

Danish in everyday situations

Module 10: Staying

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Staying

Danish

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Fra søndag til mandag

A booking uses **fra ... til ...** for its endpoints and **for en nat** for what is booked. **Jeg vil gerne bestille ...** is a polite, straightforward request.

Ask **Er morgenmad med i prisen?** rather than translating every English word. **Først** before a date can mean not until: **slutter først den tredivte juni.**

Har boet i / før / efter

Use the perfect for an activity continuing into the present: **jeg har boet her i ti år.** **I** gives the duration; **siden** gives the starting point.

A completed earlier period uses simple past: **jeg boede i Hamborg i ti år.**

Short clauses with **før** or **efter** can be introduced naturally while keeping the interview language simple.

Ingen / nogen / alle

Use **ingen** for nobody and **alle** for everyone. **Nogen** often appears in questions and negatives: **Er der nogen hjemme?, Jeg kender ikke nogen.** **Nogle** usually means some particular plural things in an affirmative sentence.

An invitation can be short: **Kom til middag på lørdag. Travlt** normally occurs in **have travlt**.

Fordi / da / derfor

Retell a reason with **fordi**, a finished past occasion with **da**, and a result with **derfor**.

In a subordinate clause, **ikke** precedes the finite verb: **fordi han ikke kunne finde den**.

After **derfor** at the front of a main clause, use inversion: **derfor er tingene ovenpå**.

Keep clauses short instead of adding unnecessary relative constructions.

Hvis / vil / bliver

Consolidate present, past and perfect forms in a real decision: **jeg bliver, jeg sagde nej, jeg har besluttet mig**.

A simple condition uses **hvis**: **Hvis du kommer, tager vi til søen**.

The clause beginning with **hvis** has ordinary subject-verb order; the following main clause begins with its finite verb.

Danish does not require a special future tense after **hvis**.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Jeg vil gerne bestille et værelse.

Meaning: I would like to book a room.

- 2 Jeg har boet her i ti år.

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

- 3 Ingen har tid.

Meaning: Nobody has time.

- 4 Han flyttede tingene, fordi lejligheden var tom.

Meaning: He moved the things because the flat was empty.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Jeg vil gerne _____ et værelse.

- ☐ (A) bestiller
- ☐ (B) bestille
- ☐ (C) bestilte

Meaning: I would like to book a room.

2 Jeg har _____ her i ti år.

- ☐ (A) bor
- ☐ (B) boet
- ☐ (C) boede

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

3 _____ har tid.

- ☐ (A) Nogen
- ☐ (B) Ingen
- ☐ (C) Alle

Meaning: Nobody has time.

4 Han flyttede tingene, _____ lejligheden var tom.

- ☐ A men
- ☐ B fordi
- ☐ C eller

Meaning: He moved the things because the flat was empty.

5 Jeg _____ her.

- ☐ A blive
- ☐ B bliver
- ☐ C blev

Meaning: I am staying here.

6 Et enkeltværelse _____ en nat.

- ☐ A for
- ☐ B om
- ☐ C siden

Meaning: A single room for one night.

7 Jeg boede i Hamborg _____ ti år.

- ☐ A i
- ☐ B siden
- ☐ C om

Meaning: I lived in Hamburg for ten years.

8 Er der _____ hjemme?

- ☐ A nogen
- ☐ B nogle
- ☐ C noget

Meaning: Is anybody home?

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

bestille bestiller

Jeg vil gerne _____ et værelse.

Meaning: I would like to book a room.

boet bor

Jeg har _____ her i ti år.

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

Ingen Alle

_____ har tid.

Meaning: Nobody has time.

fordi men

Han flyttede tingene, _____ lejligheden var tom.

Meaning: He moved the things because the flat was empty.

bliver blive

Jeg _____ her.

Meaning: I am staying here.

for siden

Et enkeltværelse _____ en nat.

Meaning: A single room for one night.

i siden

Jeg boede i Hamborg _____ ti år.

Meaning: I lived in Hamburg for ten years.

nogen noget

Er der _____ hjemme?

Meaning: Is anybody home?

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 bestille Jeg vil værelse. et gerne

Meaning: I would like to book a room.

2 år. her har boet Jeg i ti

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

3 tid. har Ingen

Meaning: Nobody has time.

4 tingene, Han fordi lejligheden flyttede var tom.

Meaning: He moved the things because the flat was empty.

5 bliver Jeg her.

Meaning: I am staying here.

6 enkeltværelse Et nat. en for

Meaning: A single room for one night.

7 i i år. Hamborg boede ti Jeg

Meaning: I lived in Hamburg for ten years.

8 hjemme? nogen der Er

Meaning: Is anybody home?

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I would like to book a room. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg vil gerne bestiller et værelse.
- ☐ B Jeg vil gerne bestille et værelse.

2 I have lived here for ten years. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg har bor her i ti år.
- ☐ B Jeg har boet her i ti år.

3 Nobody has time. You say:

- ☐ A Alle har tid.
- ☐ B Ingen har tid.

4 He moved the things because the flat was empty. You say:

- ☐ A Han flyttede tingene, fordi lejligheden var tom.
- ☐ B Han flyttede tingene, men lejligheden var tom.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|--|---|
| ① Jeg vil gerne bestille et værelse. | ① A single room for one night. |
| ② Et enkeltværelse for en nat. | ② He moved the things because the flat was empty. |
| ③ Jeg har boet her i ti år. | ③ Nobody has time. |
| ④ Jeg bliver her. | ④ I have lived here for ten years. |
| ⑤ Er der nogen hjemme? | ⑤ Is anybody home? |
| ⑥ Han flyttede tingene, fordi lejligheden var tom. | ⑥ I lived in Hamburg for ten years. |
| ⑦ Ingen har tid. | ⑦ I am staying here. |

8 Jeg boede i
Hamborg i ti år.

H I would like to book a room.