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HUNGARIAN LESSON

# Hungarian Grammar 1 · Chapter 10 · Putting It Together

# 🏁 Putting It Together — Összefoglalás

*You now have the pieces. Here they are joined into one procedure, followed by a clinic on the usual mistakes and two short texts to read and correct. It ends with the Course Complete recap and a pointer to what comes next.*

THE RULE IN ONE BOX

For any suffix: **last vowel → harmony group** (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapters 2 and 3), then **linking vowel or stem change** (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 4), then **consonant change** (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 5). For any verb: **which group → is there an object → is it definite** (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapters 6 to 8), then **check for -lak/-lek, -ik or an irregular verb** (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 9).

## The procedure for a suffix

| STEP | QUESTION | WHERE TO LOOK |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | What is the last vowel of the stem? Back, front or front rounded? | Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 2 |
| 2 | Is it one of the neutral vowels (i í e é) or a mixed or foreign word? Is it an antiharmonic stem (híd, cél)? | Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 3 |
| 3 | Does the stem end in a consonant and need a linking vowel? Does it shorten, drop a vowel or lengthen? | Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 4 |
| 4 | Does the suffix start with v or j, or does the stem end in a digraph? Assimilate and double. | Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 5 |

## The procedure for a verb

| STEP | QUESTION | WHERE TO LOOK |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Is the stem back, front or front rounded? Does it end in s, sz or z? | Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 6 |
| 2 | Is there an object? Is it definite (a/az, a name, my/your, ez/az, őt/őket, melyik, a hogy-clause)? | Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 8 |
| 3 | Choose the indefinite or the definite endings. | Hungarian Grammar 1, chapters 6 and 7 |
| 4 | Is the verb an -ik verb, an irregular verb, or is it 'I … you'? | Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 9 |

## The error clinic

Each of these mistakes is common, and each one is a rule from this course in disguise.

| MISTAKE | CORRECT | RULE |
|---|---|---|
| **kézval** | **kézzel** | v copies the last consonant (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 5) |
| **papírben** | **papírban** | back vowel + í stays back (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 3) |
| **hotelban** | **hotelben** | back vowel + e goes front (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 3) |
| **házok** | **házak** | ház is in the 'a' group (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 4) |
| **kézek** | **kezek** | the long vowel of kéz shortens (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 4) |
| **olvasja** | **olvassa** | the j copies s (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 5) |
| **Kérem egy kávét.** | **Kérek egy kávét.** | egy makes the object indefinite (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 8) |
| **Szeretek a zenét.** | **Szeretem a zenét.** | a makes the object definite (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 8) |

| MISTAKE | CORRECT | RULE |
|---|---|---|
| **Te olvasasz.** | **Te olvasol.** | -s stems take -ol in the 2nd person (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 6) |
| **Látlak téged.** | **Látlak.** | -lak already contains 'you', so téged is normally dropped (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 9) |
| **Én megek.** | **Én megyek.** | megy is irregular (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 9) |

## Read and fix: a short text

This text is written correctly. Read it aloud and, for every word in bold, say which rule made it take that shape.

*Reggel hétkor kelek. Készítek egy kávét, és a kávét **az ablaknál** iszom. **Olvasom** a híreket, aztán **busszal** megyek a munkahelyre. Egész nap dolgozom, este pedig a **barátommal** vacsorázom, és **beszélgetünk**.*

| WORD | RULE |
|---|---|
| **ablaknál** | back stem ablak + -nál (harmony, Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 2) |
| **Olvasom** | definite, because the object is a híreket (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 8) |
| **busszal** | busz + -val: v copies sz and the digraph doubles (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 5) |
| **barátommal** | barátom + -val: v copies m (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 5) |
| **beszélgetünk** | front verb, indefinite 1st person plural (Hungarian Grammar 1, chapter 6) |

## Read and fix: a text with mistakes

This text has five mistakes. Find them first, then check the answers below.

*Anna **hotelban** lakik Budapesten. Minden reggel **olvasja** az újságot. Egy kávét **kérem**, és **kézval** eszik egy szendvicset. Este **szeretek** a zenét.*

▼ Show the answers

1. *hotelban* → *hotelben* (back vowel + e goes front).
2. *olvasja* → *olvassa* (the j copies s).
3. *kérem* → *kérek* (egy kávét is indefinite).
4. *kézval* → *kézzel* (v copies z).
5. *szeretek* → *szeretem* (a zenét is definite).

