

Swedish in everyday situations

Module 9: The festival

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The festival

Swedish

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Har inte sett / för tio minuter sedan

In a main clause put **inte** between the finite auxiliary and supine: **jag har inte sett honom. För ... sedan** means ago. A finished past time normally takes the simple past: **Jag lade det här för tio minuter sedan.** Useful irregular forms **lade, såg, tog** can be learned in a small set before the main past lesson.

Spelade / såg / gick

REGULAR AND IRREGULAR PAST

Infinitive	Present	Past	Meaning
spela	spelar	spelade	play
höra	hör	hörde	hear
köpa	köper	köpte	buy
bo	bor	bodde	live
se	ser	såg	see
gå	går	gick	walk; go
komma	kommer	kom	come
vara	är	var	be

Regular past forms include **spelade, arbetade, hörde, köpte**. Group-one verbs use **-ade**, many others **-de** or **-te**. Useful past forms to learn include: **se → såg, gå → gick, komma → kom, hitta → hittade**. The form is the same for every person and gender. With a finished time such as **i går** use simple past, rather than a perfect with the present auxiliary.

Började / föll / skrek

Tell events in short past clauses. Learn **börja → började, falla → föll, skrika → skrek, röra → rörde**. A fronted time or sequence phrase is followed by finite verb then subject: **Klockan åtta började konserten; Sedan gick jag hem**. Question order remains verb before subject: **Vad hände? Ljuset slocknade** means the lights went out.

Var ni? / sov du?

Past verbs do not change with plural subjects: **vi var, ni sov, de hörde**. Invert verb and subject in questions: **Sov du? Var var ni?** Put **inte** after the finite past verb in a main statement: **Jag sov inte**. Object pronouns stay the same: **Alla hörde dig. Jag blundade** means I closed my eyes; it is different from sleeping.

Ska skicka / i morgon skickar jag

For a planned future use the present with a time phrase or **ska** with an infinitive: **I morgon skickar jag bilden; Jag ska skicka bilden**. **Vill** means want and is not a general future auxiliary. **Tänker** plus infinitive can express an intention. Neither **ska** nor **tänker** needs **att** here. End a friendly postcard with **Hälsningar** and your name.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Jag har inte sett Måns.

Meaning: I have not seen Måns.

- 2 Jonas spelade i går.

Meaning: Jonas played yesterday.

- 3 Konserten började klockan åtta.

Meaning: The concert started at eight.

- 4 Var var ni?

Meaning: Where were you all?

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Jag har _____ sett Måns.

- ☐ A och
- ☐ B inte
- ☐ C ja

Meaning: I have not seen Måns.

2 Jonas _____ i går.

- ☐ A spela
- ☐ B spelar
- ☐ C spelade

Meaning: Jonas played yesterday.

3 Konserten _____ klockan åtta.

- ☐ A började
- ☐ B börja
- ☐ C börjar

Meaning: The concert started at eight.

4 Var _____ ni?

- ☐ A är
- ☐ B var
- ☐ C vara

Meaning: Where were you all?

5 I morgon _____ jag bilden.

- ☐ A skickar
- ☐ B skicka
- ☐ C jag skickar

Meaning: Tomorrow I will send the photo.

6 Han _____ sparat trumpet.

- ☐ A är
- ☐ B har
- ☐ C var

Meaning: He has kept the trumpet.

7 Jag _____ trumpeteten.

- ☐ A hör
- ☐ B höra
- ☐ C hörde

Meaning: I heard the trumpet.

8 Något _____ ner.

- ☐ A faller
- ☐ B föll
- ☐ C falla

Meaning: Something fell down.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

börjar började

Konserten _____ klockan åtta.

Meaning: The concert started at eight.

är var

Var _____ ni?

Meaning: Where were you all?

jag skickar skickar

I morgon _____ jag bilden.

Meaning: Tomorrow I will send the photo.

är har

Han _____ sparat trumpeten.

Meaning: He has kept the trumpet.

hör hörde

Jag _____ trumpeteten.

Meaning: I heard the trumpet.

faller föll

Något _____ ner.

Meaning: Something fell down.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 Måns. sett inte Jag har

Meaning: I have not seen Måns.

2 går. spelade Jonas i

Meaning: Jonas played yesterday.

3 Konserten klockan började åtta.

Meaning: The concert started at eight.

4 ni? Var var

Meaning: Where were you all?

5 I jag skickar morgon bilden.

Meaning: Tomorrow I will send the photo.

- 6 sparat trumpeten. Han har
-

Meaning: He has kept the trumpet.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have not seen Måns. You say:

- ☐ A Jag har ja sett Måns.
- ☐ B Jag har inte sett Måns.

2 Jonas played yesterday. You say:

- ☐ A Jonas spelar i går.
- ☐ B Jonas spelade i går.

3 The concert started at eight. You say:

- ☐ A Konserten börjar klockan åtta.
- ☐ B Konserten började klockan åtta.

4 Where were you all? You say:

- (A) Var är ni?
- (B) Var var ni?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) Han har sparat trumpeteten. | (A) Where were you all? |
| (2) Konserten började klockan åtta. | (B) He has kept the trumpet. |
| (3) Jag har inte sett Måns. | (C) Jonas played yesterday. |
| (4) Något föll ner. | (D) I have not seen Måns. |
| (5) Jonas spelade i går. | (E) Something fell down. |
| (6) Var var ni? | (F) I heard the trumpet. |
| (7) I morgon skickar jag bilden. | (G) The concert started at eight. |

8 Jag hörde
trumpeten.

H Tomorrow I will send the photo.