

SCENE 19 • GRAMMAR

Dovana Elzei

Who gets it

7 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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The person who gets something, or who something is for, goes into the dative, the same form you use for age. **Dovana Elzei**. A present for Elzė. **Čia tau!** This is for you!

TO WHOM? NOUNS AND NAMES IN THE DATIVE

Nominative	Dative	Meaning
-as → -ui		
Jonas	Jonui	Jonas
draugas	draugui	a friend
kaimynas	kaimynui	a neighbour
-us → -ui		
sūnus	sūnui	a son
-is • -ius → -iui		
brolis	broliui	a brother
Micius	Miciui	Micius
-a → -ai		
Ona	Onai	Ona
mama	mamai	mum
Rūta	Rūtai	Rūta

Nominative	Dative	Meaning
-ė → -ei		
Elzė	Elzei	Elzė
draugė	draugei	a friend
kaimynė	kaimynei	a neighbour

In the plural: -ams, -oms, -ėms. **kaimynams**, to the neighbours · **mamoms**, to the mothers · **draugėms**, to the friends.

TO WHOM? THE PRONOUNS IN THE DATIVE

Person	Dative	Example	Meaning
Singular			
aš	man	Čia tau!	to me
tu	tau		to you This is for you!
jis	jam	Žuvis – jam.	to him
ji	jai		to her The fish is for him.
Plural			
mes	mums	Jonas groja mums.	to us
jūs	jums		to you Jonas plays for us.
jie	jiems	Pyragas – jiems.	to them
jos	joms		The cake is for them.

You have met the dative in three places already: **Elzei patinka geltona**. Elzė likes yellow; word for word, yellow pleases Elzė. **Jums reikia stalo**. You need a table. **Kiek metų Miciui?** How old is Micius?

TIP

Kam? asks to whom? or for whom?: Kam dovana? – Draugei. Who's the present for? – For a friend.

Čia tau, Elze!

This is for you, Elzé!

Elzei patinka geltona.

Elzé likes yellow.

Mes ieškome dovanos draugei.

We're looking for a present for a friend.

Jonas groja mums naktį.

Jonas plays for us at night.

GRAMMAR

G1) FIND THE WORDS

Underline the words in the dative: who gets it, who it's for, who likes or needs it.

- 1 Čia tau, Elze!

Meaning: This is for you, Elzé!

- 2 Elzei patinka geltona.

Meaning: Elzé likes yellow.

3 Mes ieškome dovanos draugei.

Meaning: We're looking for a present for a friend.

4 Žuvis ne man, o Miciui.

Meaning: The fish isn't for me, it's for Micius.

5 Jums reikia stalo.

Meaning: You need a table.

6 Pyragas – sūnui, o kava – kaimynui.

Meaning: The cake is for my son, and the coffee is for the neighbour.

7 Čia dovana mano broliui.

Meaning: This is a present for my brother.

8 Mamai patinka mėlyna, o močiutei – tyla.

Meaning: Mum likes blue, and Grandma likes silence.

- 9 Dovana – kaimynei, o žuvis – Miciui.

Meaning: The present is for the neighbour, and the fish is for Micius.

- 10 Micius turi dovaną Onai.

Meaning: Micius has a present for Ona.

G2) MAN, TAU, JAI, MUMS

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 Čia _____, Elze!

- ☐ A tave
- ☐ B tu
- ☐ C tau

Meaning: This is for you, Elzé!

- 2 Ponia Ona, čia _____.

- ☐ A jūs
- ☐ B jums
- ☐ C jus

Meaning: Mrs Ona, this is for you.

3 Jonas groja _____ naktį.

- ☐ A mums
- ☐ B mes
- ☐ C mus

Meaning: Jonas plays for us at night.

4 Elzei patinka geltona. Geltonas albumas – _____!

- ☐ A ji
- ☐ B jai
- ☐ C jam

Meaning: Elzė likes yellow. The yellow sketchbook is for her!

5 Micius alkanas. Žuvis – _____.

- ☐ A jai
- ☐ B jam
- ☐ C jis

Meaning: Micius is hungry. The fish is for him.

G3) TO ELZĖ, TO JONAS

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 _____ patinka geltona.

- ☐ A Elzė
- ☐ B Elzei
- ☐ C Elzės

Meaning: Elzė likes yellow.

2 _____ patinka žuvis.

- ☐ A Micius
- ☐ B Miciaus
- ☐ C Miciui

Meaning: Micius likes fish.

3 _____ reikia kavos.

- ☐ A Jonui
- ☐ B Jono
- ☐ C Jonas

Meaning: Jonas needs coffee.

4 _____ patinka stipri arbata.

- ☐ A Onai
- ☐ B Ona
- ☐ C Onos

Meaning: Ona likes strong tea.

5 Mūsų _____ reikia stalo.

- ☐ A kaimynui
- ☐ B kaimyno
- ☐ C kaimynas

Meaning: Our neighbour needs a table.

