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GRAMMAR

ADVERBS - REVIEW

In previous lessons we talked about adverbs and how they describe the degree of the word they are referring to (usually an adjective or a verb or another adverb). We said that adverbs belong to the **Closed Class Words** which means *they do not change like nouns, adjectives or pronouns*. They don't reflect gender and they always stay the same.

We've already learned the adverb *vrlo*, which means *very*.

On je vrlo dobar doktor. He is a very good doctor.

Ona je vrlo dobra doktorka. She is a very good doctor.

Ono je vrlo dobro dete. It is a very good child.

Remember, *adverbs never change*, so the word *vrlo* will stay exactly as it is regardless of the gender of the adjective it is associated with.

We've learned the adverb *izuzetno*, which means *exceptionally* and *jako* which means *extremely*.

Examples:

izuzetno dobar doktor – exceptionally good doctor (masculine)

izuzetno dobra doktorka – exceptionally good doctor (feminine)

izuzetno dobro dete – exceptionally good child (neuter)

jako dobar doktor – extremely good doctor (masculine)

jako dobra doktorka – extremely good doctor (feminine)

jako dobro dete – extremely good child (neuter)

ADVERBS - PRACTICE

Example: Ona je vrlo dobra osoba - She is a very good person

Let's break the sentence down. *Ona je* means *she is* (*ona* is personal pronoun for the 3rd person singular feminine and *je* is the verb *to be* or *biti* in Serbian for 3rd person singular). So we see the **Word Agreement** between the pronoun *ona* and the verb *je* - they are both agree in *person* and *gender*). *Vrlo* is an adverb and It means *very* (*vrlo* describes the degree of the adjective *dobra*). The feminine singular adjective *dobra* describes the feminine singular noun *osoba* which means *person*. We see the **Word Agreement** between the adjective *dobra* and the noun *osoba* (both words are feminine and singular: *osoba* is a singular feminine noun because it ends with an *a*, and *dobra* is the singular feminine form of the adjective, the *-a* ending tells us this). When we put this all together, we have *Ona je vrlo dobra osoba*, which means *She is a very good person*.

Example: Zemlja je izuzetno divna - The country is exceptionally wonderful

Remember, the English article *the* is *implied* in Serbian, so you don't have to worry about articles here. *Zemlja* is a singular feminine noun which means *country*. We see that it ends with an *a*. So, it must be paired with a feminine singular adjective *divna*. *Divna* means *wonderful* and we see the singular feminine ending *-a*. Since the word *izuzetno* is an *adverb*, it refers to the adjective *divna* and it doesn't change. We see the **Word Agreement** between the noun *zemlja* and the adjective *divna* (both words are feminine and singular). We also see the **Word Agreement** between the subject (the feminine singular noun *zemlja*) and the predicate (which is *je* – the verb *biti* for 3rd person singular) in the sentence (both words agree in person and number - 3rd person singular). We can add in some possessive pronouns and we get *My country is exceptionally wonderful - Moja zemlja je izuzetno divna*. The pronoun *my* refers to the noun *zemlja* and needs to agree with the noun in gender and number, so we know it needs to be feminine and singular which is *moja* in Serbian). When we put this all together, we have *Zemlja je izuzetno divna - The country is exceptionally wonderful*

Example: Naši prijatelji su vrlo interesantni - Our friends are very interesting

Prijatelji is a plural masculine noun which means *friends*. We see that it ends with an *-i*, so it must be paired with the masculine plural pronoun *naši*. The pronoun *naši* refers to the noun *prijatelji* and since the gender & number of the main word (in this case the noun *prijatelji*) dictates the gender & number of the pronoun, we know that our pronoun needs to be in plural masculine form which is *naši*. *Naši prijatelji* both have the *-i* ending and they agree in gender and number – masculine singular). This is the subject of the sentence. We know now that the predicate of the sentence needs to agree with the subject in person and number. Since the subject is *naši prijatelji* (or *they* which is the 3rd person plural masculine) we know that the predicate needs to be 3rd person plural masculine- the verb *biti* needs to be in the 3rd person plural form, which is *su*. *Su* is the first part of the predicate in our sentence. The second part of the predicate is the adjective *interesting* and it needs to agree with *su* in number and gender. That is why *interesting* needs to be in plural masculine form of the adjective which is *interesantni* (ending in *-i*). The adverb *vrló* refers to the adjective *interesantni*. And this is how we get *Naši prijatelji su vrlo interesantni - Our friends are very interesting*

This process of making sentences may seem a bit overwhelming to you in the beginning, but with practice it will become much easier. This won't happen overnight, and it might take you some time to learn this, but know that there is a system and it can be done. Once you know the flow of things and they are connected, it's just a matter of time before you can start constructing your own sentences and speaking Serbian really well.

The most important thing to look out for is the **Word Agreement** when making Serbian sentences. Remember, Serbian language is a highly inflected language, which means that words change forms to reflect gender, number, case and tense.

