

SCENE 14 • GRAMMAR

Kuus muna, palju kala

Measures and partitive amounts

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Measures and partitive amounts

An amount takes the partitive: **palju kala, natuke piima, kuus muna, üheksateist õuna**. A measure can use partitive plural for separate items: **kilo õunu, kilo tomateid**, or partitive singular for a substance: **kilo juustu**.

Teadma means know facts: **tean, tead, teab, teame, teate, teavad**.

Tundma means know a person: **tunnen, tunnend, tunneb, tunneme, tunnete, tunnevad**. It normally takes a partitive object: **tunnen Jaani, tunnen Murit**.

Form	Example	Meaning
kala	Palju kala.	A lot of fish.
piima	Natuke piima.	A little milk.
muna	Kuus muna.	Six eggs.
õuna	Üheksateist õuna.	Nineteen apples.
tean	Ma tean numbrit.	I know the number.
tunnen	Ma tunnen Jaani.	I know Jaan.

Palju kala.

A lot of fish.

Natuke piima.

A little milk.

Kuus muna.

Six eggs.

Üheksateist õuna.

Nineteen apples.

Ma tean numbrit.

I know the number.

Ma tunnen Jaani.

I know Jaan.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Ma tean numbrit.

I am Lena. I know the number.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Ma tunnen Jaani.

I am Lena. I know Jaan.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Palju kala.

Meaning: A lot of fish.

2 Natuke piima.

Meaning: A little milk.

3 Kuus muna.

Meaning: Six eggs.

4 Üheksateist õuna.

Meaning: Nineteen apples.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Palju _____.

- ☐ A kala
- ☐ B kalad
- ☐ C kalade

Meaning: A lot of fish.

2 Natuke _____.

- ☐ A piim
- ☐ B piima
- ☐ C piimad

Meaning: A little milk.

3 Kuus _____.

- ☐ A munade
- ☐ B muna
- ☐ C munad

Meaning: Six eggs.

4 Üheksateist _____.

- ☐ A õuna
- ☐ B õunade
- ☐ C õunad

Meaning: Nineteen apples.

5 Ma _____ numbrit.

- ☐ A tean
- ☐ B tead
- ☐ C teavad

Meaning: I know the number.

6 Ma _____ Jaani.

- ☐ A tunnend
- ☐ B tunnen
- ☐ C tunnete

Meaning: I know Jaan.

7 Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ numbrit.

- ☐ A teavad
- ☐ B tean
- ☐ C tead

Meaning: I am Lena. I know the number.

8 Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ Jaani.

- ☐ A tunnen
- ☐ B tunnete
- ☐ C tunned

Meaning: I am Lena. I know Jaan.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

tunnen õuna muna tean

Kuus _____.

Meaning: Six eggs.

õuna tean tunnen muna

Üheksateist _____.

Meaning: Nineteen apples.

tunnen muna tean õuna

Ma _____ numbrit.

Meaning: I know the number.

õuna muna tean tunnen

Ma _____ Jaani.

Meaning: I know Jaan.

tunnen õuna tean muna

Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ numbrit.

Meaning: I am Lena. I know the number.

tunnen tean muna õuna

Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ Jaani.

Meaning: I am Lena. I know Jaan.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 tean numbrit. Ma

Meaning: I know the number.

2 Ma Jaani. tunnen

Meaning: I know Jaan.

3 Lena. tean numbrit. Ma olen Mina

Meaning: I am Lena. I know the number.

4 Ma Mina olen Jaani. Lena. tunnen

Meaning: I am Lena. I know Jaan.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 A lot of fish. You say:

- ☐ A Palju kalad.
- ☐ B Palju kala.

2 A little milk. You say:

- ☐ A Natuke piima.
- ☐ B Natuke piim.

3 Six eggs. You say:

- ☐ A Kuus munad.
- ☐ B Kuus muna.

4 Nineteen apples. You say:

- ☐ A Üheksateist õuna.
- ☐ B Üheksateist õunad.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Kuus muna. | ① I am Lena. I know Jaan. |
| ② Mina olen Lena. Ma tean numbrit. | ② A lot of fish. |
| ③ Palju kala. | ③ A little milk. |
| ④ Natuke piima. | ④ I am Lena. I know the number. |
| ⑤ Mina olen Lena. Ma tunnen Jaani. | ⑤ Nineteen apples. |
| ⑥ Ma tunnen Jaani. | ⑥ I know Jaan. |
| ⑦ Ma tean numbrit. | ⑦ Six eggs. |
| ⑧ Üheksateist õuna. | ⑧ I know the number. |