

UNIT 4

A fâ spesis

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Interrogative adjectives and pronouns (*what, which*)

Prepositions: *in, with, on, for, among/between ...*

Verb **PODÊ** (can, may) : present indicative

affirmative form

jo o pues
tu tu puedis
lui al pues (po)
jê e pues (po)
nô o podin
voaltris o podês
lôr a puedin (podin)

interrogative form

puedio?
puedistu?
puedial (podial)?
puedie (podie)?
podino?
podêso?
puedino (podino)?

Verb **VOLÊ** (to want): present indicative

affirmative form

jo o vuei
tu tu vuelis, vûs
lui al vûl
jê e vûl
nô o volin
voaltris o volês
lôr a vuelin

interrogative form

vuelio?
vuelistu? vûstu?
vuelial?
vuelie?
volino?
volêso?
vuelino?

Verb **PLASÊ** (to be pleasant, to like): presente indicative

affirmative form

jo o plâs
tu tu plasis
lui al plâs
jê e plâs
nô o plasìn
voaltris o plasês
lôr a plasin

interrogative form

plasio?
plasisu?
plasial?
plasiae?
plasino?
plasêso?
plasio?

Verb **DÂ** (to give): present indicative

affirmative form

jo o doi
tu tu dâs
lui al da
jê e da
nô o din
voaltris o dais
lôr a dan

interrogative form

doio?
dâstu?
daial?
daie?
dino?
daiso?
dano?

PARTITIVE ARTICLE

The partitive forms are expressed with the combined preposition "**di**" or without it.

Some, any **dal, dai, de (da la, da l'), des (da lis)**

I need some paper.

Mi covente (de) cjarde.

Have you got any black pencils? Aial (des) matitis neris?

INTERROGATIVE PRONOUNS AND ADJECTIVES: *how much, how many, which, which one ...*

how much: **trop, cetant** (mas. sing.)
how many: **trops, cetancj** (mas. plur.)
which (one): **cuâl** (mas. sing.)
which (ones): **cuâi** (mas. plur.)

how much: **trope, cetante** (fem. sing.)
how many: **tropis, cetantis** (fem. plur.)
which (one): **cuale** (fem. sing.)
which (ones): **cualis** (fem. plur.)

How much sugar do you want?

Trop (cetant) zucar vuelistu?

How many pens are there on the desk?

Tropis (cetantis) penis sono sul banc?

Which books do you prefer?

Cuâi libris preferissistu?

The interrogative forms "*how much*" e "*which*" can also be expressed by **CE**:

How much do you want to spend?

Ce vûstu spindi?

Which size do you like?

Ce misure vuelie?

PREPOSITIONS (*continuation*) IN – WITH – ON - OVER – FOR – BETWEEN

- **IN** (in) combined forms:

in the (mas.sing.) : **intal (tal)** *in the sitting-room* - intal (tal) tinel

(fem. sing.) : **inta la, inta l' (ta la, ta l'), inte (te)**

in the bedroom - **inta la (ta la, inte, te) cjamare**

(mas. plur.) : **intai (tai)** *in the supermarkets* - intai (tai) supermarcjâts

(fem. plur.) : **inta lis (ta lis), intes, tes**

in the schools - inta lis (intes, tes) scuelis

ATTENTION: with the indefinite article we have:

in a (an) (mas. sing.): **intun (tun)**

in a world - intun (tun) mont

(fem. sing.): **intune (tune)**

in a town - intune (tune) citât

- **CUN** (with) combined forms:

with the (mas. sing.): **cul**

with the help - cul aiût

(fem. sing.) : **cu la (cu l')**

with a pen - cu la pene

(mas. plur.) : **cui**

with your brothers - cui tiei fradis

(fem. plur.) : **cu lis**

with the pencils - cu lis matitis

ATTENTION: with the indefinite article we have:

cuntun (mas. sing.) : *with a friend* - cuntun ami

cuntune (fem. sing.) : *with a rubber* - cuntune gome

- **SU** (on - over) combined forms:

on the (mas. sing.) : sul	on your desk - sul to banc
(fem. sing.) : su la (su l')	on the table - su la taule
(mas. plur.) : sui	on the books - sui libris
(fem. plur.) : su lis	on the chairs - su lis cjadreis

ATTENTION: with the indefinite article we have:

on a (an) (mas. sing.) : on a dictionary - suntun vocabolari
(fem. sing.) : on a chair - suntune cjadree

- **PAR** (for) combined forms:

for the (mas. sing) : pal	for the cat - pal gjat
(fem. sing.) : par la (pa l', pe)	for the sister – par la (pe) sūr
(mas. plur.) : pal	for the dog – pal cjan
(fem. plur.) : par lis (pes)	for the women - par lis (pes) feminis

- **TRA/FRA/JENFRI** (between-among)

between the window and the door jenfri/tra/fra il barcon e la puarte
between the sisters - tra lis sūr

The prepositions **TRA/FRA**, with a temporal value, can be expressed with **timp** or with **ca di**.

