

Slovenian Phrases



Below are some of the most common phrases in Slovenian you might find useful in everyday conversations in Slovenia. Examples are written in grammatically correct Slovenian, so you are advised to read Slovenian Pronunciation Guide beforehand.

Meeting People	
	• say good morning, good afternoon and good evening:
Dobro jutro.	Good morning.
Dober dan.	Good afternoon.
Dober večer.	Good evening.
Živijo (inf.)!	Hi!
Nasvidenje.	Goodbye.
	• ask how someone is and reply:
Kako gre?	How are things?
Kako si (singular) / ste (plural)?	How are you?
Dobro, hvala!	Fine, thanks!
Zelo dobro, hvala!	Very well, thanks!
	• use some common words
da (for.) / ja (inf.)	yes
ne	no
prosim	please
hvala	thanks, thank you
najlepša hvala	thank you very much
ni za kaj	not at all, you're welcome
Ali lahko?	May I?
seveda	of course
oprostite (for.)/oprosti (inf.)	Sorry. (excuse me & forgive me)
	• ask someone's name and give your name:
Kako ti je ime?	What's your name?
Ime mi je ...	My name is ...
Jaz sem...	I am ...
	• ask if someone speaks a language, and reply:
Oprostite, ali govorite / razumete (angleško / slovensko) ?	Excuse me, do you speak / understand (English / Slovenian) ?
Ali kdo tukaj govori angleško?	Does anyone here speak English?
Ja, govorim / razumem...	Yes, I speak/understand ...
Ne, ne govorim / ne razumem...	No, I don't speak / understand ...
Govorite počasi, prosim!	Speak slowly, please!
Lahko ponovite?	Could you repeat that, please?
Kako se reče ... (po slovensko)?	How do you say ... (in Slovenian)?
Lahko to napišete?	Could you write it down, please?

	• ask where someone is from and where they live, and reply:
od kod prihajate?	Where are you from?
Sem iz ...	I'm from ...
Kje stanujete?	Where do you live?
Stanujem v ...	I live in ...
	• ask someone what they do for a living, and reply:
Kaj si/ste po poklicu?	What do you do for a living?
Po poklicu sem...	I am a ... by profession.
	• ask someone to speak slowly or to repeat what they said:

Question words	
	• question words:
Kdo?	Who?
Kaj?	What?
Kaj je to?	What is it?
Kdaj?	When?
Kje?	Where?
Kateri/ra? (m/f)	Which?
Zakaj?	Why?
Kako?	How?
Koliko?	How many/much?

Finding your Way	
	• ask for directions:
Mi lahko pomagate?	Could you please help me?
Izgubil/a sem se. (m/f)	I'm lost.
Oprostite, kje je ...?	Excuse me, where is ... ,
Ali mogoče veste, kje je ...?	Do you happen to know where ... is?
Tam blizu je ...	It is near the ...
Kako pridem do ...?	How do I get to ...?
	• places:
restavracija	restaurant
Internetna kavarna	cybercafé
bar	bar, pub
disko	disco
plaža	beach
središče mesta	city center
jezero	lake

most	bridge
grad	castle
cerkev	church
bolnišnica	hospital
glavni trg	main square
tržnica	market
muzej	museum
stolp	tower
stranišče (WC, ve-ce)	toilette, WC
Mi lahko pokažete (na zemljevidu)?	Can you show me (on the map)?
	• tell someone that you don't know:
Žal mi je, ne vem	I'm sorry, I don't know.
	• say where something is:
na levi	on the left
na desni	on the right
naravnost	straight ahead
nasproti	opposite
na vogalu	on the corner
na semaforju	at the traffic light
Ali je blizu/daleč?	Is it near/far?
tu/tam	here/there
spredaj	in front of
za (zadaj)	behind
sever	north
jug	south
vzhod	east
zahod	West

Time & Date	
	• ask what time it is:
Koliko je ura?	What time is it?
	• ask when something is happening:
kdaj	when?
	• tell the time:
točno sedem	exactly seven o'clock
sedem in petnajst minut	7:15
sedem in trideset minut	7:30
sedem in petinštirideset minut	7:45

	• times of the day:
zjutraj	in the morning
zvečer	in the evening
danes	today
nocoj	tonight
jutri	tomorrow
včeraj	yesterday
	• days in a week
ponedeljek	Monday
torek	Tuesday
sreda	Wednesday
četrtek	Thursday
petek	Friday
sobota	Saturday
nedelja	Sunday
	• months in a year
januar	January
februar	February
marec	March
april	April
maj	May
junij	June
julij	July
avgust	August
september	September
oktober	October
november	November
december	December
	• tell someone how many times something occurs by adding '-krat' into the number, e.g.
sedem-krat	seven times
sem bil/a	I was
bom	I will be

