

SCENE 19 • GRAMMAR

Elīnai, man, jums

Gifts and recipients

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Gifts and recipients

A recipient takes the dative: **Elīnai**, to Elīna; **Jānim**, to Jānis; **Tomam**, to Toms. The ordinary singular noun patterns are **-am**, **-im**, **-um**, **-ai**, **-ei**, **-ij**.

The personal recipients are **man**, **tev**, **viņam**, **viņai**, **mums**, **jums**, **viņiem**, **viņām**. A gift phrase needs no English for word: **Tas ir tev**, this is for you.

With give, the thing is accusative and the recipient dative: **Es dodu Elīnai grāmatu**. A reason for a purchase can use a dative noun too: **dāvana Elīnai**.

Form	Example	Meaning
man	Tas ir man.	That is for me.
tev	Tas ir tev.	That is for you, familiar.
viņam	Tas ir viņam.	That is for him.
viņai	Tas ir viņai.	That is for her.
mums	Tas ir mums.	That is for us.
jums	Tas ir jums.	That is for you, polite.
Elīnai	Es dodu Elīnai grāmatu.	I give a book to Elīna.
Jānim	Es dodu Jānim grāmatu.	I give a book to Jānis.

Tas ir man.

That is for me.

Tas ir tev.

That is for you, familiar.

Tas ir viņam.

That is for him.

Tas ir viņai.

That is for her.

Tas ir mums.

That is for us.

Tas ir jums.

That is for you, polite.

Es dodu Elīnai grāmatu.

I give a book to Elīna.

Es dodu Jānim grāmatu.

I give a book to Jānis.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Tas ir man.

Meaning: That is for me.

2 Tas ir tev.

Meaning: That is for you, familiar.

3 Tas ir viņam.

Meaning: That is for him.

4 Tas ir viņai.

Meaning: That is for her.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Tas ir _____.

- ☐ A jums
- ☐ B tev
- ☐ C man

Meaning: That is for me.

2 Tas ir _____.

- ☐ A man
- ☐ B tev
- ☐ C mums

Meaning: That is for you, familiar.

3 Tas ir _____.

- ☐ A viņam
- ☐ B viņai
- ☐ C man

Meaning: That is for him.

4 Tas ir _____.

- ☐ A viņam
- ☐ B viņai
- ☐ C man

Meaning: That is for her.

5 Tas ir _____.

- ☐ A man
- ☐ B mums
- ☐ C jums

Meaning: That is for us.

6 Tas ir _____.

- ☐ A mums
- ☐ B jums
- ☐ C man

Meaning: That is for you, polite.

7 Es dodu _____ grāmatu.

- ☐ A Elīnai
- ☐ B Elīnu
- ☐ C Elīna

Meaning: I give a book to Elīna.

8 Es dodu _____ grāmatu.

- ☐ A Jāni
- ☐ B Jānim
- ☐ C Jānis

Meaning: I give a book to Jānis.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

viņai viņam

Tas ir _____.

Meaning: That is for him.

viņam viņai

Tas ir _____.

Meaning: That is for her.

jums mums

Tas ir _____.

Meaning: That is for us.

man jums

Tas ir _____.

Meaning: That is for you, polite.

Elīnu Elīnai

Es dodu _____ grāmatu.

Meaning: I give a book to Elīna.

Jāni Jānim

Es dodu _____ grāmatu.

Meaning: I give a book to Jānis.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

man.

ir

Tas

Meaning: That is for me.

2 ir Tas tev.

Meaning: That is for you, familiar.

3 Tas ir viņam.

Meaning: That is for him.

4 ir viņai. Tas

Meaning: That is for her.

5 ir Tas mums.

Meaning: That is for us.

6 Tas ir jums.

Meaning: That is for you, polite.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 That is for me. You say:

- ☐ A Tas ir man.
- ☐ B Tas ir tev.

2 That is for you, familiar. You say:

- ☐ A Tas ir man.
- ☐ B Tas ir tev.

3 That is for him. You say:

- ☐ A Tas ir viņai.
- ☐ B Tas ir viņam.

4 That is for her. You say:

- (A) Tas ir viņam.
- (B) Tas ir viņai.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Tas ir viņai. | (A) That is for you, familiar. |
| (2) Es dodu Jānim grāmatu. | (B) That is for him. |
| (3) Tas ir mums. | (C) That is for us. |
| (4) Tas ir jums. | (D) That is for you, polite. |
| (5) Es dodu Elīnai grāmatu. | (E) I give a book to Elīna. |
| (6) Tas ir tev. | (F) I give a book to Jānis. |
| (7) Tas ir man. | (G) That is for me. |

8 Tas ir viņam.

H That is for her.