

Accusative Case: Prepositions

Last time, we talked about how the accusative case is often used to indicate the direct object in a sentence. While this is one of the most common usages of accusative case, it's also used with various prepositions.

U and NA

The preposition *u* and *na*, when used alongside the verb *ići* (to go), mean "to." But before we go any deeper with that, let's take a moment to talk about this verb.

<i>ići</i>	Singular	Plural
1st person	Idem	Idemo
2nd person	Ideš	Idete
3rd person	Ide	Idu

You'll notice that the verb changes consonants when it's conjugated, but otherwise it's a regular e/u verb. This verb is a verb of motion, which means that it involves movement from one place to another. (We'll come across more verbs of motion later on.) As mentioned above, when using the prepositions *u* and *na* with verbs of motion, they both mean "to," and they're both going to be used with accusative case. Some examples:

Ja idem u park. I am going to the park.

Da li idete u prodavnicu?/Idete li u prodavnicu? Are you all going to the store?

Mi idemo na univerzitet/sveučilište danas. We are going to the university today.

Vi idete na koncert. You all are going to the concert. (Event rather than place.)

How do you know when to use *u* and when to use *na*? For now, you kind of just have to memorize which words utilize each preposition in this grammatical construction. However, later on we'll learn more cases that utilize these prepositions and discuss them a bit more.

In addition to being used with verbs of motion, *u* is also used with days of the week in the accusative case to mean "on" a specific day. As follows:

U ponedjeljak/ponedjeljak On Monday

U utorak On Tuesday

U sredi/srijedu On Wednesday

U četvrtak On Thursday

U petak On Friday

U subotu On Saturday

U nedelju On Sunday

Ja idem na univerzitet/sveučilište u ponedjeljak/ponedjeljak. I am going to the university on Monday.

U sredu/srijedu čitamo zajedno. On Wednesday we read together.

Other Prepositions with Accusative Case

The other prepositions we're discussing today are fairly straightforward.

Kroz – through

Idem kroz park, ili kroz pijacu.

I'm going through the park or through the market.

Uz – along

Uz reku/rijeku je park.

Along the river is a park.

Niz – down, below

Sedim niz prozor i čitam omiljenu knjigu.

I sit below the window and read my favorite book.

Za – for

Sutra mi učimo za test.

Tomorrow we're studying for the test.

Now, let's practice making sentences with these prepositions using what already know about masculine, feminine, and neuter nouns in accusative case. Work together to come up with as many as you can.