# FACTIVE ISLANDS IN NANOSYNTAX

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## FACTIVE ISLANDS

	(1)	a.	?[Which article] <sub>i</sub> did you <b>regret/understand/forget</b> that I had selected $t_i$ ?
Factive verb		b.	*How, did you <b>regret</b> that his son had fixed the car $t_i$ ?
weak island			(ex. from Rooryck 1992: 2, (Ic,b))
	(2)	2	What, do you know that he wrote $t_i$ quickly?
	(2)	a.	viriat, do you know that he wrote t, quickly:
		b.	*How; do you know that he wrote a new book $t_i$ ?
Non-factive verb			
no island	(3)	a.	[Which article] <sub>i</sub> did you <b>believe</b> that I had selected $t_i$ ?
		b.	How, do you <b>believe</b> that I had selected the article $t_i$ ?

### **FACTIVE ISLANDS**

- Factive verbs (regret, remember) select complements clauses that are presupposed to be true; non-factive verbs (say, believe, want) do not. (Kiparsky & Kiparsky 1970)
- Long-distance extraction out of factive complements creates weak islands (WI).
  - (4) Argument extraction is possible

(5) Adjunct extraction is not possible

\* $Wh_{adj}$ ... [factive complement ... $Wh_{adj}$ ]

(Rizzi 1990, Rooryck 1992)

### **FACTIVE ISLANDS**

#### Different approaches:

 CP is different in factive constructions, involving nominal or referential properties and/or presuppositional status (see Kiparsky and Kiparsky 1970, Rouveret 1980, Rizzi 1990, de Cuba 2007, de Cuba & Ürögdi 2009, among many others). See also Haegeman & Ürögdi 2010, Haegeman 2012 for Movement restrictions are accounted in terms of operator movement

#### **OUR CLAIM**

- We claim that the matrix verb itself also plays a role in creating islands.
- Data from Romance (French, Italian) and Balkan (Modern Greek, Serbian [Niš], Serbian [Belgrade], Croatian, Bulgarian).
  - In these language groups, factive constructions may involve strong islands (SI), when both arguments and adjuncts are banned for extraction.
- Three formal features are responsible for the island effects observed.
  - Normally these features are spelled out as a complementizer, but sometimes they
    can be spelled out on the matrix verb.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- Nanosyntax
- Three main ingredients
  - Verbal fseq
  - Comp fseq
  - Featural RM

### NANOSYNTAX

- We adopt the nanosyntactic idea that morphemes are internally complex and composed of syntactico-semantic features which are hierarchically ordered according to a functional sequence (fseq).
- Crosslinguistic variation is understood in terms of different patterns of lexicalization.
  - Each language 'packages' the same underlying functional sequence into lexical entries in its own language-specific way (see Starke 2009, 2011, 2014; Caha 2009, Baunaz and Lander 2018).

## THREE MAIN INGREDIENTS

- (i) Verbal fseq (Ramchand 2008, Puskas 2013, Baunaz 2017, Baunaz and Puskas (submitted), a.o)
- (ii) Complementizer fseq (Baunaz 2015, 2016, 2018; Baunaz and Lander 2018, 2019, a.o)
- (iii) Featural Relativized Minimality (Starke 2001, Rizzi 2004, Baunaz 2015, 2016, 2018, a.o)

## THREE MAIN INGREDIENTS

Featural RM (Rizzi 2004, 2013; Starke 2001) and factive islands (Baunaz 2015, 2016, 2018)

(6) a. 
$$*\alpha \dots \alpha$$
 b.  $\alpha \beta \dots \alpha \beta$  (Starke 2001: 8 (16))

(7) a. \* 
$$\alpha \dots \alpha \beta \dots \alpha$$
 b. \*  $\alpha \beta \dots \alpha \beta$  (Starke 2001: 8 (17))

$$[Wh_{arg}/Wh_{adj}] \dots Comp \dots Wh_{arg}/Wh_{adj}$$

#### FACTS AND ANALYSIS

#### Complementizers

- French and Standard Italian always select que or che to head an embedded tensed CP complement.
- Other languages show variation on this point (see Manzini & Savoia 2003, 2010, Ledgeway 2015 (a.o) on Italian dialects and Roussou 2010, 2019 on Greek).
- Some Balkan languages have multiple different complementizers.

