

SCENE 7 • GRAMMAR

Galda nav, krēslu nav

The empty flat and noun patterns

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The genitive names an owner or what is absent. With **nav**, singular patterns are **galda nav**, **skapja nav**, **tirgus nav**, **mājas nav**, **krūzes nav**, **nakts nav**. The noun classes are commonly called declensions; learn each noun with its form, not by guessing from English.

For a singular object, the same nouns are **galdu**, **skapi**, **tirgu**, **māju**, **krūzi**, **nakti**. For a location they are **galdā**, **skapī**, **tirgū**, **mājā**, **krūzē**, **naktī**.

Plural subject forms are **galdi**, **skapji**, **tirgi**, **mājas**, **krūzes**, **naktis**. After **nav**, plural genitive forms are **galdu**, **skapju**, **tirgu**, **māju**, **krūžu**, **nakšu**. Notice consonant changes in some genitives. **Ir** and **nav** do not change for plural nouns.

Form	Example	Meaning
Galda	Galda nav.	There is no table.
Skapja	Skapja nav.	There is no wardrobe.
Mājas	Mājas nav.	There is no house.
Krūzes	Krūzes nav.	There is no cup.
galdi	Te ir galdi.	There are tables here.
mājas	Te ir mājas.	There are houses here.

Form	Example	Meaning
jauns jauna	Es esmu jauns. Es esmu jauna.	I am new.
jauns jauna	Jūs esat jauns. Jūs esat jauna.	You are new, polite.

Galda nav.

There is no table.

Skapja nav.

There is no wardrobe.

Mājas nav.

There is no house.

Krūzes nav.

There is no cup.

Te ir galdi.

There are tables here.

Te ir mājas.

There are houses here.

Es esmu jauna (**jauns**).

I am new.

Jūs esat jauna (**jauns**).

You are new, polite.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Galda nav.

Meaning: There is no table.

2 Skapja nav.

Meaning: There is no wardrobe.

3 Mājas nav.

Meaning: There is no house.

4 Krūzes nav.

Meaning: There is no cup.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ nav.

- ☐ A Galda
- ☐ B Galdu
- ☐ C Galds

Meaning: There is no table.

2 _____ nav.

- ☐ A Skapis
- ☐ B Skapi
- ☐ C Skapja

Meaning: There is no wardrobe.

3 _____ nav.

- ☐ A Māju
- ☐ B Māja
- ☐ C Mājas

Meaning: There is no house.

4 _____ nav.

- ☐ A Krūze
- ☐ B Krūzes
- ☐ C Krūzi

Meaning: There is no cup.

5 Te ir _____.

- ☐ A galdu
- ☐ B galdi
- ☐ C galda

Meaning: There are tables here.

6 Te ir _____.

- ☐ A mājai
- ☐ B māju
- ☐ C mājas

Meaning: There are houses here.

7 Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A jauni
- ☐ B jaunas
- ☐ C jauna

Meaning: I am new.

8 Jūs esat _____.

- ☐ A jauna
- ☐ B jauni
- ☐ C jaunas

Meaning: You are new, polite.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Mājas Māja

_____ nav.

Meaning: There is no house.

Krūzes Krūze

_____ nav.

Meaning: There is no cup.

galdi galdu

Te ir _____.

Meaning: There are tables here.

mājas māju

Te ir _____.

Meaning: There are houses here.

jauna jauni

Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am new.

jauna jauni

Jūs esat _____.

Meaning: You are new, polite.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Te

galdi.

ir

Meaning: There are tables here.

2 mājas. Te ir

Meaning: There are houses here.

3 jauna. esmu Es

Meaning: I am new.

4 esat jauna. Jūs

Meaning: You are new, polite.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 **There is no table. You say:**

- ☐ A Galds nav.
- ☐ B Galda nav.

2 There is no wardrobe. You say:

- ☐ A Skapja nav.
- ☐ B Skapis nav.

3 There is no house. You say:

- ☐ A Mājas nav.
- ☐ B Māja nav.

4 There is no cup. You say:

- ☐ A Krūzes nav.
- ☐ B Krūze nav.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| ① Mājas nav. | ① A I am new. |
| ② Jūs esat jauna. | ② B There are houses here. |
| ③ Skapja nav. | ③ C You are new, polite. |
| ④ Te ir mājas. | ④ D There is no table. |
| ⑤ Krūzes nav. | ⑤ E There is no cup. |
| ⑥ Galda nav. | ⑥ F There are tables here. |
| ⑦ Te ir galdi. | ⑦ G There is no wardrobe. |
| ⑧ Es esmu jauna. | ⑧ H There is no house. |