

SCENE 24 • GRAMMAR

Foran / bag / på

Position and movement

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The first week at work

Danish

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Position and movement

Use **foran**, **bag**, **under**, **på** and **ved siden af** to describe a position.

Danish nouns do not change case after these prepositions.

Distinguish a state, **Musen ligger på bordet**, from placement, **Læg musen på bordet**. **Sidder**, **står** and **ligger** often describe location more naturally than **er**.

Findus er bag computeren.

Findus is behind the computer.

Printeren står foran vinduet.

The printer stands in front of the window.

Findus sidder på bordet.

Findus sits on the desk.

Tasken ligger under bordet.

The bag lies under the table.

Jeg sidder ved siden af dig.

I sit next to you.

Læg musen på bordet.

Put the mouse on the desk.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Findus er bag computeren.

Meaning: Findus is behind the computer.

- 2 Printeren står foran vinduet.

Meaning: The printer stands in front of the window.

- 3 Findus sidder på bordet.

Meaning: Findus sits on the desk.

- 4 Tasken ligger under bordet.

Meaning: The bag lies under the table.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Findus er _____ computeren.

- ☐ (A) foran
- ☐ (B) under
- ☐ (C) bag

Meaning: Findus is behind the computer.

2 Printeren står _____ vinduet.

- ☐ (A) foran
- ☐ (B) under
- ☐ (C) bag

Meaning: The printer stands in front of the window.

3 Findus sidder _____ bordet.

- ☐ (A) bag
- ☐ (B) på
- ☐ (C) under

Meaning: Findus sits on the desk.

4 Tasken ligger _____ bordet.

- ☐ A foran
- ☐ B på
- ☐ C under

Meaning: The bag lies under the table.

5 Jeg sidder ved siden _____ dig.

- ☐ A af
- ☐ B med
- ☐ C til

Meaning: I sit next to you.

6 _____ musen på bordet.

- ☐ A Lå
- ☐ B Ligger
- ☐ C Læg

Meaning: Put the mouse on the desk.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

bag foran

Findus er _____ computeren.

Meaning: Findus is behind the computer.

foran bag

Printeren står _____ vinduet.

Meaning: The printer stands in front of the window.

på under

Findus sidder _____ bordet.

Meaning: Findus sits on the desk.

under på

Tasken ligger _____ bordet.

Meaning: The bag lies under the table.

af til

Jeg sidder ved siden _____ dig.

Meaning: I sit next to you.

Læg Ligger

_____ musen på bordet.

Meaning: Put the mouse on the desk.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 Findus bag er computeren.

Meaning: Findus is behind the computer.

- 2 står foran Printeren vinduet.

Meaning: The printer stands in front of the window.

- 3 på Findus sidder bordet.

Meaning: Findus sits on the desk.

- 4 bordet. under Tasken ligger

Meaning: The bag lies under the table.

- 5 dig. af siden Jeg sidder ved

Meaning: I sit next to you.

- 6 musen på Læg bordet.

Meaning: Put the mouse on the desk.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 Findus is behind the computer. You say:

- ☐ A Findus er foran computeren.
- ☐ B Findus er bag computeren.

- 2 The printer stands in front of the window. You say:

- ☐ A Printeren står foran vinduet.
- ☐ B Printeren står bag vinduet.

3 Findus sits on the desk. You say:

- ☐ A Findus sidder på bordet.
- ☐ B Findus sidder under bordet.

4 The bag lies under the table. You say:

- ☐ A Tasken ligger på bordet.
- ☐ B Tasken ligger under bordet.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 Findus er bag computeren. | ☐ A The bag lies under the table. |
| ☐ 2 Tasken ligger under bordet. | ☐ B Put the mouse on the desk. |
| ☐ 3 Læg musen på bordet. | ☐ C Findus is behind the computer. |
| ☐ 4 Jeg sidder ved siden af dig. | ☐ D Findus sits on the desk. |

- ⑤ Findus sidder på
bordet.
- ⑥ Printeren står foran
vinduet.
- ⑦ The printer stands in front of the
window.
- ⑧ I sit next to you.