#### Islandhood

### COMPLEMENTIZERS CROSS-LINGUISTICALLY

#### Romance

- Balkan
  - Direct vs. Indirect complementizers
  - Specific vs. partive complementizers

## COMPLEMENTIZERS CROSS-LINGUISTICALLY

(8) **French**: que

**Italian**: che

(9) Modern Greek (MG): oti , pu (and pos, not discussed here)

Bulgarian: deto and če

Serbian/Croatian: što and da

- In addition, some Balkan languages have a special mood particle to indicate the subjunctive mood (na in MG, da in Bulgarian, da in SC).
- The exact status of this particle will not be discussed today (is it a complementizer, T-particle, or both? see Giannakidou 2009, a.o).

#### Cognitive factives optionally select for pu or oti

b.

- (10) a. O Janis paraponethike **pu/oti** ton ksexasa. (MG) the John complained.3sG that him forgot.1sG
  - Thimame **pu/oti** ton sinandisa sto Parisi.

remember. ISG that him met. ISG in the Paris

'John complained that I forgot him.'

'I remember that I met him in Paris'

(Giannakidou 2011: 3, (6))

(Giannakidou 2009:1887, (9))

#### Christidis (1982)

- Content of pu-complements is directly perceived; content of oti-complements is not (see also Giannakidou 1998, Siegel 2009, Roussou 2010, 2019, Angelopoulos 2019 and many others).
- (11) a. Idha **oti** efighe. saw.1SG that left.3SG 'I saw that he left'
  - b. Ton idha **pu** efighe.

    3SG.ACC saw. ISG that left.3SG
    'I saw him leaving' (Angelopoulos 2019: 218, (61))

#### ри ≠ oti

- (12) a. Thinmithika (istera apo poli prospathia) **oti** ton icha sinadisi s-to Parisi. remembered. ISG after from a lot of effort that 3SG.ACC had. ISG met in.the P. 'I remembered after a lot of effort that I had met him in Paris'
  - b. Thinmithika (\*istera apo poli prospathia) **pu** ton icha sinadisi s-to Parisi. remembered. ISG after from a lot of effort that 3SG.ACC had. ISG met in.the P. 'I remembered after a lot of effort that I had met him in Paris' (Angelopoulos 2019: 218, (62))

"A verb like *thimame* ('remember') can take either *oti* or *pu* as its complement. A factive reading can be available with *oti* presumably due to the semantics of the matrix predicate (we remember/recall events that have somehow taken place).

(...) In the context of a verb like *thimame*, the distinction between an *oti*- and a *pu*-complement can be viewed in terms of **weak vs. strong presupposition** respectively, in the sense of Terrell (1977)."

(Roussou 2010: 590, our bold)

## COMPLEMENTIZERS SO FAR

	DIRECT	INDIRECT
Modern Greek	ри	oti

## REMEMBER-TYPE PREDICATES: SERBIAN (NIŠ)

#### Factives like 'know' can select da or što

(14) Znam da/što si bio u Gentu.

3know. Isg that AUX.PAST.2sg been in Ghent

'I know that you've been to Ghent.' / 'I'm familiar with the fact that you've been to Ghent.'

(Baunaz 2018: 219, (4a))

## REMEMBER-TYPE PREDICATES: SERBIAN (NIŠ)

#### Arsenijević (2015, 2020a,b)

- (14) a. Sećaš se **što** je Jovan imao sestru?

  remember.2sg REFL that AUX Jovan had sister

  'Remember the sister that John had?' (or: 'Remember the well-known fact that John had a sister?)
  - b. Sećaš se **da** je Jovan imao sestru? remember.2sg REFL that AUX Jovan had sister 'Remember that John had a sister?' (Arsenijević 2020a: 29, (39))

Indirect accessibility (ambiguous but tends to be indefinite) (Arsenijević 2020a: 29, 2020b: 343)

"The use of što in [(15a)], on the more easily available reading, marks that the described situation is **familiar and unique**, which then infers that the sister is also familiar and unique (i.e. that Jovan has only one sister and that the interlocutors know who she is) – even though the nominal expression is the same as in [(15b)], where the reading is ambiguous with a tendency for **the indefinite interpretation**. The use of *da* is hence neutral in this respect, even though in both examples the subordinate clause is clearly factive." (Arsenijević 2020a:29, our bold)

## COMPLEMENTIZERS SO FAR

	DIRECT	INDIRECT
Modern Greek	ри	oti
Serbian (Niš)	što	da

## REMEMBER-TYPE PREDICATES: BULGARIAN

#### Factives like 'remember' can select deto or če

(15) Pomnja, \*deto/če te sreštnax na pazara.

