

Danish in everyday situations

Module 9: The festival

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The festival

Danish

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Har ikke set / for ti minutter siden

In a main clause, **ikke** comes after the finite auxiliary and before the participle: **jeg har ikke set ham.**

A finished past time often takes simple past: **jeg lagde det her for ti minutter siden.**

Use **for ... siden** to mean ago. Irregular past forms needed by the festival are introduced as a small, useful group rather than an exhaustive table.

Spillede / så / gik

Regular simple past often ends in **-ede** or **-te**: **spillede, arbejdede, hørte.**

Common irregular verbs must be learned: **se → så, gå → gik, finde → fandt, komme → kom.**

These forms are the same for every person and sex.

With an explicit finished time such as **i går**, the simple past is the natural choice.

Begyndte / faldt / skreg

Retell events with short past clauses. **Begynde → begyndte, falde → faldt, skrive → skrev, røre → rørte** are useful here.

If a time or sequence phrase starts a main clause, keep verb-second order: **Klokken otte begyndte koncerten, så gik jeg hjem.**

A question still places the verb before the subject: **Hvad skete der?**

Vi var / I sov

Past forms do not change for plural subjects: **vi var, I sov, de hørte.**

Make questions by inversion: **Sov du?, Hvor var I?** Negative past statements place **ikke** after the finite verb: **jeg sov ikke.**

Object pronouns remain the same in the past.

Vil sende / i morgen sender jeg

For a future plan, use present tense with a future time: **I morgen sender jeg billedet. Vil** plus infinitive often expresses willingness or a promise: **jeg vil hjælpe. Skal** plus infinitive can mark an arrangement.

The infinitive takes no **at** after these modal verbs. End a friendly letter with **Kærlig hilsen** and your name.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Jeg har ikke set Findus.

Meaning: I have not seen Findus.

- 2 Mads spillede i går.

Meaning: Mads played yesterday.

- 3 Koncerten begyndte klokken otte.

Meaning: The concert started at eight.

- 4 Hvor var I?

Meaning: Where were you all?

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Jeg har _____ set Findus.

- ☐ A og
- ☐ B ikke
- ☐ C ja

Meaning: I have not seen Findus.

2 Mads _____ i går.

- ☐ A spille
- ☐ B spiller
- ☐ C spillede

Meaning: Mads played yesterday.

3 Koncerten _____ klokken otte.

- ☐ A begyndte
- ☐ B begynde
- ☐ C begynder

Meaning: The concert started at eight.

4 Hvor _____ I?

- ☐ A er
- ☐ B var
- ☐ C være

Meaning: Where were you all?

5 I morgen _____ jeg billedet.

- ☐ A sender
- ☐ B sende
- ☐ C jeg sender

Meaning: Tomorrow I will send the photo.

6 Jeg lagde den her _____ ti minutter siden.

- ☐ A om
- ☐ B for
- ☐ C i

Meaning: I put it here ten minutes ago.

7 Jeg _____ noget lille.

- ☐ A ser
- ☐ B se
- ☐ C så

Meaning: I saw something small.

8 Jeg _____ i mørket.

- ☐ A skriger
- ☐ B skreg
- ☐ C skrige

Meaning: I screamed in the dark.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

ja ikke

Jeg har _____ set Findus.

Meaning: I have not seen Findus.

spiller spillede

Mads _____ i går.

Meaning: Mads played yesterday.

begynder begyndte

Koncerten _____ klokken otte.

Meaning: The concert started at eight.

er var

Hvor _____ I?

Meaning: Where were you all?

jeg sender sender

I morgen _____ jeg billedet.

Meaning: Tomorrow I will send the photo.

om for

Jeg lagde den her _____ ti minutter siden.

Meaning: I put it here ten minutes ago.

ser så

Jeg _____ noget lille.

Meaning: I saw something small.

skriger skreg

Jeg _____ i mørket.

Meaning: I screamed in the dark.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 Findus. set ikke Jeg har

Meaning: I have not seen Findus.

- 2 går. spillede Mads i

Meaning: Mads played yesterday.

3 Koncerten klokken begyndte otte.

Meaning: The concert started at eight.

4 I? Hvor var

Meaning: Where were you all?

5 I jeg sender morgen billedet.

Meaning: Tomorrow I will send the photo.

6 ti for her Jeg lagde minutter den siden.

Meaning: I put it here ten minutes ago.

7 noget Jeg så lille.

Meaning: I saw something small.

8 mørket. skreg Jeg i

Meaning: I screamed in the dark.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have not seen Findus. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg har ja set Findus.
- ☐ B Jeg har ikke set Findus.

2 Mads played yesterday. You say:

- ☐ A Mads spiller i går.
- ☐ B Mads spillede i går.

3 The concert started at eight. You say:

- ☐ A Koncerten begynder klokken otte.
- ☐ B Koncerten begyndte klokken otte.

4 Where were you all? You say:

- ☐ A Hvor er I?
- ☐ B Hvor var I?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| ① Jeg lagde den her
for ti minutter siden. | ① A Where were you all? |
| ② Koncerten
begyndte klokken
otte. | ② B I put it here ten minutes ago. |
| ③ Jeg har ikke set
Findus. | ③ C Mads played yesterday. |
| ④ Jeg skreg i mørket. | ④ D I have not seen Findus. |
| ⑤ Mads spillede i går. | ⑤ E I screamed in the dark. |
| ⑥ Hvor var I? | ⑥ F I saw something small. |
| ⑦ I morgen sender
jeg billedet. | ⑦ G The concert started at eight. |
| ⑧ Jeg så noget lille. | ⑧ H Tomorrow I will send the photo. |