

The ablative case — identify and understand

Level: A1+–A2 · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will recognise several expressions where the ablative marks origin or separation.

Discover

In vij prej shtëpisë, does the phrase express destination or point of origin?

Understand

The Albanian ablative appears notably for origin, separation and in certain prepositional constructions. Examples: nga Tirana, prej shtëpisë, larg qytetit. Forms vary with the noun and construction.

Examples

- nga Tirana
- prej shtëpisë
- larg qytetit
- afër detit
- pas punës
- para darkës

Remember

Ablative: common in expressions of origin or relation after words such as prej, larg, afër, pas and para.

Exercises

1. For “The ablative case”, sort the items using the lesson rule.
2. “nga Tirana”: which category does it belong to?
origine/provenance • relation spatiale/temporelle
3. “prej shtëpisë”: which category does it belong to?
origine/provenance • relation spatiale/temporelle
4. “larg qytetit”: which category does it belong to?
relation spatiale/temporelle • origine/provenance
5. “afër detit”: which category does it belong to?
relation spatiale/temporelle • origine/provenance
6. “pas punës”: which category does it belong to?
relation spatiale/temporelle • origine/provenance
7. Complete correctly: prej ____ (shtëpia)
8. Complete correctly: larg ____ (qyteti)
9. Complete correctly: afër ____ (deti)
10. Complete correctly: pas ____ (puna)
11. Complete correctly: para ____ (darka)
12. Complete correctly: nga ____
13. For “The ablative case”: match each item to the correct category.
14. Rebuild this “The ablative case” sentence in a natural order.
Tirana / nga
15. Complete this “The ablative case” example: “prej ____”
16. Complete this “The ablative case” example: “____ qytetit”
17. Complete this “The ablative case” example: “afër ____”

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

punës / pas

19. Complete this "The ablative case" example: "para ____"

20. Complete this "The ablative case" example: "____ Tirana"

21. Complete this "The ablative case" example: "____ shtëpisë"

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

qytetit / larg

Answer key

1. nga Tirana origine/provenance; prej shtëpisë origine/provenance; larg qytetit relation spatiale/temporelle; afër detit relation spatiale/temporelle; pas punës relation spatiale/temporelle

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

2. origine/provenance

“nga Tirana” belongs to the category “origine/provenance”.

3. origine/provenance

“prej shtëpisë” belongs to the category “origine/provenance”.

4. relation spatiale/temporelle

“larg qytetit” belongs to the category “relation spatiale/temporelle”.

5. relation spatiale/temporelle

“afër detit” belongs to the category “relation spatiale/temporelle”.

6. relation spatiale/temporelle

“pas punës” belongs to the category “relation spatiale/temporelle”.

7. shtëpisë

The expected form is “shtëpisë”.

8. qytetit

The expected form is “qytetit”.

9. detit

The expected form is “detit”.

10. punës

The expected form is “punës”.

11. darkës

The expected form is “darkës”.

12. Tirana

The expected form is “Tirana”.

13. nga Tirana origine/provenance; prej shtëpisë origine/provenance; larg qytetit relation spatiale/temporelle; afër detit relation spatiale/temporelle

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

14. nga Tirana

The rebuilt sentence is: “nga Tirana”.

15. shtëpisë

The missing word is “shtëpisë”. Full sentence: “prej shtëpisë”.

16. larg

The missing word was “larg”. Full sentence: “larg qytetit”.

17. detit

The missing word is “detit”. Full sentence: “afër detit”.

18. pas punës

The rebuilt sentence is: “pas punës”.

19. darkës

The missing word is “darkës”. Full sentence: “para darkës”.

20. nga

The missing word was “nga”. Full sentence: “nga Tirana”.

21. prej

The missing word is “prej”. Full sentence: “prej shtëpisë”.

22. larg qytetit

The rebuilt sentence is: “larg qytetit”.