'I remember that I met you at the market/meeting you at the market'

(Baunaz 2016:72, (9b))

## REGRET-TYPE PREDICATES: BULGARIAN

#### Factives like 'regret' can select deto or če

(16) Naistina săžljavam, **deto/če** ne otedlix poveče vnimanie na postrojkata. 'I really regret that I did not devote greater attention to the construction' (Krapova 2010, 26, (56a))

«Bulgarian is very similar to [MG/Serbian (Niš)] in that respect: recall that Bulgarian has two declarative complementizers: deto and če. Some (factive) verbs appear to optionally select both. For instance, Krapova (2010) reports that a (sub-)type of emotive factives can select deto as well as če. Some (other) speakers also optionally accept deto with semi-factives (especially 'remember') (Teodora Radeva-Bork, p.c.).» (Baunaz 2018)

## COMPLEMENTIZERS: BULGARIAN

- Simeonova (to appear):
  - deto is the factive complementizer; involves definiteness
  - če is neutral (unmarked) with respect to factivity; propositional

## COMPLEMENTIZERS SO FAR

	DIRECT	INDIRECT
Modern Greek	ри	oti
Serbian (Niš)	što	da
Bulgarian	deto	če

## DIRECT = SPECIFIC INDIRECT = PARTITIVE

- Baunaz (2015, 2016, 2018) interprets the facts discussed above in terms of existential presupposition. Using a terminology developed independently to account for wh-extraction (see Baunaz 2008, 2011, 2016; Starke 2001), she argues that puldeto/što are specific complementizers and oti/če/da when embedded under factive verbs are partitive complementizers.
- Verbs like 'remember' may select for partitive oti/če/da that range over (a given set of) propositional variables (either true or false).
- 'remember' may also select for specific *puldetolšto* that locate the complement proposition with respect to a given point of reference, binding a single propositional variable, which corresponds to a single truth value (true) (see also Roussou 2010).

## ... AND NON-PRESUPPOSED

- Some verbs select for non-presupposed complementizers (typically non-factive verbs). This type of complementizer ranges over non-finite sets of propositional variables (neither true nor false); it is neither specific nor partitive.
- Structurally speaking, non-presupposed complementizers are the least marked (have the least structure).
- Modern Greek and Bulgarian use oti and če here, Serbian and Croatian da.
- **The Comp fseq:** Specific > Partitive > c

## COMPLEMENTIZERS SO FAR

	Specific [Spec [Part [c]]]	Partitive [Part [c]]	Non-presupposed [c]
Modern Greek	ри	oti	oti
Bulgarian	deto	če	če

- Non-factive matrix verbs select for the non-presupposed Comp
- Factive matrix verbs select either for the specific or partitive Comp

#### ISLANDHOOD

- Modern Greek
  - Well-behaved
- Bulgarian
  - Well-behaved
- Serbian/Croatian
  - Not well-behaved, with variation among speakers of different areas
    - Serbian (Niš)
    - Croatian
    - Serbian (Belgrade)

## FACTIVE ISLANDS ARE CONDITIONED BY THE COMPLEMENTIZER

#### **Modern Greek**

- (17) a. \*Pjon<sub>i</sub> thimase pu sinandises  $t_i$ ? who remember.2sG that met.2sG
  - b. \*Pote<sub>i</sub> thimase pu sinandises Maria  $t_i$ ? when remember.2sG that met.2sG Mary
  - c. Pjon<sub>i</sub> thimase oti sinandises  $t_i$ ? who remember.2sG that met.2sG
  - d. ?? Pote<sub>i</sub> thimase oti sinandises Maria  $t_i$ ? when remember. 2sG that met. 2sG Mary

 $pu \rightarrow strong island$ 

oti → weak island

(Baunaz 2018: 234, (22), (24)); pu examples are from Roussou (1992, 126, (7))

