

Dzīvoju, dzīvoju desmit gadus

Experience and an interview

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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For an ongoing length, Latvian can use present plus a duration: **Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus**, I have lived here for ten years. A starting point uses **kopš**: **Es strādāju te kopš marta**.

A finished experience has past: **Es strādāju tur trīs gadus**, I worked there for three years. Context and time words distinguish same-looking first-person forms. Finite verbs do not change with the learner's gender.

Nationality and occupation do: **vācietis/vāciete, inženieris/inženiere**. Answer the interview in simple identity, language, skill and experience statements. A reason can simply be **Darba dēļ**.

Form	Example	Meaning
gadus	Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus.	I have lived here for ten years.
marta	Es strādāju te kopš marta.	I have worked here since March.
vācietis vāciete	Es esmu vācietis. Es esmu vāciete.	I am German.
inženieris inženiere	Es esmu inženieris. Es esmu inženiere.	I am an engineer.
protu	Es protu projektēt mēbeles.	I can design furniture.

Form	Example	Meaning
varu	Es varu sākt.	I can start.
atbraucu	Es atbraucu darba dēļ.	I came for the job.
atbraucāt	Jūs atbraucāt darba dēļ.	You came for the job, polite.

Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus.

I have lived here for ten years.

Es strādāju te kopš marta.

I have worked here since March.

Es esmu vāciete (**vācietis**).

I am German.

Es esmu inženiere (**inženieris**).

I am an engineer.

Es protu projektēt mēbeles.

I can design furniture.

Es varu sākt.

I can start.

Es atbraucu darba dēļ.

I came for the job.

Jūs atbraucāt darba dēļ.

You came for the job, polite.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus.

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

- 2 Es strādāju te kopš marta.

Meaning: I have worked here since March.

- 3 Es esmu vāciete.

Meaning: I am German.

- 4 Es esmu inženiere.

Meaning: I am an engineer.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Es dzīvoju te desmit _____.

- ☐ A gadus
- ☐ B gadam
- ☐ C gadi

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

2 Es strādāju te kopš _____.

- ☐ A martu
- ☐ B marts
- ☐ C marta

Meaning: I have worked here since March.

3 Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A vāciete
- ☐ B vācietes
- ☐ C vācieši

Meaning: I am German.

4 Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A inženieri
- ☐ B inženieres
- ☐ C inženiere

Meaning: I am an engineer.

5 Es _____ projektēt mēbeles.

- ☐ A protu
- ☐ B protam
- ☐ C proti

Meaning: I can design furniture.

6 Es _____ sākt.

- ☐ A varam
- ☐ B varu
- ☐ C vari

Meaning: I can start.

7 Es _____ darba dēļ.

- ☐ A atbraucu
- ☐ B atbraucām
- ☐ C atbrauci

Meaning: I came for the job.

8 Jūs _____ darba dēļ.

- ☐ A atbraucu
- ☐ B atbraucām
- ☐ C atbraucāt

Meaning: You came for the job, polite.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

vācieši vāciete

Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am German.

inženieri inženiere

Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am an engineer.

proti protu

Es _____ projektēt mēbeles.

Meaning: I can design furniture.

vari varu

Es _____ sākt.

Meaning: I can start.

atbrauci atbraucu

Es _____ darba dēļ.

Meaning: I came for the job.

atbraucu atbraucāt

Jūs _____ darba dēļ.

Meaning: You came for the job, polite.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 dzīvoju Es te gadus. desmit

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

2 Es marta. kopš strādāju te

Meaning: I have worked here since March.

3 vāciete. esmu Es

Meaning: I am German.

4 Es esmu inženiere.

Meaning: I am an engineer.

5 protu projektēt Es mēbeles.

Meaning: I can design furniture.

6

varu

sākt.

Es

Meaning: I can start.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have lived here for ten years. You say:

- ☐ A Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus.
- ☐ B Es dzīvoju te desmit gadi.

2 I have worked here since March. You say:

- ☐ A Es strādāju te kopš marts.
- ☐ B Es strādāju te kopš marta.

3 I am German. You say:

- ☐ A Es esmu vāciete.
- ☐ B Es esmu vācieši.

4 I am an engineer. You say:

- (A) Es esmu inženieri.
- (B) Es esmu inženiere.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Es varu sākt. | (A) I have lived here for ten years. |
| (2) Es atbraucu darba dēļ. | (B) You came for the job, polite. |
| (3) Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus. | (C) I have worked here since March. |
| (4) Es protu projektēt mēbeles. | (D) I came for the job. |
| (5) Jūs atbraucāt darba dēļ. | (E) I can design furniture. |
| (6) Es esmu vāciete. | (F) I am an engineer. |

7 Es strādāju te kopš G I am German.
marta.

8 Es esmu inženiere. H I can start.