ili jug. čak) |
| • do | • od | • li (vměsto či) |
| • iz | • po | • nema |
| • jedino | • pod | • od povoda |
| • ješče | • potom | • potomu že |
| • k | • přěd | • oprosti / pardon |
| • kako | • pri | • odkud |
| • koliko | • s | • dokud |
| • kogda | • směsta | • najmenje ili hot by |
| • kto | • snova | • pozdrav |
| • ktory / south slavic koj | • samo | • tamtoj ili toj |
| • medžu | • sějčas | • tutoj |
| • město | • sovsěm | • vsaky (vměsto každy. to dlja jug ne razumlivo) |
| • mnogo (vměsto bardzo ili duže) | • takože | • zaisto (vměsto napravdu) |
| • može | • tako | • zdravo (do vitanja) ili do-brodošli |
| • možno | • tamo | • nehaj |
| • na | • tu | • nazad |
| • nad | • togda | • kako jesi |
| • najbolje | • toliko - tak dužo | • často |
| • najdti | • trěba (ili potřěbno) | |
| • na priměr | • uže | |

imeslova/nouns

- avto
- kompjuter
- čas
- časina
- minuta
- čest
- člověk
- denj
- dělo
- dítě
- dom
- žena
- zemja
- vrěme
- vojna
- voda
- vino
- uho
- svět
- strana
- stol
- čaša
- sok
- slučaj
- slovo
- slovjanin
- restoran
- robota
- raz
- ryba
- ruka
- pytanje
- problem
- prijatelj
- pokoj
- pogled
- oko
- pivo
- otec
- noga
- noč
- muž
- mlěko
- život
- meso
- maslo
- lice
- konec
- kniga
- kava
- hvala ili jug blagodarjenje
- hlěb
- groši
- grad
- god
- glava
- glas
- dveri
- država
- značenje
- većinstvo
- ime
- sala
- povod
- pogrěška
- přědmet
- zautra
- včera
- pogoda
- polovina
- dožd
- solnce
- sněg
- sedmica ili tydenj (jug)
- mēsec ili luna
- zautraka
- oběd
- večerja
- besěda
- butilka ili fljaška
- zamok
- osnova
- jeda ili jelo (jug)
- vkus ukus
- okno
- podloga ili tlo (jug)
- zadanje
- dolžnost
- dolžina

bonus: ponedělok, vtorok, srěda, četvrtok, petok, subota, nedělja

adjectives

- črny
- běly
- dobry
- zly
- teply
- veliky
- vid
- taky
- stary
- prosty
- težky
- prvy
- potřebny
- poslední
- novy
- mały
- hladny
- drugy
- rozumlivy
- bystry ili brzy (jug)
- nebystry
- nebrzy (jug)
- kratky
- važny
- legky
- celý
- krasivy
- ugodny
- přijatny
- sivy
- složený
- umorjeny
- slědny
- poslední
- vkusny
- dolgy
- kratky

glagoly / verbs

irreg. -ut	nuti -ne- , ut	idti -ide- ut	reg ě jut	reg a jut	ovati -uje- jut	i konj et	hoditi	irreg -et
brati -bere-	stanuti -stane-	prijdti -prijde-	rozuměti	dělati	egzistovati	lžubiti	odhoditi	stojati -stoji-
vzeti -vazne-	dvignuti -dosegne-	najdti -najde-	uměti	imati	potřebovati	(ob)govoriti	vhoditi	sědět -sědi-
dati -da(d)-	dosegnuti -dosegne-	vyjdti -vyjde-		pytati	probovati	mýsliti	uhoditi	spati -spi-
dostati -dostane-	tegnuti -tegne-	izojdti -izojde-		znati	funkcjonovati	nositi	přihoditi	(u)vidět -vidi-
htět -hče-				nazyvati		odgovoriti	vyhoditi	běgti -běži-
mogti -može- (gut)				padati		otvoriti		gledět -gledi-
nesti -nese-				skakati		prositi		
ostati -ostane-				pozdravjati		značiti		
biti -bije-				robotati		jezdti -jezdi-		
pít -pije-				zautrakati		učiti		
početi -počne-				posluživati se		pozdraviti		
prínesti -prinese-				zapametati		umorit se		
stati -stane-				želiti		zabezpametiti		
(s)kazati				igrati		voditi		
-skaže- skaži!								
žít -žive-				čítati		variti		
jesti -je- (dut)				plavati		postaviti		
ískati -íše-				kuhati		hvaliti		
(na)pisati				slušati		(s)tvoriti		
-píše-								
nadějati se				posluživati se		voziti		
-naděje- (jut)								
vezti -veze-				koristati		blгодарiti		
vesti -vedi-								
čuti -čuje-								
klásti -klade-								
zvati -zove-								
pekti -peče- (kut)								

The columns are colored by their conjugation and their endings. The conjugation pattern is always -m, -š, -Ø, -mo, -te, -(j)ut / -et.

Frazy/phrases

- to jest vyše prosto
- to byla dobra besěda
- želam dobrogo vkusa/ukusa/apetita
- probovati najdti (for some slavs easier to understand than iskati and infamous szukati)
- Ščestnogo dnja rodženja!

