

Danish in everyday situations

Module 4: Photos on the wall

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Photos on the wall

Danish

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Hans / hendes / deres

Use **hans**, **hendes** and **deres** for his, her and their.

These forms do not change with the noun: **hans søn**, **hans barn**, **hans børn**.

Danish distinguishes maternal and paternal grandparents in common family words: **mormor** and **morfar** are the mother's parents; **farmor** and **farfar** are the father's.

Learn **barnebarn** and irregular plural **børn**.

Den tiende juli

Say **Jeg er tredive år**, rather than an English word-for-word age expression.

Dates use an ordinal after **den**: **den tiende juli**, **den otteogtyvende marts**.

Months are written with a lower-case initial.

Say **på lørdag** for the coming Saturday, **om lørdagen** for Saturdays generally.

Et lille gammelt hus

Adjectives can come before nouns or after **er**.

Keep noun agreement: **en gammel by, et gammelt hus, gamle huse**. **Gammel** loses the extra vowel in **gamle**. **Lille** is the singular form and **små** the plural. Descriptions often use **har**: **Han har brune øjne**.

Til mig / en stor gave

Til introduces the recipient: **en gave til Freja, til mig, til dig**.

Adjectives after a possessive or before a definite noun use **-e**: **min gule bog, den store bog**.

The definite adjective construction normally uses **den/det/de** and a noun without its definite suffix: **den store bog**, not **den store bogen**.

Var / havde

The simple past of **være** is **var** and of **have** is **havde**, for every subject.

These forms describe an earlier state: **Jeg var ti, Lejligheden var min**.

A few useful past chunks may have appeared in the story; practise the two core forms here first. **Gift** means married and does not change for a male or female person in this use.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Det er hendes søn.

Meaning: It is her son.

- 2 Jeg er tredive år.

Meaning: I am thirty years old.

- 3 Det er en gammel by.

Meaning: It is an old town.

- 4 Gaven er til mig.

Meaning: The gift is for me.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Det er _____ søn.

- ☐ A hendes
- ☐ B hun
- ☐ C hende

Meaning: It is her son.

2 Jeg er tredive _____.

- ☐ A året
- ☐ B år
- ☐ C årene

Meaning: I am thirty years old.

3 Det er en _____ by.

- ☐ A gammelt
- ☐ B gammel
- ☐ C gamle

Meaning: It is an old town.

4 Gaven er til _____.

- ☐ A min
- ☐ B mig
- ☐ C jeg

Meaning: The gift is for me.

5 Jeg _____ ti år.

- ☐ A er
- ☐ B var
- ☐ C være

Meaning: I was ten years old.

6 Det er _____ børn.

- ☐ A deres
- ☐ B dem
- ☐ C de

Meaning: They are their children.

7 Freja bliver _____ på lørdag.

- ☐ A ti
- ☐ B titallet
- ☐ C tiende

Meaning: Freja turns ten on Saturday.

8 Det er _____ huse.

- ☐ A gamle
- ☐ B gammelt
- ☐ C gammel

Meaning: They are old houses.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

hun hendes

Det er _____ søn.

Meaning: It is her son.

årene år

Jeg er tredive _____.

Meaning: I am thirty years old.

gammelt gammel

Det er en _____ by.

Meaning: It is an old town.

jeg mig

Gaven er til _____.

Meaning: The gift is for me.

er var

Jeg _____ ti år.

Meaning: I was ten years old.

de deres

Det er _____ børn.

Meaning: They are their children.

tiende ti

Freja bliver _____ på lørdag.

Meaning: Freja turns ten on Saturday.

gammel gamle

Det er _____ huse.

Meaning: They are old houses.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

er

søn.

Det

hendes

Meaning: It is her son.

2

Jeg

er

trediv

år.

Meaning: I am thirty years old.

3 gammel by. Det en er

Meaning: It is an old town.

4 er til mig. Gaven

Meaning: The gift is for me.

5 år. var ti Jeg

Meaning: I was ten years old.

6 Det deres børn. er

Meaning: They are their children.

7 på Freja ti bliver lørdag.

Meaning: Freja turns ten on Saturday.

8 gamle huse. Det er

Meaning: They are old houses.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 It is her son. You say:

- ☐ A Det er hun søn.
- ☐ B Det er hendes søn.

2 I am thirty years old. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg er tredive årene.
- ☐ B Jeg er tredive år.

3 It is an old town. You say:

- ☐ A Det er en gammel by.
- ☐ B Det er en gammelt by.

4 The gift is for me. You say:

- ☐ A Gaven er til jeg.
- ☐ B Gaven er til mig.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ① Jeg var ti år. | ① A I was ten years old. |
| ② Freja bliver ti på lørdag. | ② B They are their children. |
| ③ Det er gamle huse. | ③ C The gift is for me. |
| ④ Jeg er tredive år. | ④ D I am thirty years old. |
| ⑤ Det er en gammel by. | ⑤ E Freja turns ten on Saturday. |
| ⑥ Det er deres børn. | ⑥ F It is an old town. |
| ⑦ Gaven er til mig. | ⑦ G They are old houses. |
| ⑧ Det er hendes søn. | ⑧ H It is her son. |