## FACTIVE ISLANDS ARE CONDITIONED BY THE COMPLEMENTIZER

#### Bulgarian

- (18) \* Kakvo si spomnjash, deto Ivan e napisal? what remember.2sG that I. has written
  - \* Kade si spomnjash, **deto** Ivan e napisal pismoto. where remember.2sG that I. has written letter.the
- (19) a. Kakvo si spomnjash, če Ivan e napisal? what remember.2sG that I. has written
  - b. \* Kade si spomnjas,h če Ivan e napisal pismoto. where remember.2sG that I. has written letter.the

deto → Strong island

če → Weak island

## COMPLEMENTIZERS AND ISLANDHOOD

	Specific [Spec [Part [c]]]	Partitive [Part [c]]	Non-presupposed [c]
Modern Greek	ри	oti	oti
Bulgarian	deto	če	če
Islandhood	STRONG	WEAK	NONE

## SERBIAN (NIŠ)

Serbian/Croatian present less clear-cut patterns.

Serbian (Niš)

'know', 'remember'

'know ', 'remember'

'say', 'think'

znati / sećati se + sťo

znati / sećati se + da

reći / misliti + da

Strong island

Weak island

No island

So far so good...

## SERBIAN (NIŠ)

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'regret' \check{z} aliti + da Weak island (expected, da = [Part [c]]) \check{z} aliti + s\check{t} o Weak(!) island (unexpected, s\check{t}0 = [Spec [Part [c]]])
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- 'regret' with da = 'apologize, regret to inform' (non- (or less) emotive reading)
- 'regret' with sto = 'feel sorry, wish differently, etc.' (emotive reading)

See Appendix, ex. (vi)-(v)

## SERBIAN (NIŠ)

• Different kinds of sto (syncretism): emotive and non-emotive

•	[c]	(reći +) da	(verb of saying with non-presupposed Comp)	NI
•	[Part [c]]	(žaliti +) da	(non-emotive reading of 'regret')	WI
•	[Emo [Part [c]]]	(žaliti +) sťo	(emotive 'regret'; not da because da lacks [Emo])	WI
•	[Spec [Part [c]]]	(sećati se +) sťo	(cognitive reading of 'remember')	SI
•	[Emo [Spec [Part [c]]]]	(sećati se +) sťo	(emotive reading of 'remember')	SI

	Emotive Specific	Specific	Emotive Partitive	Partitive	Non- presupposed
Serbian (Niš)	sťo	sťo	sťo	da	da

## COMPLEMENTIZERS AND ISLANDHOOD

	Specific [Spec [Part [c]]]	Partitive [Part [c]]	Non-presupposed [c]
Modern Greek	ри	oti	oti
Bulgarian	deto	če	če
Serbian (Niš)	sťo	da	da
Islandhood	STRONG	WEAK	NONE

## **CROATIAN**

 Croatian has NO strong islands, except when complement clause is coindexed with a pronoun 'it'

(20) Žalim to što je otišao 
$$\rightarrow$$
 'regret' + [Spec [D]] + [Part [c]] regret. I sG it that he left

'regret' zăliti + to + sto

'regret' žaliti + sťo

'say', 'think' reći / misliti + da

Strong island → Cf. \*Which article do you regret it that I selected?

Weak Island

No island

See Appendix, ex. (vi)

# COMPLEMENTIZERS AND ISLANDHOOD

	Specific [Spec [Part [c]]]	Partitive [Part [c]]	Non-presupposed [c]
Modern Greek	ри	oti	oti
Bulgarian	deto	če	če
Serbian (Niš)	sťo	da	da
Croatian	to + sťo	sťo	da
Islandhood	STRONG	WEAK	NONE

## PROBLEM IN CROATIAN

• However, also *da* with weak islands:

'remember' sjećati se + da

Weak Island

• Unexpected, since sto should create weak islands and da should create no islands in Croatian.

## SOLUTION

• If these verbs can spell out the feature Part, then only c is left over to be lexicalized as da.

