# 3.5 - Ordering food and drinks

If you want to order something in a cafe or restaurant you should use the verb *dát si*. It literally means ‘to give to oneself’, but colloquially we might think of it as a verb meaning something like ‘I’ll have’ or ‘I’ll take’, e.g. “I’ll have the goulash”, “I’ll take a beer”.

When it is conjugated it it typically has a future meaning, i.e. “I’ll have/take…”. Its conjugation is regular:

The word *si* ‘for oneself’ goes in [2nd position](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTzK2Y_rf8kiAn8rsV7g-GZIE1f8KY6n4Sw7PW_wNxGK3uT5rmX7lWGiFF6onvw8AzNFjXOt85f6W8q/pub).

*dát si* - ‘to have, take (used for ordering in a restaurant)’

| (já) | **dám si** ‘I'll have’ | (my) | **dáme si** ‘we'll have’ |
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| (ty) | **dáš si** ‘you'll have’ | (vy) | **dáte si** ‘you'll have’ |
| (on/ona/ono) | **dá si** ‘he/she'll have’ | (oni/ony/ona) | **dají si** ‘they'll have’ |

Now, what case do you think you’ll need for the thing that you are ordering? Did you guess that you’ll need the accusative? If so…

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That’s right, the thing being ordered is the direct object of the verb.

Let’s see a few examples:

| *Dám si guláš a knedlíky.*  I’ll have goulash and dumplings. | *Dám si kávu.*  I’ll have a coffee. |
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| *Dám si sodovku.*  I’ll have sparkling water. | my own pic  *Dám si pstruha.*  I’ll have (the) trout. |

In a restaurant, the *číšník*/*číšnice* will ask you:

*Co si dáte?*

What will you have?

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