## Course Complete — Gratulálok!

You have worked through the sound map, the whole harmony system, the stem changes, the consonant changes and both verb conjugations. Here is what you can now do:

| CHAPTER | YOU CAN NOW… |
|---|---|
| 1 · The Sound Map | sort the vowels and consonants into the groups that grammar uses |
| 2 · Vowel Harmony: The Rule | choose between -ban and -ben, -hoz, -hez and -höz for clear cases |
| 3 · Neutral Vowels and Exceptions | handle papír, hotel, kávé and the antiharmonic stems |
| 4 · Linking Vowels and Stem Changes | form plurals and accusatives, including kezek, vizet, tükrök and almák |
| 5 · Consonant Changes at the Joins | write kézzel, busszal, lánnyal and olvassa |
| 6 · Two Conjugations | decide between the indefinite and the definite and form the indefinite |
| 7 · The Definite Conjugation | form the definite for back, front and rounded verbs |
| 8 · When Is the Object Definite? | apply the list of triggers and read a one-word sentence like Értem |
| 9 · -lak/-lek, -ik Verbs and Irregulars | use látlak, eszem, iszom, vagyok, megyek and jövök |

| CHAPTER | YOU CAN NOW… |
|---|---|
| 10 · Putting It Together | run one procedure for any suffix and any verb |

## 🗣️ In Use — Használatban

*The rule in real sentences. Read each exchange aloud and spot the pattern.*

### ① Dinner plans

**A:**

Mit főzöl vasárnapra?

What are you cooking for Sunday?

**B:**

Egy gulyást főzök. A húst megveszem, a kenyeret te hozod.

A goulash. I'll buy the meat, and you bring the bread.

**A:**

Rendben, hozom. Hívlak, ha elindulok.

Fine, I'll bring it. I'll call you when I set off.

### ② A new flat

**A:**

Látod a lakást a térképen?

Do you see the flat on the map?

**B:**

Látom, a hídhoz közel van. Hány szobája van?

Yes, it's close to the bridge. How many rooms does it have?

**A:**

Három szobája és egy kis kertje. Szeretem!

Three rooms and a small garden. I love it!

## 📋 Quick Reference — Gyorstábla

| TOPIC | REMEMBER | EXAMPLE |
|---|---|---|
| Harmony | last vowel decides; check neutral vowels and antiharmonic stems | **házban** · **kertben** · **hídban** |
| Linking vowels and stems | a/o and e/ö; shortening; vowel drop; lengthening | **házak** · **kezek** · **tükrök** · **almák** |

| TOPIC | REMEMBER | EXAMPLE |
|---|---|---|
| Consonants | v copies the last consonant; digraphs double; j copies s, sz, z | **kézzel** · **busszal** · **olvassa** |
| Conjugation | no object or indefinite object: indefinite; definite object: definite | **Kérek egy kávét.** · **Kérem a kávét.** |
| Special verbs | -lak/-lek, -ik verbs, van/megy/jön/tesz/vesz/visz/hisz/lesz | **látlak** · **eszem** · **vagyok** |

## 🖍️ Try It Yourself — Gyakorlás

*Say the answer first, then click to check.*

**1.** *kert* + -val / -vel

▼ Show answer

**kerttel**. v copies t.

**2.** *papír* + -ban / -ben

▼ Show answer

**papírban**. Back vowel + í.

**3.** Plural of *kéz*

▼ Show answer

**kezek**. The vowel shortens.

**4.** Accusative of *ember*

▼ Show answer

**embert**. No linking vowel after r.

**5.** Kér: én, a számla (the bill)

▼ Show answer

**Kérem** a számlát. Definite object.

**6.** Olvas: te, egy újság (a newspaper)

▼ Show answer

**Olvasol** egy újságot. -s stem, 2nd person indefinite.

**7.** Néz: mi, a film (the film)

▼ Show answer

**Nézzük** a filmet. j copies z.

**8.** Eszik: ő, egy alma (an apple)

▼ Show answer

**Eszik** egy almát. -ik verb, 3rd person singular.

**9.** Lát: én, te

▼ Show answer

**Látlak.** Back verb + -lak.

**10.** Menni: ti

▼ Show answer

**Mentek.** Irregular.

**Course complete.** Next: Hungarian Grammar 2 is not outlined yet. A natural next step is the case system and postpositions, using the suffix, harmony and stem rules you now know. Ask for *hungarian_grammar_2* when you are ready.