

SCENE 41 • NUMBER 7

Pirms koncerta

Saturday evening on the market square: stalls, lights, pancakes. Sun, then rain, then sun again, and you are in Maija's old raincoat. You are at the café stand, and you are the cat's minder. The concert will start at eight. Then Jānis runs up: his mouthpiece is gone. And where is the cat?

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1a, 2a

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1a, 2c

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1b, 2b

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Elīna dziedās ar bērniem. Toms dejos., Es to paturēju. Astonpadsmit gadus.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 32415

Words: Pirms koncerta

VOCABULARY & WRITING

W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?: 1c, 2c, 3b, 4c

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: Kafija, 1: Labi, 1: Zem, 1: Labvakar, 1: Kā

W3) HERE'S A PLATE OF PANCAKES. THEY'RE FOR THE GUESTS!:
1: Viesiem, 2: pieskatīšu, 3: trešā, 4: ēd

W4) CONNECT THE MESSAGES AND MEANINGS: 1a, 2e, 3c, 4b, 5d

Grammar: Spēlēšu, būšu

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN: 1) būšu, 2) būsi, 3) būs, 4) būsīm

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8c

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES: 1: būs, 1: būsīm, 1: būsiet, 1: būs, 1: nebūšu, 1: nebūsiet

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE: Es būšu mājās., Tu būsi mājās., Viņš būs mājās., Mēs būsīm mājās., Jūs būsiet mājās., Viņi būs mājās.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?: 1b, 2a, 3a, 4a

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS: 1c, 2a, 3d, 4b, 5e, 6h, 7g, 8f

Translation

Saturday evening, the festival on the market square: stalls, lights, music and the smell of pancakes. You are at the café stall in Maija's old raincoat. Next to the stage, a big grey box with a light switch hums warmly.

■ Coffee is two euros, pancakes three. You'll take the money, and I'll do the cooking.

○ All right. And where's Muris? I have to look after him.

■ Under the table. He'll sleep until the concert.

Maija comes past the stall with her handbag.

▲ Good evening! Well, how's the weather?

○ Just as Toms said: sun in the morning, then rain.

▲ Later there'll be a strong wind. And maybe snow.

○ No, no! There won't be any snow today.

▲ The concert will start at eight. Jānis will play first.

▲ I'll sit on the bench in front of the stage.

▲ Elīna will sing with the children. And Toms will dance.

○ Toms will dance? Really?

▲ He says he won't dance. But he will.

Ten to eight. Jānis runs up with his trumpet, white as a sheet.

● Help! My mouthpiece! It's gone!

○ Mouthpiece? What's that?

● A little thing, right here. I can't play without it.

○ Where did you put it?

● On your stall, by the coffee. Ten minutes ago.

You look under the table. No cat.

○ By our coffee? And where's Muris?

● The concert starts in ten minutes. What am I going to do?

Maija opens her handbag and takes out a small old trumpet.

▲ Wait.

● My first trumpet! From the photo!

▲ I kept it. For eighteen years.

● Thank you, Mrs Bērziņa. Tonight I'll play for you.

○ And I'll find Muris.

Maija opens her handbag and takes out a small old trumpet: the one from the photo. "I kept it." At eight Jānis plays it and the whole square listens. At 20:14, in the middle of the first

song, all the lights go out.