

SCENE 12 • GRAMMAR

Tahan, soovin, sooviksin

Wants and polite requests

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The café

Estonian

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Wants and polite requests

Tahtma is irregular: **tahan, tahad, tahab, tahame, tahate, tahavad**. After it use the **da** infinitive: **tahan süüa, tahan magada**. Negative **ei taha** is unchanged for every person.

Soovin teed is a normal request. **Sooviksin** means I would like; learn this conditional courtesy form whole here. The numbers 11–20 are **üksteist, kaksteist, kolmteist, neliteist, viisteist, kuusteist, seitseteist, kaheksateist, üheksateist, kakskümmend**.

Person	tahtma	Meaning
mina	tahan	I — want
sina	tahad	you, familiar singular — want
tema	tahab	he/she — want
meie	tahame	we — want
teie	tahate	you, plural/polite — want
nemad	tahavad	they — want

Ma tahan teed.

I want tea.

Sa tahad kohvi.

You want coffee.

Ta tahab leiba.

He/she wants bread.

Me tahame teed.

We want tea.

Te tahate kohvi.

You want coffee, polite/plural.

Nad tahavad leiba.

They want bread.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Te tahate kohvi.

I am Lena. You want coffee, polite/plural.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Nad tahavad leiba.

I am Lena. They want bread.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Ma tahan teed.

Meaning: I want tea.

2 Sa tahad kohvi.

Meaning: You want coffee.

3 Ta tahab leiba.

Meaning: He/she wants bread.

4 Me tahame teed.

Meaning: We want tea.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM 1

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Ma _____ teed.

- ☐ A tahan
- ☐ B tahad
- ☐ C tahavad

Meaning: I want tea.

2 Sa _____ kohvi.

- ☐ A tahame
- ☐ B tahan
- ☐ C tahad

Meaning: You want coffee.

3 Ta _____ leiba.

- ☐ A tahan
- ☐ B tahame
- ☐ C tahab

Meaning: He/she wants bread.

4 Me _____ teed.

- ☐ A tahan
- ☐ B tahate
- ☐ C tahame

Meaning: We want tea.

5 Te _____ kohvi.

- ☐ A tahad
- ☐ B tahate
- ☐ C tahan

Meaning: You want coffee, polite/plural.

6 Nad _____ leiba.

- ☐ A tahame
- ☐ B tahan
- ☐ C tahavad

Meaning: They want bread.

7 Mina olen Lena. Te _____ kohvi.

- ☐ A tahate
- ☐ B tahad
- ☐ C tahan

Meaning: I am Lena. You want coffee, polite/plural.

8 Mina olen Lena. Nad _____ leiba.

- ☐ A tahame
- ☐ B tahan
- ☐ C tahavad

Meaning: I am Lena. They want bread.

G3) USE THE FORM 1

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

tahame tahan tahab tahad

Ma _____ teed.

Meaning: I want tea.

tahame tahab tahad tahan

Sa _____ kohvi.

Meaning: You want coffee.

tahad tahame tahan tahab

Ta _____ leiba.

Meaning: He/she wants bread.

tahad tahab tahan tahame

Me _____ teed.

Meaning: We want tea.

tahab tahate tahan tahad

Te _____ kohvi.

Meaning: You want coffee, polite/plural.

tahan tahavad tahad tahab

Nad _____ leiba.

Meaning: They want bread.

tahate tahan tahad tahab

Mina olen Lena. Te _____ kohvi.

Meaning: I am Lena. You want coffee, polite/plural.

tahad tahab tahavad tahan

Mina olen Lena. Nad _____ leiba.

Meaning: I am Lena. They want bread.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 Ma tahan teed.

Meaning: I want tea.

- 2 kohvi. Sa tahad

Meaning: You want coffee.

- 3 Ta tahab leiba.

Meaning: He/she wants bread.

- 4 tahame teed. Me

Meaning: We want tea.

- 5 tahate Te kohvi.

Meaning: You want coffee, polite/plural.

- 6 leiba. Nad tahavad

Meaning: They want bread.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 I want tea. You say:

- (A) Ma tahan teed.
(B) Ma tahad teed.

- 2 You want coffee. You say:

- (A) Sa tahan kohvi.
(B) Sa tahad kohvi.

3 He/she wants bread. You say:

- ☐ A Ta tahan leiba.
- ☐ B Ta tahab leiba.

4 We want tea. You say:

- ☐ A Me tahame teed.
- ☐ B Me tahan teed.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Mina olen Lena. Te tahate kohvi. | ① A We want tea. |
| ② Sa tahad kohvi. | ② B He/she wants bread. |
| ③ Te tahate kohvi. | ③ C You want coffee, polite/plural. |
| ④ Mina olen Lena. Nad tahavad leiba. | ④ D You want coffee. |
| ⑤ Ma tahan teed. | ⑤ E I am Lena. They want bread. |
| ⑥ Ta tahab leiba. | ⑥ F They want bread. |
| ⑦ Me tahame teed. | ⑦ G I am Lena. You want coffee, polite/plural. |
| ⑧ Nad tahavad leiba. | ⑧ H I want tea. |