VOCABULARY

ADVERBS

<i>Serbian</i>	<i>English</i>
vrlo	<i>very</i>
izuzetno	<i>exceptionally</i>
jako	<i>extremely</i>

LESSON EXAMPLES

<i>Serbian</i>	<i>English</i>
izuzetno skup	<i>exceptionally expensive (masculine)</i>
izuzetno skupa	<i>exceptionally expensive (feminine)</i>
izuzetno skupo	<i>exceptionally expensive (neuter)</i>
jako zabavan	<i>extremely fun (masculine)</i>
jako zabavna	<i>extremely fun (feminine)</i>
jako zabavno	<i>extremely fun (neuter)</i>
vrlo fin	<i>very nice (masculine)</i>
vrlo fina	<i>very nice (feminine)</i>
vrlo fino	<i>very nice (neuter)</i>

PRACTICE

SENTENCES

#	Serbian	English
1.	Ona je vrlo dobra osoba	She is a very good person
2.	Moja majka je vrlo dobra osoba	My mother is a very good person
3.	Zemlja je izuzetno divna	The country is exceptionally wonderful
4.	Moja zemlja je izuzetno divna	My country is exceptionally wonderful
5.	Tvoj prijatelj je jako fin	Your friend is extremely nice
6.	Tvoji prijatelji su jako fini	Your friends are very (=extremely) nice

EXERCISE #1

Match the phrases in Serbian with the correct phrase in English:

#	Serbian	#	English	match
1.	jako fin (<i>example</i>)	a)	exceptionally clever	1c
2.	izuzetno pametan	b)	extremely good	
3.	vrlo skup	c)	extremely nice	
4.	jako dobar	d)	exceptionally interesting	
5.	izuzetno interesantan	e)	very expensive	

EXERCISE #2

Choose the correct word from the following: *sam, fine, otac, njegova, interesantni*

#	Serbian	missing word
1.	Moj _____ je jako dobar	otac (example)
2.	Tvoji prijatelji su izuzetno _____	
3.	_____ deca su vrlo dobra	
4.	Ja _____ izuzetno pametan	
5.	Naše prijateljice su vrlo _____	

EXERCISE #3

Please write the full sentences from the previous exercise and translate to English:

#	Serbian	English
1.	Moj otac je jako dobar (example)	My father is extremely good.
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

EXERCISE #4

Choose the right word and fill in the blanks:

	English
1. <u>Moja</u> majka je vrlo fina (example)	interesantan/ moja /skupa
2. Vaša _____ je izuzetno dobra doktorka	naš/divan/sestra
3. Tvoj muž je jako dobar _____	zubar/vrlo/njena
4. Ona je _____ divna slikarka	pametni/izuzetno/dečko

ANSWER KEY

EXERCISE #1

(The answer is underlined and in bold)

Match the phrases in Serbian with the correct phrase in English:

#	Serbian	#	English	match
1.	jako fin (example)	a)	exceptionally clever	<u>1c</u>
2.	izuzetno pametan	b)	extremely good	<u>2a</u>
3.	vrlo skup	c)	extremely nice	<u>3e</u>
4.	jako dobar	d)	exceptionally interesting	<u>4b</u>
5.	izuzetno interesantan	e)	very expensive	<u>5d</u>

EXERCISE #2

(The answer is underlined and in bold)

Choose the correct word from the following: *sam, fine, otac, njegova, interesantni*

#	Serbian	missing word
1.	Moj _____ otac _____ je jako dobar	<u>otac</u> (example)
2.	Tvoji prijatelji su izuzetno <u>interesantni</u>	<u>interesantni</u>
3.	_____ <u>Njegova</u> deca su vrlo dobra	<u>Njegova</u>
4.	Ja _____ <u>sam</u> izuzetno pametan	<u>sam</u>
5.	Naše prijateljice su vrlo _____ <u>fine</u>	<u>fine</u>

EXERCISE #3

(The answer is underlined and in bold)

Please write the full sentences from the previous exercise and translate to English:

#	Serbian	English
1.	Moj otac je jako dobar (example)	<u>My father is extremely good</u>
2.	Tvoji prijatelji su izuzetno interesantni	<u>Your friends are extremely interesting</u>
3.	Njegova deca su vrlo dobra	<u>His children are very good</u>
4.	Ja sam izuzetno pametan	<u>I am extremely clever</u>
5.	Naše prijateljice su vrlo fine	<u>Our friends are very nice</u>

EXERCISE #4

(The answer is in bold)

Choose the right word and fill in the blanks:

		English
1.	<u>Moja</u> majka je vrlo fina (example)	interesantan/ <u>moja</u> /skupa
2.	Vaša <u>sestra</u> je izuzetno dobra doktorka	naš/divan/ <u>sestra</u>
3.	Tvoj muž je jako dobar <u>zubar</u>	<u>zubar</u> /vrlo/njena
4.	Ona je <u>izuzetno</u> divna slikarka	pametni/ <u>izuzetno</u> /dečko

Great job! Čao, drugari!