

SCENE 3 • GRAMMAR

kahvia, teetä, kakkua

Order something and choose between two things

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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The nominative is a noun's basic naming form: **kahvi, tee, kakku**. A case is an ending showing how a word is used. Use the partitive for an amount of food or drink: **kahvia, teetä, kakkua**. Common endings are **-a/-ä** and **-ta/-tä**. Learn each form with its noun.

Use **vai** in an alternative question: **Kahvia vai teetä?** Use **ja** to add something. **Kahvia, kiitos** is a natural request. **Haluaisin** (I would like) is a polite conditional expression learned whole; it is not a future tense. Finnish has no special future tense ending; a present form and a time word express a plan. Liking uses **pitää** plus a from-form: **pidän kakusta**. Learn this pattern whole; place endings are practised later.

Form	Example	Meaning
Kahvia	Kahvia, kiitos.	Coffee, please.
Teetä	Teetä, kiitos.	Tea, please.
kakkua	Haluaisin kakkua.	I would like some cake.
vai	Kahvia vai teetä?	Coffee or tea?
ja	Kahvia ja kakkua.	Coffee and cake.
hyvää	Kakku on hyvää.	The cake is good.
Pidän	Pidän kakusta.	I like the cake.
sinun	Nyt kakku on sinun.	Now the cake is yours.

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GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Kahvia, kiitos.

Meaning: Coffee, please.

2 Teetä, kiitos.

Meaning: Tea, please.

3 Haluaisin kakkua.

Meaning: I would like some cake.

4 Kahvia vai teetä?

Meaning: Coffee or tea?

5 Kahvia ja kakkua.

Meaning: Coffee and cake.

6 Kakku on hyvää.

Meaning: The cake is good.

7 Pidän kakusta.

Meaning: I like the cake.

8 Nyt kakku on sinun.

Meaning: Now the cake is yours.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____, kiitos.

- ☐ A Kahvin
- ☐ B Kahvia
- ☐ C Kahvi

Meaning: Coffee, please.

2 _____, kiitos.

- ☐ A Teetä
- ☐ B Teen
- ☐ C Tee

Meaning: Tea, please.

3 Haluaisin _____.

- ☐ A kakun
- ☐ B kakkua
- ☐ C kakku

Meaning: I would like some cake.

4 Kahvia _____ teetä?

- ☐ A koska
- ☐ B vai
- ☐ C ilman

Meaning: Coffee or tea?

5 Kahvia _____ kakkua.

- ☐ A koska
- ☐ B ilman
- ☐ C ja

Meaning: Coffee and cake.

6 Kakku on _____.

- ☐ A hyvää
- ☐ B hyvän
- ☐ C hyvään

Meaning: The cake is good.

7 _____ kakusta.

- ☐ A Pitävät
- ☐ B Pidän
- ☐ C Pidät

Meaning: I like the cake.

8 Nyt kakku on _____.

- ☐ A sinulle
- ☐ B sinä
- ☐ C sinun

Meaning: Now the cake is yours.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

kakku kakkua

Haluaisin _____.

Meaning: I would like some cake.

koska vai

Kahvia _____ teetä?

Meaning: Coffee or tea?

ilman ja

Kahvia _____ kakkua.

Meaning: Coffee and cake.

hyvän hyvää

Kakku on _____.

Meaning: The cake is good.

Pidät Pidän

_____ kakusta.

Meaning: I like the cake.

sinä sinun

Nyt kakku on _____.

Meaning: Now the cake is yours.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 teetä? vai Kahvia

Meaning: Coffee or tea?

2 kakkua. Kahvia ja

Meaning: Coffee and cake.

3 on hyvää. Kakku

Meaning: The cake is good.

4 kakku sinun. Nyt on

Meaning: Now the cake is yours.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 **Coffee, please. You say:**

- ☐ A Kahvi, kiitos.
- ☐ B Kahvia, kiitos.

2 **Tea, please. You say:**

- ☐ A Tee, kiitos.
- ☐ B Teetä, kiitos.

3 I would like some cake. You say:

- ☐ A Haluaisin kakku.
- ☐ B Haluaisin kakkua.

4 Coffee or tea? You say:

- ☐ A Kahvia koska teetä?
- ☐ B Kahvia vai teetä?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Nyt kakku on sinun. | ① A I like the cake. |
| ② Kahvia ja kakkua. | ② B Tea, please. |
| ③ Kahvia vai teetä? | ③ C The cake is good. |
| ④ Kakku on hyvää. | ④ D Coffee and cake. |
| ⑤ Kahvia, kiitos. | ⑤ E Coffee or tea? |
| ⑥ Teetä, kiitos. | ⑥ F Now the cake is yours. |
| ⑦ Haluaisin kakkua. | ⑦ G Coffee, please. |
| ⑧ Pidän kakusta. | ⑧ H I would like some cake. |