

4.9 - Doing things for people - the preposition *pro* 'for' (again)

You can buy something for yourself (*kupovat si*), but we can also buy things for others. If we want to buy something *for* someone, we'll need the preposition *pro* 'for'. We covered this in [3.10 - *pro* koho?](#), but here is a short review:

pro + ACC

The preposition *pro* 'for' is followed by the accusative case. Why the accusative case?



Sometimes you just need to memorize that a certain case (i.e. accusative, genitive, dative, etc.) is found after a preposition. This is one of those instances. You just **have to memorize** that *pro* is followed by the accusative case.

Ok, now that that's out of the way, let's see some examples:

Petr kupuje náušnice pro přítelkyni.

Petr is buying earrings for his girlfriend.

Kupuju svetr pro Janu.

I'm buying a sweater for Jana.

Lenka kupuje tričko pro přítele.

Lenka is buying a t-shirt for (her) boyfriend.

Remember that the accusative of *kdo* is *koho*, so if you want to say 'for who?', we say *pro koho?*

Pro koho kupuješ ten dárek?

Who are you buying that gift for? (for whom are you buying that gift?)

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