

FUTURE TENSE (BUDUĆE VREME)

There are three ways to make future tense. Formula 1 is the easiest, Formula 3 is the hardest, but it's the most commonly used. Don't give up! Learn Formula 1 or 2 first and then later tackle Formula 3.

FORMULA 1: PRESENT TENSE OF HTETI 'WANT' + INFINITIVE VERB

TABLE 1: PRESENT TENSE OF 'HTETI'

PERSON	CLITIC	NON-CLITIC
Ja (I)	ću	hoću
Ti (you)	ćeš	hoćete
On/ona/ono (he/she/it)	će	hoće
Mi (we)	ćemo	hoćemo
Vi (you)	ćete	hoćete
Oni/one/ona (they)	će	hoće

Note: To make future tense, we need to use clitic (short, unaccented) forms of 'hteti'

TABLE 2: EXAMPLES OF FUTURE TENSE USING FORMULA 1

The examples below mean 'I/you/he/... will go'

PERSON	CLITIC OF 'HTETI'	INFINITIVE VERB
Ja (I)	ću	ići
Ti (you)	ćeš	ići
On/ona/ono (he/she/it)	će	ići
Mi (we)	ćemo	ići
Vi (you)	ćete	ići
Oni/one/ona (they)	će	ići

The second way to make future tense is to add clitic forms of 'hteti' to the infinitive stem:

FORMULA 2: INFINITIVE STEM + PRESENT TENSE OF HTETI 'WANT'

Note that this formula is somewhat a reverse of Formula 1. Formula 2 is used only if there is no expressed subject, i.e., the subject of the sentence is omitted.

TABLE 3: EXAMPLES OF FUTURE TENSE USING FORMULA 2

'will stay'	'will work'	'will go'
Ostaću (I'll stay)	Radiću (I'll work)	Ići ću (I'll go)
Ostaćeš (you'll stay)	Radićeš (you'll work)	Ići ćeš (you'll go)
Ostaće (s/he'll stay)	Radiće (s/he'll work)	Ići ćete (s/he'll go)
Ostaćemo (we'll stay)	Radićemo (we'll work)	Ići ćemo (we'll go)
Ostaćete (you'll stay)	Radićete (you'll work)	Ići ćete (you'll go)
Ostaće (they'll stay)	Radiće (they'll work)	Ići će (they'll go)

FORMULA 3 PRESENT TENSE OF HTETI 'WANT' + DA + PRESENT TENSE OF THE MAIN VERB

Formula 3 is the most common way of expressing the future tense. However it might be the hardest for you at first, so at the beginning, use Formula 1 or 2.

TABLE 4: EXAMPLES OF FUTURE TENSE USING FORMULA 3

The example below means 'I/you/he/... will go'

PERSON	CLITIC OF 'HTETI'	DA+PRESENT TENSE
Ja (I)	ću	da idem (to go)
Ti (you)	ćeš	da ideš
On/ona/ono (he/she/it)	će	da ide
Mi (we)	ćemo	da idemo
Vi (you)	ćete	da idete
Oni/one/ona (they)	će	da idu

TABLE 5: How to say 'will be' using Formula 3

PERSON	CLITIC	DA+PRESENT TENSE
Ja (I)	ću	da budem
Ti (you)	ćeš	da budeš
On/ona/ono (he/she/it)	će	da bude
Mi (we)	ćemo	da budemo
Vi (you)	ćete	da budete
Oni/one/ona (they)	će	da budu

Note that the present tense stem of 'be' is 'bud-'