

SCENE 30 • GRAMMAR

Sin / sit / sine

Reflexive possession

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Around town

Danish

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Reflexive possession

When a singular third-person subject owns the object in the same clause, use **sin/sit/sine**: **Freja viser sit kort, Findus tager sine ting. Hans/hendes** refer to somebody else in this contrast.

With plural subjects, ordinary **deres** is used: **De tager deres tasker**. Choose the reflexive ending for the thing owned, not the owner's sex.

Freja viser sit kort.

Freja shows her own map.

Findus tager sin nøgle.

Findus takes his own key.

Han tager sine ting.

He takes his own things.

Karen viser sin liste.

Karen shows her own list.

De tager deres tasker.

They take their own bags.

Mads tager hendes kort.

Mads takes her map, somebody else's.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Freja viser sit kort.

Meaning: Freja shows her own map.

- 2 Findus tager sin nøgle.

Meaning: Findus takes his own key.

- 3 Han tager sine ting.

Meaning: He takes his own things.

- 4 Karen viser sin liste.

Meaning: Karen shows her own list.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Freja viser _____ kort.

- ☐ A sit
- ☐ B sin
- ☐ C sine

Meaning: Freja shows her own map.

2 Findus tager _____ nøgle.

- ☐ A sit
- ☐ B sin
- ☐ C sine

Meaning: Findus takes his own key.

3 Han tager _____ ting.

- ☐ A sit
- ☐ B sin
- ☐ C sine

Meaning: He takes his own things.

4 Karen viser _____ liste.

- ☐ A sine
- ☐ B sit
- ☐ C sin

Meaning: Karen shows her own list.

5 De tager _____ tasker.

- ☐ A sine
- ☐ B sin
- ☐ C deres

Meaning: They take their own bags.

6 Mads tager _____ kort.

- ☐ A hendes
- ☐ B sin
- ☐ C sit

Meaning: Mads takes her map, somebody else's.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sin sit

Freja viser _____ kort.

Meaning: Freja shows her own map.

sit sin

Findus tager _____ nøgle.

Meaning: Findus takes his own key.

sin sine

Han tager _____ ting.

Meaning: He takes his own things.

sit sin

Karen viser _____ liste.

Meaning: Karen shows her own list.

sin deres

De tager _____ tasker.

Meaning: They take their own bags.

sit hendes

Mads tager _____ kort.

Meaning: Mads takes her map, somebody else's.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 viser Freja kort. sit

Meaning: Freja shows her own map.

- 2 sin Findus nøgle. tager

Meaning: Findus takes his own key.

- 3 Han sine ting. tager

Meaning: He takes his own things.

- 4 liste. viser Karen sin

Meaning: Karen shows her own list.

- 5 De deres tasker. tager

Meaning: They take their own bags.

- 6 kort. Mads hendes tager

Meaning: Mads takes her map, somebody else's.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 Freja shows her own map. You say:

- ☐ A Freja viser sin kort.
- ☐ B Freja viser sit kort.

- 2 Findus takes his own key. You say:

- ☐ A Findus tager sit nøgle.
- ☐ B Findus tager sin nøgle.

3 He takes his own things. You say:

- ☐ A Han tager sine ting.
- ☐ B Han tager sin ting.

4 Karen shows her own list. You say:

- ☐ A Karen viser sit liste.
- ☐ B Karen viser sin liste.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|--|
| ☐ 1 De tager deres tasker. | ☐ A Mads takes her map, somebody else's. |
| ☐ 2 Freja viser sit kort. | ☐ B He takes his own things. |
| ☐ 3 Han tager sine ting. | ☐ C Karen shows her own list. |
| ☐ 4 Mads tager hendes kort. | ☐ D Findus takes his own key. |
| ☐ 5 Karen viser sin liste. | ☐ E They take their own bags. |

- ⑥ Findus tager sin nøgle.
- ⑦ Freja shows her own map.