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    well-behaved situation (e.g. Greek): [REMEMBER...] + [Part [c]]
    oti (→ weak island)
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• 'remember' in Croatian: [REMEMBER... [Part]] + [c]

→ weak island because extraction has to cross verb (with Part) too

## LEXICAL ENTRIES IN CROATIAN

- 'regret' [REGRET ...]
  - Selects the partitive complementizer što.
- 'remember' [REMEMBER ... [Part]]
  - Such an entry **forces** the complementizer to shrink to *da*, since Part can be in fact must be (Anchor Condition) spelled out on the verb.

# SERBIAN (BELGRADE)

• Like Croatian, this variety has:

'regret' žaliti + što

'remember' sećati se + da

Weak Island (well-behaved)

Weak Island (Part on verb)

## SERBIAN (BELGRADE)

• But 'know' selects da and creates a strong island

Meaning not only [Part] but also [Spec] is packaged on the verb.

- c has to be realized as da
- The verb contains the features problematic for extraction.

## **BULGARIAN**

- Bulgarian is just like Serbian (Belgrade) on this point:
- Bg. 'know' takes če and creates a strong island

'know' **znam + če** 

**Strong Island** 

Meaning not only [Part] but also [Spec] is packaged on the verb.

[KNOW... [Spec [Part]]] + [c]

- c has to be realized as če
- The verb (with Spec) blocks extraction.

See Appendix, ex. (xii)

## ENGLISH AND ROMANCE 'KNOW' TYPE

### English (WI) vs Romance (SI)

(21)	а. b.	*	What do you know that he wrote what quickly? How do you know that he wrote a new book how?	Eng. WI
(22)	a. b.	*/?? *	Qu'est-ce que tu sais qu'il a écrit rapidement? Comment est-ce que tu sais qu'il a écrit un nouveau livre?	Fr. SI
(23)		??/* *	(Che) Cosa sai che (lui) ha scritto velocemente? Come sai che (lui) ha scritto un libro?	lt. <b>SI</b>

The English data are expected, the Romance data are unexpected.

## ENGLISH AND ROMANCE 'KNOW' TYPE

### **English**

Unclear what is causing the Island effects, since English that is syncretic:

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    Simplest analysis: [KNOW...] + [Part [c]]
    que (→ Weak island)
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    But could also be: [KNOW... [Part]] + [c]
        que → Weak island because extraction has to cross verb (with Part) too
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# ENGLISH AND ROMANCE 'KNOW' TYPE

#### Romance

Unclear what is causing the island effects, since French que is syncretic:

Simplest analysis: [KNOW...] + [Spec [Part [c]]]
 que (→ Strong island)

But could also be: [KNOW... [Spec [Part]]] + [c]
 que (→ Strong island)

### CONCLUSION

- Individual verbs can show variation between them because each verb has its own lexical entry, allowing for verb-specific packaging.
- Some verbs do not package Comp features, others package either Part or both Spec and Part in their lexical structure.
- Greek and (for the most part) Bulgarian are well-behaved in that distinctions made in their complementizer systems tell us what kind of islandhood patterns to expect.
- Serbo-Croatian varieties show more variation, with different lexical packaging strategies available.
- Our analysis shows that verbs can also be considered interveners, which is a brand-new insight.

Serbian (Niš) is much like Greek, though with the	GREEK	[VERB]	[Spec	[Part [Part	[c]]] [c]]	(pu) (oti)	SI WI
complication of emotivity packaged on Comp.	CROATIAN	[REGRET] [BE SAD] [SAY] [REMEMBER [Pa	[Spec] <sub>IT</sub>	[Part [Part	[c]] [c] [c] [c]	(to što) (što) (da) (da)	SI WI NI WI
	SERBIAN (BELGRADE)						
		[REGRET] [REMEMBER [Pa [KNOW [Spec [		[Part	[c]] [c] [c]	(što) (da) (da)	WI WI SI
	BULGARIAN	[REMEMBER]  [KNOW [Spec [ISAY]	[Spec Part]]]	[Part [Part	[c]]] [c]] [c]	(deto) (če) (da) (da)	SI WI SI NI

## APPENDIX

# SERBIAN (NIŠ) (EXAMPLES)

### 'know', 'remember': znati / sećati se + sťo/da

- (i) \* Koga; se sećas što si upoznao t;? who remember.2SG that AUX meet.PAST.PART 'Who do you remember that you met?'
  - b. \* Kad<sub>i</sub> se sećas što si upoznao Mariju t<sub>i</sub>?
    when remember.2SG that AUX meet.PAST.PART Maria
    \* 'When do you remember that you met Maria?'
- (ii) a. ? Koga<sub>i</sub> se sećas da si upoznao t<sub>i</sub>? who remember.2SG that AUX meet.PAST.PART 'Who do you remember that you met?'
  - b. \* Kad<sub>i</sub> se sećas da si upoznao Mariju t<sub>i</sub>?
    when remember.2SG that AUX meet.PAST.PART Maria
    \* 'When do you remember that you met Maria?'

