

Using *Na* and Accusative Case with Verbs

Previously, we discussed how the preposition *na* is used with the verb *ići* to talk about going places (just like the preposition *u*). Today, we're going to discuss how to use *na* + accusative case with other verbs and phrases.

Gledati na

The verb *gledati*, by itself, means "to watch," but when we include the preposition *na* + accusative case it means "to look at."

Some examples:

Ja sad gledam na polje.

I am looking at the field now.

On gleda na zid svaki dan.

He looks at the wall every day.

Mi gledamo na tu stolicu, gde/gdje duh sedi.

We're looking at the chair where a ghost is sitting.

Zašto gledaš na krov?

Why are you looking at the roof?

Mačke uvek/uvijek gledaju na svetla.

Cats always look at lights.

Da li ti i Jovan gledate na zvezde zajedno?/Gledate li zajedno ti i Jovan na zvezde?

Are you and Jovan looking at the stars together?

Misliti na

The verb *misлити* means "to think." When used with the preposition *na* + accusative case, it means "to think about." (There's another way to say "to think about," which we'll talk about once we've discussed more cases. For now, get to know this method.)

Here are some examples:

Mi mislimo na priču.

We are thinking about the story.

Na šta/što misliš kad gledaš na ugao?

What are you thinking about when you're looking at the corner?

Da li Marina misli na pokojnu drugaricu?/Mislite li Marina na pokojnu drugaricu?

Is Marina thinking about a departed friend?

Ponekad mislim na tog momka.

Sometimes I think about that young man.

Marija i Branka misle na staru kuću.

Marija and Branka are thinking about the old house.

Profesore, da li vi mislite na ovu tajnu?/Profesore, mislite li na ovu tajnu?

Professor, are you thinking about this mystery?

Biti alergičan na

The last phrase we're going to discuss today is *biti alergičan na*, which means "to be allergic to."

This can be literal, as in, a literal allergy that a person has. It can also be somewhat more abstract, like an expression of dislike. Remember that *alergičan* is an adjective, which means that it has to agree with the subject of the sentence according to gender and number.

Here are some examples:

Ona je alergična na njenog glupog brata.

She is allergic to her stupid brother.

Mi smo alergični na tvoju mačku.

We're allergic to your cat.

Da li si alergičan na ovo cveće?/Jesi li alergičan na ovo cveće?

Are you allergic to these flowers?