

SCENE 10 • GRAMMAR

Korteris, kohvrisk

Inside and out of places

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

Estonian

Read & listen online 

Inside and out of places

The inessive describes being inside and normally adds **-s** to the genitive stem: **korteris, kohvikus, toas, köögis**. The elative describes coming from inside and adds **-st**: **korterist, kohvikust, toast, köögist**.

A postposition follows a genitive noun: **diivani all, kohviku kohal**. Pronoun **meie** can shorten to **me**. Estonian present forms can describe an action happening now; no special action-in-progress ending is required.

Form	Example	Meaning
korteris	Ma olen korteris.	I am in the flat.
korterist	Ma tulen korterist.	I come out of the flat.
toas	Ma olen toas.	I am in the room.
toast	Ma tulen toast.	I come out of the room.
diivani	Muri on diivani all.	Muri is under the sofa.
aitame	Me aitame praegu.	We help now.

Ma olen korteris.

I am in the flat.

Ma tulen korterist.

I come out of the flat.

Ma olen toas.

I am in the room.

Ma tulen toast.

I come out of the room.

Muri on diivani all.

Muri is under the sofa.

Me aitame praegu.

We help now.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Muri on diivani all.

I am Lena. Muri is under the sofa.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Me aitame praegu.

I am Lena. We help now.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Ma olen korteris.

Meaning: I am in the flat.

- 2 Ma tulen korterist.

Meaning: I come out of the flat.

- 3 Ma olen toas.

Meaning: I am in the room.

- 4 Ma tulen toast.

Meaning: I come out of the room.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Ma olen _____.

- ☐ A korterisse
- ☐ B korteris
- ☐ C korterist

Meaning: I am in the flat.

2 Ma tulen _____.

- ☐ A korterisse
- ☐ B korteris
- ☐ C korterist

Meaning: I come out of the flat.

3 Ma olen _____.

- ☐ A toast
- ☐ B toas
- ☐ C tuppa

Meaning: I am in the room.

4 Ma tulen _____.

- ☐ A tuppa
- ☐ B toast
- ☐ C toas

Meaning: I come out of the room.

5 Muri on _____ all.

- ☐ A diivan
- ☐ B diivanit
- ☐ C diivani

Meaning: Muri is under the sofa.

6 Me _____ praegu.

- ☐ A aitame
- ☐ B aitab
- ☐ C aitan

Meaning: We help now.

7 Mina olen Lena. Muri on _____ all.

- ☐ A diivani
- ☐ B diivanit
- ☐ C diivan

Meaning: I am Lena. Muri is under the sofa.

8 Mina olen Lena. Me _____ praegu.

- ☐ A aitan
- ☐ B aitab
- ☐ C aitame

Meaning: I am Lena. We help now.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

toast toas diivani aitame

Ma olen _____.

Meaning: I am in the room.

toast aitame diivani toas

Ma tulen _____.

Meaning: I come out of the room.

diivani toast toas aitame

Muri on _____ all.

Meaning: Muri is under the sofa.

aitame toas diivani toast

Me _____ praegu.

Meaning: We help now.

aitame toas diivani toast

Mina olen Lena. Muri on _____ all.

Meaning: I am Lena. Muri is under the sofa.

diivani toas toast aitame

Mina olen Lena. Me _____ praegu.

Meaning: I am Lena. We help now.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 korteris. olen Ma

Meaning: I am in the flat.

2 korterist. tulen Ma

Meaning: I come out of the flat.

3 Ma olen toas.

Meaning: I am in the room.

4 Ma toast. tulen

Meaning: I come out of the room.

5 on Muri diivani all.

Meaning: Muri is under the sofa.

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praegu.

aitame

Me

Meaning: We help now.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I am in the flat. You say:

- ☐ A Ma olen korterist.
- ☐ B Ma olen korteris.

2 I come out of the flat. You say:

- ☐ A Ma tulen korteris.
- ☐ B Ma tulen korterist.

3 I am in the room. You say:

- ☐ A Ma olen toast.
- ☐ B Ma olen toas.

4 I come out of the room. You say:

- (A) Ma tulen toast.
- (B) Ma tulen toas.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Ma olen korteris. | (A) I am Lena. We help now. |
| (2) Ma tulen toast. | (B) I am Lena. Muri is under the sofa. |
| (3) Mina olen Lena. Me aitame praegu. | (C) I come out of the room. |
| (4) Muri on diivani all. | (D) Muri is under the sofa. |
| (5) Ma olen toas. | (E) I am in the room. |
| (6) Ma tulen korterist. | (F) I come out of the flat. |
| (7) Mina olen Lena. Muri on diivani all. | (G) We help now. |

- ⑧ Me aitame praegu. ⑧ I am in the flat.