Numbers	
nič	0
en / ena (m/f)	1
dva / dve (m/f)	2

tri e / tri m/f	3
tir e / tiri m/f	
pet	
est	
se em	
osem	
evet	
eset	10
ena st	11
vana st	12
trina st	13
tirina st	1
petna st	1
estna st	1
se emna st	1
osemna st	1
evetna st	1
va set	20
enain va set	21
vain va set	22
tri eset	30
tiri eset	0
pet eset	0
est eset	0
se em eset	0
osem eset	0
evet eset	0
sto	100
sto ena	101
sto eset	110
tiso	1000
mili on	illion

Shopping

	places where to u :
samopostre a	supermar et
peceri a	grocer store
pe arna	a er

tr nica	mar et
n igarna	oo shop
an a	an
turisti ni ura	tourist office
	oor signs:
o prto	open
aprto	close
rini	push
vleci	pull
vho	entr
i ho	e it
	as how much something costs:
oli o stane ... ?	ow much is ... ?
oli o stane o ... ?	ow much are ... ?
oli o to stane?	ow much is this?
popust	iscount
	tell someone how ou are pa ing:
gotovino	cash
s e om	chec
s re itno artico	cre it car
vrsta re itne artice	cre it car t pe
	cre it car s:
li spre emate re itne artice?	o ou accept cre it car s?
tevil a re itne artice	cre it car num er
atum pote a	e pir ate
	e changing currencies:
e e na li a men alnica/ an a?	here is the nearest mone e change office/ an ?
el el a i amen ati...	li e to change ...
a en e men alni te a ?	hat s the e change rate?

Internet, Phone and Post Office

	internet
e lah o ostopam o interneta?	here can get internet access?
e e na li i re i ni internet?	here is the nearest wireless internet access point ?
a /a i upil/a pre pla ni i mo ilni internet pa et s 3 S mo emom/ re 3 S mo ema .	li e to u a prepai mo ile internet plan with/without 3 S mo em .
	u ing prepai mo ile plans
e lah o upim pre pla ni i S /S ?	here can u a prepai S phone/S ?

	• phone calls
Rad/a bi opravil/a telefonski klic.	I want to make a phone call.
	• introduce yourself on the phone and ask if someone is there:
Janez pri telefonu. Je Marija tam?	Janez on the phone. Is Marija there?
	• reply to an inquiry:
Samo trenutek, prosim.	Just a moment, please.
Vežem.	Putting you through.
Zasedeno je.	The line is busy (lit. it's occupied).
	• basic items at a post office:
pismo	letter
razglednica	postcard
znamka	Stamp

Making Conversations	
	• say that you like something by using the verb imeti and the adjective rad (m) or rada (f):
Kaj imaš rad/a?	What do you like?
Rad/a imam rock glasbo.	I like rock music.
	• say that you like doing something by using the adjective 'rad' and the verb in the correct personal ending:
Kaj rad/a delaš?	What do you like doing?
Rad/a poslušam rock glasbo.	I like listening to rock music.
	• ask how someone is feeling and say how you feel:
Kako se počutite?	How do you feel?
Dobro / slabo se počutim.	I feel well / ill (lit. badly).

Socializing	
	• invite somebody around:
Želel sem te I vas povabiti. ...	I wanted to invite you ...
Rada bi te / vas povabila...	I'd like to invite you ...
	• Accept / refuse an invitation
Z veseljem, hvala!	With pleasure, thank you.
Žal mi je, ampak ...	I'm sorry, but ...
	• show someone around your flat/house:
pokazati stanovanje / hišo (+ dative)	to show a flat / house (to someone)
soba	room
kuhinja	kitchen

nevna so a	living room
e ilnica	ining room
spalnica	e room
opalnica	athroom
	escri ing relationships
n e mo m / na e mo a f	e is m ... / She is m ...
priatel m / priatelica f	frien
mo	hus an
ena	wife
rat	rother
sestra	sister
sin	son
h i	aughter
o e	father
mama	mother

Food and Drink	
	The following phrases will e helpful if ou are searching for or a out to go to a restaurant:
i lah o priporo ite a no o ro restavraci o?	an ou recommen me a goo restaurant?
ah o o im e ilni list prosim?	an have the menu please?
Ste lenico slovens ega vina prosim.	ottle of Slovenian wine please.
mate ... ?	o ou have ... ?
a priporo ate?	hat o ou recommen ?
a e hi na specialiteta?	hat is the house specialt ?
e so vegetari ans e e i?	here are the vegetarian ishes?
a ne solate imate?	hat in of sala s o ou have?
	sa that ou woul li e something:
elel m i ...	li e ...
elela f i e ...	also li e ...
mate ... ?	o ou have ... ?
	offer someone a rin :
i avo?	oul ou li e coffee?
i ra e a ?	oul ou prefer some tea?
i o arec vina?	oul ou li e a glass of wine?
	use metric measures:
	ilogram g
	gram g

	liter l
	eciliter l
ah o o im ra un prosim?	an have the ill please?

