

COURSE OF SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE

STUDY PLAN

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Duration: 40 academic hours (2 x 90 minutes per week)

Coursebook: Markovič Andreja et al.: *Slovenska beseda v živo 1a* (textbook and workbook). Ljubljana: Znanstvena založba Filozofske fakultete, 2012.

Additional materials:

1. M. Čuk, M. Mihelič, G. Vuga: *Odkrivajmo slovenščino*. Ljubljana: Filozofska fakulteta, Seminar slovenskega jezika, literature in kulture, 1996.
2. Slovenian grammar in Lithuanian language on-line: Jelena Konickaja: *Praktinė slovenų kalbos gramatika*:
http://www.flf.vu.lt/dokumentai/mokslas/el_knygu_versijos/slovenu_kalbos_gramatika_internetui.pdf
3. Web corpora, lexicons and tools:
 - Dictionary of Standard Slovenian: http://bos.zrc-sazu.si/sskj_en.html
 - Slovene spelling rules: <http://bos.zrc-sazu.si/sp2001.html>
 - Slovenian morphological lexicon: <http://www.slovenscina.eu/sloleks>
 - Corpora of Slovenian language: <http://eng.slovenscina.eu/korpusi>

Course annotation:

The main aim of the course is to develop basic communication in Slovenian language. Students will learn basic social conversation: how to introduce themselves, talk about their life (family, hobbies and interests), express opinions and feelings, orientate themselves in different places, search and ask for essential information etc. They also get to know Slovenian culture and habits. Students will conquer fundamental grammar of Slovene language: the Slovenian alphabet, pronunciation rules, basic grammar rules and word order.

Description of the lessons:

Lesson 1: *sLOVEnščina je romantična – sLOVEnE is romantic!*

Introduction of Slovenian language: alphabet and pronunciation rules. Slovenian language is one of the rarest languages in the world which has dual therefore is a language of love: with dual there can be no misunderstandings – there are only the two of you! 😊

Lesson 2: *Dober dan! – Hello!*

Greetings and introducing: giving information about yourself (identity, nationality, languages etc.). Grammar: verb *to be*, personal pronouns, grammatical number and gender.

Lesson 3: *Razumem, ne razumem ... – I understand, I don't understand ...*

Introduction into the conversation: expressions, contexts, use of formal and courtesy phrases and forms. Numbers. Grammar: verbs – infinitive form and present tense.

Lesson 4: *Kaj je to? Kdo je to? – What is this? Who is this?*

Things and people around us, professions, countries and inhabitants. Revision of numbers, expressing age and date of birth. Slovenia in numbers. Grammar: negative form of the verbs in present tense, question forms and answer possibilities.

Lesson 5: *Moja ulica – My street*

Orientation in different places: in the city, on the street, in the building and understanding basic information about the directions. My favourite place in Vilnius. Grammar: nominative case.

Lesson 6: *"Zrcalce, zrcalce na steni povej, katera najlepša v deželi je tej?" – "Magic Mirror on the wall, who is the fairest one of all?"*

Description of people and things. Grammar: adjectives of quality, antonyms of the adjectives, questions for adjectives.

Lesson 7: *Mmm ... kava! – Mmm ... coffee!*

Invitation to have coffee, ordering in the restaurant, accepting and declining an invitation, asking for the price. Grammar: accusative case, verbs requiring the accusative case.

Lesson 8: *"Lačen si ful drugačen!" – "You're not you when you're hungry!"*

Food and drinks. Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner. A bit of Slovenian slang expressions. Grammar: irregular verbs, adjectives of type.

Lesson 9: *Danes je moj dan – Today is my day*

Describing a regular day at school, work and home. Parts of the day and the question When? Expressions of time. Grammar: nominative and accusative case of the nouns and adjectives.

Lesson 10: *Revision*

Vocabulary: introduction, basic conversation, invitation, things and people, professions, orientation in places, food and drinks, parts of the day, expressions of time. Grammar: nominative and accusative case of the nouns and adjectives,

present tense, irregular verbs, adjectives of quality and type, questions. Revision test.

Lesson 11: *Moji načrti – My plans*

Expressions of time, clock. Description of plans. Grammar: verbs for direction, prepositions, word order.

Lesson 12: *Kakšno je vreme? – What's the weather?*

Describing the weather and seasons. Sports and hobbies. Grammar: personal pronouns for the accusative case.

Lesson 13: *Družinski album – Family album*

Family tree, describing the family. Grammar: expression *I like* and its grammatical rules.

Lesson 14: *Vabim te ... – In invite you ...*

Writing, accepting and declining an invitation. Expressing congratulations. Grammar: question Whose, personal pronouns and possessive adjectives.

Lesson 15: *Karijera ali ...? – Career or ...?*

Revising of the professions. Expressing positive and negative sides of study and work. Grammar: past tense.

Lesson 16: *Moja sanjska služba ... My ideal job*

Describing past events. Discussing the ideal job and stereotypes in different countries. Grammar: past tense, locative case.

Lesson 17: *Kje si in kam greš? – Where are you and where are you going?*

Expressing and describing the location and places. Grammar: locative case, prepositions which require locative case.

Lesson 18: *Revision*

Vocabulary: expressions of time and place, describing the weather, describing plans, past events and wishes. Grammar: nominative, accusative and locative case of the nouns and adjectives, present and past tense, negative forms of the verbs, irregular verbs, personal pronouns, adjectives of quality and type, questions.

Lesson 19: *Exam.*

Lesson 20: *Se vidimo! – See you!*

Revision of the exam: discussing the problems that students had while writing the exam, correcting mistakes, improving their speaking and writing skills.