Numbers

0-10: 0. nula, 1. jedin (jedna, jedno), 2. dva (dvě), 3. tri, 4. čtyri, 5. pet, 6. šest, 7. sedm, 8. osm, 9. devet, 10. deset.

(11-19) are formed by adding -nadset (pronounced -nacet) to the numbers 1-9: 11. jedinnadset, 12. dvanadset, 13. trinadset, 14. čtyrinadset, 15. petnadset, 16. šestnadset, 17. sedmnadset, 18. osmnadset, 19. devetnadset.

(20-90) are formed by adding -deset to the numbers 2-9: 20. dvadeset, 30. trideset, 40. čtyrideset, 50. petdeset, 60. šestdeset, 70. sedmdeset, 80. osmdeset, 90. devetdeset.

(100-900) are formed by adding -sto to the numbers 2-9: 100. sto, 200. dvasto, 300. tristo, 400. čtyristo, 500. petsto, 600. šeststo, 700. sedmsto, 800. osmsto, 900. devetsto

Alternatively, the hundreds can also be formed by inflecting the word sto, resulting in the following set: 100. sto, 200. dvěstě, 300. trista, 400. čtyrista, 500. petsot, 600. šeststot, 700. sedmstot, 800. osmstot, 900. devetsot.

The words for thousand, million and milliard are: tyseč (1000), milion and miliard.

for instance: 5421 = petsot čtyristo dvadeset jedin

4 Grammar tables

Every inflection that is in brackets will be used if the ending of the noun stem is a soft letter.

Nouns

	I-Declination			II	III
	m. (anim.)	m. (inanim.)	n.	f.	
nom.	-i	-y (-e)	-a	-y (-e)	-i
acc.	-ov (-ev)	-y (-e)	-a	-y (-e)	-i
gen.	-ov (-ev)		-∅	-∅	-ij
dat.	-am				
ins.	-ami				
loc.	-ah				

Table 1: The third declination includes all feminine nouns ending with -ost like kost.

These words have some irregular forms, but apart from that they are declined like words from the third declination.

- člověk (m.), pl. ljudi

- dēte (gen. dēteta or dētete) (n.), pl.dēti
- oko (n.), pl. oči
- uho (n.), pl. uši

Adjectives

	m. (animate)	m. (inanimate)	n.	f.
nom.	-y (-i)		-o (-e)	-a
acc.	-ogo (-ego)	-y (-i)	-o (-e)	-u
gen.	-ogo (-ego)			-oj (-ej)
dat.	-omu (-emu)			-oj (-ej)
ins.	-ym (-im)			-oju (-eju)
loc.	-om (-em)			-oj (-ej)

Table 2: Adjective case endings by gender and animacy

Pronouns

	1st person	2nd person	3rd masc.	3rd neut.	3rd fem.
nom.	ja	ty	on	ono	ona
acc.	mene (me)	tebe (te)	jego (go)		ju
gen.	mene	tebe	jego		jej
dat.	mně (mi)	tobě (ti)	jemu (mu)		jej
ins.	mnoju	toboju	jim		jeju
loc.	mně	tobě	jim		jej

Table 3: Personal pronouns in singular by case and gender

	1st person	2nd person	3rd m.anim.	3rd other
nom.	my	vy	oni	one
acc.	nas	vas	jih	je
gen.	nas	vas	jih	jih
dat.	nam	vam	jim	
ins.	nami	vami	jimi	
loc.	nas	vas	jih	

Table 4: Plural personal pronouns by case and gender

Case	Who?	What?	Reflexive Pronoun
nom.	kto	čto	-∅
acc.	kogo	čto	sebe (se)
gen.	čego	čego	sebe
dat.	komu	čemu	sobě (si)
ins.	kym	čím	soboju
loc.	kom	čem	sobě

Table 5: Pronouns for "Who?", "What?" and Reflexive Pronouns by Case

5 Exercises

Sentences to translate into medžuslovjanski

1. How are you?
2. That is good.
3. Why are you here?
4. How are you going?
5. I like this.
6. Are you tired?
7. What do you want to do?
8. Can I help you?
9. I see you.
10. Ask me.
11. We can go.
12. He is going now.
13. No problem.
14. The last thing I want is this.
15. That is really difficult.
16. Because I am not sure.
17. I like this city.
18. That is my friend.
19. Give me that.
20. You have many questions.
21. I don't know how to do this.
22. My father works there.
23. That is your choice.
24. We are drinking coffee.
25. We are learning now.
26. Are you ready?
27. It is very nice here.
28. Now we must go.
29. What are you doing?
30. This is my home.

31. She is at the restaurant.
32. Health is the most important.
33. I greet you.
34. We can start.
35. I like your book.
36. Are you tired?
37. We must write.
38. When will we eat?
39. She likes to drink juice.
40. Because it is not there.
41. Dinner is ready.
42. What is happening?
43. Thank you for the help.
44. Sometimes I go there.
45. That is not very clear.
46. Dinner is really tasty.
47. It is beautiful here.
48. Can you tell me?
49. I finished the work.
50. When is your birthday?