Strong island

Weak Island

# SERBIAN (NIŠ) (EXAMPLES)

### 'say', 'think' reći / misliti + da

- (iii) a. Koga je Pavao rekao **da** je vidio? who aux. Paul say.PAST.PART that AUX see.PAST.PART 'Who did Paul say that he saw?'
  - b. Kad si rekao **da** sividio Pavla? when AUX say.PAST.PART that AUX see.PAST.PART Paul 'When did you say that you saw Paul?'

No island

# SERBIAN (NIŠ) (EXAMPLES)

### 'regret': žaliti + da / sto

- (iv) a. Koga<sub>i</sub> žališ **što** si povrijedio t<sub>i</sub> ?
  Who regret.2SG that AUX hurt.PAST.PART
  'Who do you regret that you hurt?'
  - b. \* Kad; žališ **što** si otišao t;? when regret.2SG that AUX leave.PAST.PART 'When do you regret that you left?'
- (v) a. Koga<sub>i</sub> žališ **da** si povrijedio  $t_i$ ?
  - b. \* Kad<sub>i</sub> žališ **da** si otišao t<sub>i</sub>?

Weak island

Weak island

## CROATIAN (EXAMPLES)

- (vi) a. Koga<sub>i</sub> žališ **što** si povrijedio t<sub>i</sub> ?

  Who regret.2sG that AUX hurt.PAST.PART

  'Who do you regret that you hurt?'
  - b. \* Kad<sub>i</sub> žališ **što** si otišao t<sub>i</sub>? when regret.2SG that AUX leave.PAST.PART 'When do you regret that you left?'

Weak island

## CROATIAN (EXAMPLE)

(vii) a. Što se sjećaš da je Ivan napisao u Berlinu? what remember.2sG that has I. written in Berlin

Weak island

b. \* Kad se sjećaš da je Ivan napisao knjigu u Berlinu? when remember.2sG that has I. written book in Berlin

## SERBIAN (BELGRADE) (EXAMPLES)

(viii) a. Koga<sub>i</sub> žališ **što** si povrijedio  $t_i$ ? Who regret.2SG that AUX hurt.PAST.PART 'Who do you regret that you hurt?'

Weak island

- b. \* Kad<sub>i</sub> žališ **što** si otišao  $t_i$ ? when regret.2SG that AUX leave.PAST.PART 'When do you regret that you left?'
- (xix) a. Koga<sub>i</sub> se sećas **da** si upoznao  $t_i$ ? who remember.2SG that AUX meet.PAST.PART 'Who do you remember that you met?'

b. ?? Kad<sub>i</sub> se sećas **da** si upoznao Mariju t<sub>i</sub> when remember.2SG that AUX meet.PAST.PART Maria 'When do you remember that you met Maria?'

Weak island

# SERBIAN (BELGRADE) (EXAMPLES)

#### znati + da

- (x) a. Znaš da je Ivan prevario nekoga know.2SG that AUX Ivan cheat.PAST.PART someone 'You know Ivan cheated on someone'
  - b. Znaš da je Ivan stigao tad know.2SG that AUX Ivan arrived then 'You know Ivan arrived then'
- (xi) \* Koga<sub>i</sub> znaš **da** je Ivan prevario t<sub>i</sub>? Who know.2SG that AUX Ivan cheat.PAST.PART
  - b. \* Kad<sub>i</sub> znaš **da** je Ivan stigao t<sub>i</sub>?
    When know.2SG that AUX Ivan arrived

Strong island

## BULGARIAN (EXAMPLES)

### znam + če

(xii) \* Kakvo znaesh, če toj e napisal v Berlin? what know.2sg that he has written in Berlin

Strong island

b. \*Kade znaesh, če toj e napisal nova kniga? where know.2sG that he has written new book