



Basic words and phrases to get through life in Croatia

Basic Words-----

Word: da
Meaning: yes

Word: dobro
Meaning: good

Word: gdje
Meaning: where

Word: hoću
Meaning: I will

Word: hvala
Meaning: thank you

Word: idemo
Meaning: let's go

Word: jesam
Meaning: Yes, I am/did

Word: izvoli
Meaning: here you are



Word: krenimo, idemo

Meaning: let's go

Word: loše

Meaning: bad

Word: malo

Meaning: a little

Word: molim

Meaning: please; you're welcome

Word: možda

Meaning: maybe

Word: može

Meaning: okay

[Read: [10 ways to use "može"](#)]

Word: ne

Meaning: no

Word: ne može

Meaning: it cannot be done

Word: ne razumijem

Meaning: I do not understand

Word: ne znam

Meaning: I don't know



Word: neću

Meaning: I won't

Word: nisam

Meaning: No, I am not/didn't

Word: ništa

Meaning: nothing

Word: odlično

Meaning: excellent

[Read: [Croatian exclamations for when you need to shout](#)]

Word: oprost

Meaning: (I'm) sorry, excuse me

Word: pardon

Meaning: pardon

Word: puno

Meaning: a lot

Word: razumijem

Meaning: I understand

Word: super

Meaning: super

Word: stani, stop

Meaning: stop



Word: što

Meaning: what

Word: trebam

Meaning: I need

Word: u redu

Meaning: alright

Word: (u)pomoć

Meaning: help

Word: zašto

Meaning: why

Word: znam

Meaning: I know

Word: živjeli

Meaning: cheers



Basic Phrases-----

When talking to a stranger or an elderly person in Croatian, a formal form of the pronoun Vi is used. This is considered to be a sign of respect towards the person you don't know or who is significantly older than you. In informal conversation, the pronoun ti is used. The vocabulary of phrases below is structured for the formal.

Phrase: Bolesna/bolestan sam. (bolesna is feminine; bolestan is masculine)

Meaning: I am sick.

Phrase: Dobro sam, hvala.

Meaning: I'm good, thanks.

Phrase: Drago mi je.

Meaning: Nice to meet you. (I am glad.)

Phrase: Gdje radite?

Meaning: Where do you work?

Phrase: Gdje živite?

Meaning: Where do you live?

Phrase: Gladna/gladan sam. (gladna is feminine; gladan is masculine)

Meaning: I am hungry.



Phrase: Govorite li hrvatski/Engleski?

Meaning: Do you speak Croatian/English?

Phrase: Idemo jesti.

Meaning: Let's go eat.

[Read: [All the Croatian vocabulary you might need at a restaurant or cafe in Croatia](#)]

Phrase: Idemo na kavu.

Meaning: Let's go for a coffee.

Phrase: Imate li...?

Meaning: Do you have...?

Phrase: Ja sam iz [grad/država].

Meaning: I am from [city/state].

Phrase: Kako se zovete?

Meaning: What's your name?

Phrase: Kako ste?

Meaning: How are you?

Phrase: Koliko je sati?

Meaning: What's the time?

[Read: [How to tell time \(in Zagreb, Split, Istria, and Dubrovnik\)](#)]



Phrase: Koliko to košta?

Meaning: How much does it cost?

Phrase: Moram ići.

Meaning: I have to go/leave.

Phrase: Možemo li pričati na engleskom?

Meaning: Can we speak English?

Phrase: Nemam vremena.

Meaning: I don't have time.

Phrase: Nisam dobro.

Meaning: I'm not okay.

Phrase: Nisam sigurna/siguran. (sigurna is feminine; siguran is masculine)

Meaning: I'm not sure.

Phrase: Odakle ste? Otkud ste?

Meaning: Where are you from?

Phrase: Ovo je moj broj telefona.

Meaning: This is my phone number.

Phrase: Pustite me na miru.

Meaning: Leave me alone.

Phrase: Sretan put.

Meaning: Have a nice trip. (Safe travel.)



Phrase: Sretan rođendan!
Meaning: Happy birthday!

Phrase: Što ima novog?
Meaning: What's up?

Phrase: Što je to?
Meaning: What's that?

Phrase: Što mislite?
Meaning: What do you think?

Phrase: Što ste rekli?
Meaning: What did you say?

Phrase: Trebam na wc.
Meaning: I need to go to the toilet.

[Read: [How to ask where the toilet is in Croatian \(and how to find public toilets throughout Croatia\)](#)]

Phrase: Trebam odmor/pauzu.
Meaning: I need a break.

Phrase: Trebate li nešto?
Meaning: Do you need something?

Phrase: Ugodan dan.
Meaning: Have a nice day.



[Read: [All the ways to say "Hi" and "Bye" in Croatian](#)]

Phrase: Zovem se [ime].

Meaning: My name is [name].

Phrase: Zvuči dobro.

Meaning: Sounds good.