

SCENE 4 • GRAMMAR

Bor / spiller / sover

The present tense and simple verb order

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Arrival

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The present tense and simple verb order

Most present-tense verbs add **-r** to the infinitive: **bo** → **bor**, **spille** → **spiller**, **sove** → **sover**.

The same form is used with every subject.

In statements, the subject normally comes before the finite verb.

The phrases **kan ikke sove** and **vil gerne sove** contain an infinitive after the modal verb.

Jeg bor nedenunder.

I live downstairs.

Han spiller trompet.

He plays the trumpet.

Findus sover her.

Findus sleeps here.

Vi bor her.

We live here.

Jeg kan ikke sove.

I cannot sleep.

Jeg vil gerne sove.

I would like to sleep.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Jeg bor nedenunder.

Meaning: I live downstairs.

- 2 Han spiller trompet.

Meaning: He plays the trumpet.

- 3 Findus sover her.

Meaning: Findus sleeps here.

- 4 Vi bor her.

Meaning: We live here.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Jeg _____ nedeunder.

- ☐ A boede
- ☐ B bor
- ☐ C bo

Meaning: I live downstairs.

2 Han _____ trompet.

- ☐ A spillede
- ☐ B spiller
- ☐ C spille

Meaning: He plays the trumpet.

3 Findus _____ her.

- ☐ A sove
- ☐ B sover
- ☐ C sov

Meaning: Findus sleeps here.

4 Vi _____ her.

- ☐ A bor
- ☐ B boede
- ☐ C bo

Meaning: We live here.

5 Jeg kan ikke _____.

- ☐ A sove
- ☐ B sov
- ☐ C sover

Meaning: I cannot sleep.

6 Jeg vil gerne _____.

- ☐ A sov
- ☐ B sover
- ☐ C sove

Meaning: I would like to sleep.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

bor bo

Jeg _____ nedenunder.

Meaning: I live downstairs.

spiller spille

Han _____ trompet.

Meaning: He plays the trumpet.

sover sove

Findus _____ her.

Meaning: Findus sleeps here.

bor bo

Vi _____ her.

Meaning: We live here.

sove sover

Jeg kan ikke _____.

Meaning: I cannot sleep.

sove sover

Jeg vil gerne _____.

Meaning: I would like to sleep.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 Jeg nedenunder. bor

Meaning: I live downstairs.

- 2 spiller Han trompet.

Meaning: He plays the trumpet.

- 3 sover Findus her.

Meaning: Findus sleeps here.

- 4 Vi bor her.

Meaning: We live here.

- 5 Jeg kan sove. ikke

Meaning: I cannot sleep.

- 6 vil gerne Jeg sove.

Meaning: I would like to sleep.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 I live downstairs. You say:

- (A) Jeg bor nedenunder.
- (B) Jeg bo nedenunder.

- 2 He plays the trumpet. You say:

- (A) Han spiller trompet.
- (B) Han spille trompet.

3 Findus sleeps here. You say:

- ☐ A Findus sover her.
- ☐ B Findus sove her.

4 We live here. You say:

- ☐ A Vi bor her.
- ☐ B Vi bo her.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 Han spiller trompet. | ☐ A I would like to sleep. |
| ☐ 2 Jeg bor
nedenunder. | ☐ B Findus sleeps here. |
| ☐ 3 Jeg vil gerne sove. | ☐ C He plays the trumpet. |
| ☐ 4 Findus sover her. | ☐ D We live here. |
| ☐ 5 Jeg kan ikke sove. | ☐ E I live downstairs. |
| ☐ 6 Vi bor her. | ☐ F I cannot sleep. |