

The dative case — identify and understand

Level: A1+–A2 · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will identify a dative recipient in several simple sentences.

Discover

In I jap librin Anës, who receives the book? Which noun has that role?

Understand

The Albanian dative marks, among other things, a recipient or beneficiary. In I jap librin Anës, Anës is the person receiving the book. The dative also occurs with certain verbs and prepositions; its form depends on the noun.

Examples

- I jap librin Anës.
- I shkruaj mikut.
- I flas mësuesit.
- Na tregoj rrugën.
- U jap çelësat.
- I dërgoj mesazh motrës.

Remember

Useful question: to whom?/for whom? In giving, speaking and sending contexts, the recipient often appears in the dative.

Exercises

1. For “The dative case”, sort the items using the lesson rule.
2. “Anës”: which category does it belong to?
nom au datif • forme courte
3. “mikut”: which category does it belong to?
nom au datif • forme courte
4. “mësuesit”: which category does it belong to?
nom au datif • forme courte
5. “i”: which category does it belong to?
forme courte • nom au datif
6. “na”: which category does it belong to?
forme courte • nom au datif
7. “u”: which category does it belong to?
forme courte • nom au datif
8. Complete correctly: I jap librin _____. (Ana)
9. Complete correctly: I shkruaj _____. (miku)
10. Complete correctly: I flas _____. (mësuesi)
11. Complete correctly: I dërgoj mesazh _____. (motra)
12. Complete correctly: _____ tregon rrugën. (à nous)
13. Complete correctly: _____ jap çelësat. (à eux)
14. For “The dative case”: match each item to the correct category.
15. Complete this “The dative case” example: “I _____ librin Anës.”
16. Rebuild this “The dative case” sentence in a natural order.
. / I / mikut / shkruaj
17. Complete this “The dative case” example: “I flas _____.”

18. Rebuild this "The dative case" sentence in a natural order.

. / Na / tregon / rrugën

19. Complete this "The dative case" example: "U jap ____."

20. Rebuild this "The dative case" sentence in a natural order.

mesazh / dërgoj / motrës / I / .

21. Complete this "The dative case" example: "I ____ librin Anës."

22. Rebuild this "The dative case" sentence in a natural order.

. / shkruaj / mikut / I

Answer key

1. Anës nom au datif; mikut nom au datif; mësuesit nom au datif; i forme courte; na forme courte; u forme courte

Each item is sorted using the exact criterion introduced in the lesson.

2. nom au datif

"Anës" belongs to the category "nom au datif".

3. nom au datif

"mikut" belongs to the category "nom au datif".

4. nom au datif

"mësuesit" belongs to the category "nom au datif".

5. forme courte

"i" belongs to the category "forme courte".

6. forme courte

"na" belongs to the category "forme courte".

7. forme courte

"u" belongs to the category "forme courte".

8. Anës

The expected form is "Anës".

9. mikut

The expected form is "mikut".

10. mësuesit

The expected form is "mësuesit".

11. motrës

The expected form is "motrës".

12. Na

The expected form is "Na".

13. U

The expected form is "U".

14. Anës nom au datif; mikut nom au datif; i forme courte; na forme courte

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

15. jap

The missing word is "jap". Full sentence: "I jap librin Anës."

16. I shkruaj mikut .

The rebuilt sentence is: "I shkruaj mikut."

17. mësuesit

The missing word is "mësuesit". Full sentence: "I flas mësuesit."

18. Na tregon rrugën .

The rebuilt sentence is: "Na tregon rrugën."

19. çelësat

The missing word is "çelësat". Full sentence: "U jap çelësat."

20. I dërgoj mesazh motrës .

The rebuilt sentence is: "I dërgoj mesazh motrës."

21. jap

The missing word is "jap". Full sentence: "I jap librin Anës."

22. I shkruaj mikut .

The rebuilt sentence is: "I shkruaj mikut."