BCS 102

**Future Tense**

For future tense in BCS, begin with the verb hteti/htjeti (to want), and conjugate it:

Ja ho**ću**

Ti ho**ćeš**

On/Ona/Ono ho**će**

Mi ho**ćemo**

Vi ho**ćete**

Oni/One/Ona ho**će**

The latter part of the conjugations (bolded above) are the *enclitical auxiliary verbs* that will be utilized to indicate the future tense when paired with other verbs. (Remember that all enclitical/short forms, as we’ve seen before with pronouns, can never be at the beginning of the sentence.)

For ex.: **Ja ću gledati *Zvezdane/Zvjezdane staze* svaki dan.** (I will watch *Star Trek* every day.)

**On će pevati/pjevati pesme/pjesme sa komšijama/susjedima.** (He will sing songs with his neighbors.)\_

It’s also possible to use “da+present tense” to indicate future tense. As always, this method is more common in Serbian. It’s sometimes utilized in Bosnian, and rarely used in Croatian.

For ex.: **Ti ćeš da vežbaš srpski/hrvatski/bosanski kod kuće.** (You will practice

Serbian/Bosnian/Croatian at home.)

**Vi ćete da puno spavate.** (Ya’ll will sleep a lot.)

There is a third way to express future tense which is a bit more complicated. This involves taking the infinitive of a verb, such as “čitati,” dropping the “-ti” infinitive ending, and *fusing it together* with the enclitical auxiliary verb (like “će”). It creates an entirely new word: **čitaće**.

(\*\*\*Croatian (and also sometimes Bosnian) is a bit different here. Only the “-i” is removed from the infinitive, and the two words don’t fuse together. As follows: **čitat će.**)

Verbs that end is “-ći” don’t change at all when using this method. Thus, you would say **ići će**.

This third way to indicate future tense is utilized when the subject is not expressed in the sentence, or after an independent clause like “i,” “a,” or “ali.” The reason why the words “fuse” is because, as has been mentioned, enclitical forms can never be at the beginning of a sentence.

For ex.: **Pisaću/Pisat ću roman tokom/tijekom karantina/karentene.** (I will write a novel during

quarantine.)

**Mi ćemo ići u Čikago i slušaćemo/slušat ćemo naš omiljeni bend na koncertu.** (We will go to

Chicago and we will listen to our favorite band in concert.)

**Ići će zajedno na potragu.** (They will go together on a quest.)