Finding Accommodation	
	f ou eci e to oo a room somewhere in Slovenia the following phrases might e useful:
e i lah o preno ili?	here coul we sta overnight?
a i i ili v mestu / na meti i / o mor u / o e eru.	e woul li e to sta in town / on a farm / the sea / the la e.
mate proste so e?	ave ou an vacancies?
a en e naslov?	hat s the a ress?
oli o stane so a?	ow much is the room?
oli o stane na no ?	ow much is per night?
oli o stane na ose o?	ow much is per person?
a /a i re erviral ... m/f	li e to oo ...
e erviral sem so o.	reserve a room.
stanem o ... o ...	will sta from ... until ...
li e a tr v lu en?	s rea fast inclu e in the rate ?
li lah o vi im so o?	a see the room?
Prosim a potr ite re ervaci o in ceno.	Please confirm availa ilit an price.
anes o ha am / o ha amo.	m / e re leaving to a .
	f ou eci e to visit Slovenian countr si e the following phrases might e useful:
a o ale e o ... ?	ow far is it to ... ?
So na poti gostilne?	re there an inns on the wa ?
a no e vreme v tem letnem asu?	hat is the weather li e in this season?
li potre u emo ... ?	o we nee ... ?
poho ni o opremo	hi ing e uipment
spalne vre e	sleeping ags
nepremo live o le e	waterproof clothing

Transport	
	pu lic transport:
a e o ho a mo ?	hen oes m ... leave?
la a/tra e t	oat/ferr
avto us	us
letalno	plane
vla	train

elim iti ...	want to go to ...
oli o tra a potovan e?	ow long oes the trip ta e?
i lah o poveste a pri emo ...?	an ou tell me when we get to ...?
la / et ima amu o.	The train / flight has een ela e .
Ta vla / let e o pove an.	The train / flight has een cancell e .
stavite tu a prosim.	Stop here please.
li moram presesti?	o nee to change?
	signs:
tevil a tira	platform num er
pro a a vo ovnic	tic et office
vo ni re	timeta le
ele ni a posta a	train station
avto usna posta a	us station
avto usno posta ali e	us stop
	private transport:
a a/ i na el/a	li e to rent a
avto	car
olo	ic cle
motorno olo	motorc cle
ne osvin eni encin	un lea e petrol
i el	iesel
li lah o par iram tu?	an par here?
e lah o pla am?	here can pa ?

Traveling with Children

Potre u em ...	nee a ...
formulo a o en e	infant mil formula
prostor a previan e o en a	a change room
papirnate plenice	isposa le nappies/ iapers
ahlico	pott
se e a o en a	car a seat
viso stol	highchair
otro i vo i e	stroller/pusher
otro o varstvo	chil -min ing service
otro o varu o	a sitter
otro i meni	chil ren s menu

Health

	It is important to be able to describe how you feel, particularly if you are not well. The following expressions will help you:
Ne počutim se dobro.	I don't feel well.
Na pomoč!	Help!
Moram k zdravniku.	I have to see a doctor.
Pokličite zdravnika/policijo.	Call a doctor/the police.
Kje je najbližja ambulanta?	Where is the nearest clinic?
Kje je najbližja lekarna?	Where is the nearest pharmacy?
Tukaj boli.	It hurts here.
Glava me boli.	I have a headache.
Grlo me boli.	I have a sore throat.
Zob me boli.	I have a toothache.
Zebe me.	I feel cold.
Prehlajen/a, ... sem.	I have a cold.
Prehladil/a, ... sem se.	I caught a cold.
Gripo Imam.	I have flu.
Bolan (m) sem. Bolna (f) sem.	I'm ill.
Nekaj Imam v očesu.	I have something in my eye.
Temperaturo imam.	I have a temperature.
Sem astmatik/diabetik/epileptik.	I'm asthmatic/diabetic/epileptic.
	• allergies:
Alergičen sem na ...	I'm allergic to ...
penicilin	penicillin
antibiotike	antibiotics
orehe	nuts
kikiriki	peanuts