

SCENE 47 • GRAMMAR

Har boet i / før / efter

Experience and time

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Staying

Danish

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Experience and time

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.

Jeg har boet her i ti år.

I have lived here for ten years.

Jeg har boet her siden januar.

I have lived here since January.

Jeg boede i Hamborg i ti år.

I lived in Hamburg for ten years.

Jeg flyttede hertil for arbejdet.

I moved here for work.

Må jeg tænke over det?

May I think it over?

Du skal give svar senest fredag.

You must reply by Friday at the latest.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Jeg har boet her i ti år.

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

- 2 Jeg har boet her siden januar.

Meaning: I have lived here since January.

- 3 Jeg boede i Hamborg i ti år.

Meaning: I lived in Hamburg for ten years.

- 4 Jeg flyttede hertil for arbejdet.

Meaning: I moved here for work.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Jeg har _____ her i ti år.

- ☐ A boet
- ☐ B boede
- ☐ C bor

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

2 Jeg har boet her _____ januar.

- ☐ A om
- ☐ B i
- ☐ C siden

Meaning: I have lived here since January.

3 Jeg boede i Hamborg _____ ti år.

- ☐ A i
- ☐ B om
- ☐ C siden

Meaning: I lived in Hamburg for ten years.

4 Jeg flyttede hertil _____ arbejdet.

- ☐ A uden
- ☐ B fra
- ☐ C for

Meaning: I moved here for work.

5 Må jeg _____ over det?

- ☐ A tænke
- ☐ B tænkte
- ☐ C tænker

Meaning: May I think it over?

6 Du skal give svar _____ fredag.

- ☐ A aldrig
- ☐ B senest
- ☐ C tidligst

Meaning: You must reply by Friday at the latest.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

bor boet

Jeg har _____ her i ti år.

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

i siden

Jeg har boet her _____ januar.

Meaning: I have lived here since January.

siden i

Jeg boede i Hamborg _____ ti år.

Meaning: I lived in Hamburg for ten years.

uden for

Jeg flyttede hertil _____ arbejdet.

Meaning: I moved here for work.

tænker tænke

Må jeg _____ over det?

Meaning: May I think it over?

tidligst senest

Du skal give svar _____ fredag.

Meaning: You must reply by Friday at the latest.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 boet ti har her Jeg år. i

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

- 2 her Jeg januar. boet har siden

Meaning: I have lived here since January.

- 3 boede i ti i Jeg Hamborg år.

Meaning: I lived in Hamburg for ten years.

- 4 Jeg hertil for flyttede arbejdet.

Meaning: I moved here for work.

- 5 tænke over jeg Må det?

Meaning: May I think it over?

- 6 fredag. Du skal svar give senest

Meaning: You must reply by Friday at the latest.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 I have lived here for ten years. You say:

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

- 2 I have lived here since January. You say:

- (A) Jeg har boet her i januar.
(B) Jeg har boet her siden januar.

3 I lived in Hamburg for ten years. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg boede i Hamborg i ti år.
- ☐ B Jeg boede i Hamborg siden ti år.

4 I moved here for work. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg flyttede hertil uden arbejdet.
- ☐ B Jeg flyttede hertil for arbejdet.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|---|
| ☐ 1 Jeg har boet her i ti år. | ☐ A I have lived here for ten years. |
| ☐ 2 Jeg flyttede hertil for arbejdet. | ☐ B May I think it over? |
| ☐ 3 Du skal give svar senest fredag. | ☐ C You must reply by Friday at the latest. |
| ☐ 4 Må jeg tænke over det? | ☐ D I lived in Hamburg for ten years. |

- 5 Jeg har boet her siden januar. E I have lived here since January.
- 6 Jeg boede i Hamborg i ti år. F I moved here for work.