In two hours we'll be with you.	Timp dôs oris e o sarin cun voaltris.
In two weeks I'll be on holiday.	Ca di dôs setemanis o sarai in vacance.

NOTE: the preposition tra followed by the conjunction che means “ say it's because, say it's because ...”

Say it's because I'm deaf, say it's because you are far ...
Tra che o soi sort, tra che tu sês lontan ...

Esercizi 1

Insert the correct form of **podê**.

1. Al è tart, ma jo no durmî.
2. Jo..... viodi la pene biro, par plasê?
3. Lui al cjoli lis cartulinis dibessôl.
4. Gertrud e spindi dome 10 euros par lis cartulinis.
5. Pal Domo? Lui al lâ simpri dret.
6. Il cjistiel al è sierât. Nô no visitâlu.
7. Dulà (jo) cjatâ une farmacie?
8. Simon e Pauli a son stracs; no lavorâ.
9. Marc, lâ in pueste par plasê?
10. Pieri, Ane, vignî chi un moment?

Esercizi 2

Insert the correct form among **volê, plasê e dâ**.

- a) Trop voaltris par chês scarpis? 40 euros.
- b) Ce brute cheste cjamese: no mi
- c) ancje voaltris un regal (regalo) ai vuestris gjenitôrs par Nadâl?
- d) Ti i miei bregons? Sì, a son bielons.
- e) Jê e simpri alc par chei puars.
- f) Marc e Sandri no vignî ae fieste; al è masse tart.

Esercizi 3

Insert the interrogatives **dulà – quant – trop, trops – cemût – dulà – cui – ce – di dulà**.

- 1) ise cheste fantate? E je mê cusine Gertrud.
- 2) agns aial to pari? Cincuantesîs.
- 3) comprie la siore Toful? Un libri par Luise.
- 4) cjatio la marmelade? Lajù, a man çampe.
- 5) fâstu doman? O voi al cine cun Pieri.
- 6) staie tô none? E sta ben, grazie.
- 7) costial un chilo di miluçs? Un e vincj.
- 8) vadie Luise? E va in cjamare.
- 9) isal il to amî? Al è di Cividât.
- 10) rivîno al stadi? Vait simpri drets.
- 11) isal nassût Giovanni da Udine? Tal 1578.

Esercizi 4

Insert the correct preposition.

1. *in the* mont
2. *for the* patrie
3. *with the* machine
4. *in the* ort
5. *on the* pavement
6. *of* gno gjat
7. *between* sfueis
8. *of the* mari
9. *in the* cassetts
10. *under the* armâr

Esercizi 5

Insert the correct preposition.

1. *in an* bosc
2. *with the* amîs
3. *under the* mûrs
4. *of the* zovin
5. *on the* libri
6. *per l'* om
7. *to the* sisile
8. *in the* stradis
9. *with a* vocabolari
10. *for the* feminis

Esercizi 6

Insert the correct preposition.

1. *with a* fruçon
2. *in the* cîl
3. *to the* furmiis
4. *with the* mans
5. *in a* bidon
6. *for the* justizie
7. *in the* cjamesis
8. *for the* memorie
9. *on a* bree
10. *with a* peraule

Esercizi 7

Insert the correct preposition

1. *to the* nevôts
2. *with the* armoniche
3. *of the* nonos
4. *for the* cjan
5. *in the* discors
6. *on the* cjavei
7. *of the* aministrazion
8. *in a* tratorie
9. *for the* fradis
10. *with the* ombrene

Esercizi 8

Insert the forms **trop, trope, trops, tropis, cuâl, cuale, cuâi, cualis**.

- a) spongje vuelie?
- b) di chestis penis preferissie?
- c) fradis âstu?
- d) cjantants ti plasino?
- e) zucâr ti metio?
- f) di chescj persuts i doio, siore?
- g) machine ti plasie?
- h) personis âstu a cene usgnot?

Esercizi 9

You are at the stationer's. Write the dialogue according to the suggestions:

shop assistant

She greets you and asks if she can help you.

She says she's got different colours.

She asks what colour you like.

She says she has.

12 cents a sheet.

She replies she has.

She answers 12 cents each.

She answers 2 euros and 72 cents.

She gives you the change.

She says good bye.

you

Answer and say that you want some writing paper

Ask if she's got yellow paper.

Ask how much it costs.

Ask if she's got envelopes.

Ask for the price.

You buy 8 sheets and 8 envelopes. Ask how much it is all together.

You give her 12 euros.

You thank her and say good bye.

