

Question 33: As easy as one, two, three (again)

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Study the table of Slovene word forms, and fill in the gaps.

| | English | one eg one basket | two eg two baskets | three eg three baskets | no -s eg no baskets | no (sg) eg no basket |
|----|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | basket | | | | brez koškov | nobenega koška |
| 2 | bell | en zvonec | | | brez zvoncev | |
| 3 | boy | en deček | dva dečka | | | |
| 4 | cat | ena mačka | dve mački | tri mačke | brez mačk | nobene mačke |
| 5 | cow | ena krava | dve kravi | | | |
| 6 | end | en konec | | trije konci | | |
| 7 | eyeball | | | tri zrkla | brez zrkel | |
| 8 | horse | | dva konja | trije konji | brez konjev | |
| 9 | kitchen | | | tri kuhinje | brez kuhinj | |
| 10 | letter | | dve pismi | tri pisma | | |
| 11 | mill | en mlin | | | | |
| 12 | mole | en krt | | trije krti | | nobenega krta |
| 13 | oar | eno veslo | | | | |
| 14 | rabbit | en zajec | dva zajca | trije zajci | brez zajcev | nobenega zajca |
| 15 | ship | | | | | nobene barke |
| 16 | sound | | dva zvoka | | | |
| 17 | window | eno okno | dve okni | tri okna | brez oken | nobenega okna |

Pronunciation guide:

č is pronounced like 'ch' in 'church' (IPA [tʃ])

c is pronounced like 'ts' in 'bits'

j is pronounced like 'y' in 'yes' (IPA [j]) but like an 'i' before a consonant

š is pronounced like 'sh' in 'ship' (IPA [ʃ])

nj can be considered a single sound, like in 'onion' (IPA [ɲ])

r is rolled, and can function as a 'vowel' (like in English 'brrrrr')

h is pronounced like 'ch' in 'Bach' (IPA [x])

Slovene (or Slovenian) belongs to the group of South Slavic languages. It is spoken by approximately 2.5 million speakers worldwide, the majority of whom live in Slovenia. It is the first language of about 2.1 million Slovenian people and is one of the 24 official and working languages of the European Union.

The "again" in the title of this problem refers to the fact that we had a problem last year with this title, though the two problems are unrelated.