6 Kam dovana? _____?

- ☐ A Draugui
- ☐ B Draugo
- ☐ C Draugas

Meaning: Who's the present for? A friend?

7 Dovana mano _____.

- ☐ A sūnui
- ☐ B sūnų
- ☐ C sūnus

Meaning: A present for my son.

8 Dovana mano _____.

- ☐ A brolis
- ☐ B brolių
- ☐ C broliui

Meaning: A present for my brother.

9 Mes ieškome dovanos _____.

- ☐ A draugę
- ☐ B draugė
- ☐ C draugei

Meaning: We're looking for a present for a friend.

10 Pyragas – _____!

- ☐ A kaimynę
- ☐ B kaimynei
- ☐ C kaimynė

Meaning: The cake is for the neighbour!

G4) WHO, OR TO WHOM?

Who has or does something is in the nominative; who gets it, in the dative.

1 _____ groja mums naktį.

- ☐ A Jonui
- ☐ B Jonas
- ☐ C Jono

Meaning: Jonas plays for us at night.

2 Jonas – mano _____.

- ☐ A draugui
- ☐ B draugo
- ☐ C draugas

Meaning: Jonas is my friend.

3 Mano _____ groja naktį.

- ☐ A kaimynas
- ☐ B kaimynui
- ☐ C kaimyno

Meaning: My neighbour plays at night.

4 Mano _____ visada alkanas.

- ☐ A sūnui
- ☐ B sūnaus
- ☐ C sūnus

Meaning: My son is always hungry.

5 Mano _____ gyvena Hamburge.

- ☐ A brolis
- ☐ B brolio
- ☐ C broliui

Meaning: My brother lives in Hamburg.

6 _____ turi dovaną Elzei.

- ☐ A Ona
- ☐ B Onai
- ☐ C Onos

Meaning: Ona has a present for Elzė.

7 _____, čia tau!

- ☐ A Mamos
- ☐ B Mama
- ☐ C Mamai

Meaning: Mum, this is for you!

8 _____ turi dovaną Elzei.

- ☐ A Rūta
- ☐ B Rūtos
- ☐ C Rūtai

Meaning: Rūta has a present for Elzė.

9 Mano _____ turi daug dažų.

- ☐ A draugė
- ☐ B draugei
- ☐ C draugės

Meaning: My friend has lots of paints.

10 Mano _____ – ponė Ona.

- ☐ A kaimynė
- ☐ B kaimynei
- ☐ C kaimynės

Meaning: My neighbour is Mrs Ona.

G5) PRESENTS FOR EVERYONE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Elzė Micius Miciui Elzei

Geltonas albumas – _____, o žuvis – _____.

Meaning: The yellow sketchbook is for Elzė, and the fish is for Micius.

Rūta Jonui Rūtai Jonas

_____ patinka kava, o _____ – arbata.

Meaning: Rūta likes coffee, and Jonas likes tea.

jai tau ji tu

Pusę moku aš, o pusę – _____. Dovana – _____!

Meaning: I pay half, and you pay half. The present is for her!

G6) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Put the words in order.

1 tau, Čia Elze!

Meaning: This is for you, Elze!

2 Elzei geltona. patinka

Meaning: Elzė likes yellow.

3 draugei. dovanos Mes ieškome

Meaning: We're looking for a present for a friend.

4 naktį. mums groja Jonas

Meaning: Jonas plays for us at night.

5 mano ir kaimynas. Jonas – draugas

Meaning: Jonas is my friend and neighbour.

6 Hamburge. Mano gyvena brolis

Meaning: My brother lives in Hamburg.

7 sūnus visada alkanas. Mano

Meaning: My son is always hungry.

8 čia tau! Mama,

Meaning: Mum, this is for you!

9 Rūta Ona Elzei. ir dovanos ieško

Meaning: Ona and Rūta are looking for a present for Elzė.

10 ir mano Elzė draugė – kaimynė.

Meaning: Elzė is my friend and neighbour.

G7) THE RIGHT WORDS

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Give Elzė her birthday present. You say:

- ☐ A Čia tau, Elze!
- ☐ B Čia jums, Elze!
- ☐ C Čia tu, Elze!

2 The shop assistant asks: Kam dovana? It's for a friend (a girl). You say:

- ☐ A Draugei.
- ☐ B Draugą.
- ☐ C Draugė.

- 3 Another day, another present. The shop assistant asks: Kam dovana? This time it's for a friend who is a man. You say:**
- ☐ A Draugą.
 - ☐ B Draugas.
 - ☐ C Draugui.
- 4 In the gift shop, Jonas picks the yellow sketchbook and tells the seller why. Jonas says:**
- ☐ A Elzei patinka geltona.
 - ☐ B Elzės patinka geltona.
 - ☐ C Elzė patinka geltona.
- 5 Elzė runs in to tell Ona that Micius has a present for her. Elzė says:**
- ☐ A Micius turi tau dovaną!
 - ☐ B Miciui turi tau dovaną!
 - ☐ C Micius turi tu dovaną!