

SCENE 7 • GRAMMAR

Ten, ta, to

Identifying things

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

Czech

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Identifying things

Czech nouns have three genders. Use **ten** with masculine nouns, **ta** with feminine nouns and **to** with neuter nouns: **ten dům, ta lampa, to okno**. These forms can mean that or the in context.

For one thing use **Tady je...;** for several use **Tady jsou....** Negation is **není** or **nejsou**. For objects after having or wanting, feminine **-a** often becomes **-u**: **mám lampu**. We practise this next.

Czech	Meaning
Ten dům je starý.	That house is old.
Ta lampa je moje.	That lamp is mine.
To okno je malé.	That window is small.
Tady jsou židle.	There are chairs here.

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GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Ten dům je starý.

Meaning: That house is old.

2 Ta lampa je moje.

Meaning: That lamp is mine.

3 To okno je malé.

Meaning: That window is small.

4 Tady jsou židle.

Meaning: There are chairs here.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ dům je starý.

- ☐ A Ten
- ☐ B To
- ☐ C Ta

Meaning: That house is old.

2 _____ lampa je moje.

- ☐ A Ten
- ☐ B To
- ☐ C Ta

Meaning: That lamp is mine.

3 _____ okno je malé.

- ☐ A Ta
- ☐ B Ten
- ☐ C To

Meaning: That window is small.

4 Tady _____ židle.

- ☐ A je
- ☐ B jsou
- ☐ C jsem

Meaning: There are chairs here.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Ten Ta

_____ dům je starý.

Meaning: That house is old.

Ta Ten

_____ lampa je moje.

Meaning: That lamp is mine.

To Ten

_____ okno je malé.

Meaning: That window is small.

jsou je

Tady _____ židle.

Meaning: There are chairs here.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 starý. dům Ten je

Meaning: That house is old.

- 2 lampa moje. Ta je

Meaning: That lamp is mine.

- 3 To malé. je okno

Meaning: That window is small.

- 4 jsou židle. Tady

Meaning: There are chairs here.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 That house is old. You say:

- (A) Ta dům je starý.
(B) Ten dům je starý.

2 That lamp is mine. You say:

- ☐ A Ta lampa je moje.
- ☐ B Ten lampa je moje.

3 That window is small. You say:

- ☐ A To okno je malé.
- ☐ B Ten okno je malé.

4 There are chairs here. You say:

- ☐ A Tady jsou židle.
- ☐ B Tady je židle.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 To okno je malé. | ☐ A That window is small. |
| ☐ 2 Ten dům je starý. | ☐ B There are chairs here. |
| ☐ 3 Ta lampa je moje. | ☐ C That house is old. |
| ☐ 4 Tady jsou židle. | ☐ D That lamp is mine. |