

SCENE 7 • GRAMMAR

Házak, székek, kulcsok

Vowel harmony and noun plurals

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

Hungarian

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An imperative gives an instruction. For now learn familiar **gyere** and polite **jöjjön** as come, and **nézd** as look at it. The fuller command patterns come in module 5.

Vowel harmony and noun plurals

Back vowels **a á o ó u ú** usually select back endings. Front vowels **e é i í ö ő ü ű** usually select front endings. In words with both kinds, **e é i í** may be neutral; learn the ending of the word rather than guessing.

Plural adds **-k**, often with a linking vowel: **ház/házak, szék/székek, kulcs/kulcsok**. A final **a/e** often lengthens before a suffix: **lámpa/lámpák, csésze/csészek**. Singular means one; plural more than one. After a number keep the noun singular: **két szék**. The scene also uses **sincs/sincsenek** for is not there either in singular/plural.

Form	Example	Meaning
házak	A házak itt vannak.	The houses are here.
székek	A székek itt vannak.	The chairs are here.
kulcsok	A kulcsok itt vannak.	The keys are here.
lámpák	A lámpák itt vannak.	The lamps are here.
szék	Két szék van.	There are two chairs.
Nincsenek	Nincsenek székek.	There are no chairs.

A házak itt vannak.

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Két szék van.

There are two chairs.

Nincsenek székek.

There are no chairs.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 A házak itt vannak.

Meaning: The houses are here.

2 A székek itt vannak.

Meaning: The chairs are here.

3 A kulcsok itt vannak.

Meaning: The keys are here.

4 A lámpák itt vannak.

Meaning: The lamps are here.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 A _____ itt vannak.

- ☐ A házak
- ☐ B házat
- ☐ C ház

Meaning: The houses are here.

2 A _____ itt vannak.

- ☐ A szék
- ☐ B széket
- ☐ C székek

Meaning: The chairs are here.

3 A _____ itt vannak.

- ☐ A kulcsot
- ☐ B kulcs
- ☐ C kulcsok

Meaning: The keys are here.

4 A _____ itt vannak.

- ☐ A lámpa
- ☐ B lámpák
- ☐ C lámpát

Meaning: The lamps are here.

5 Két _____ van.

- ☐ A székek
- ☐ B szék
- ☐ C székeket

Meaning: There are two chairs.

6 _____ székek.

- ☐ A Nem
- ☐ B Nincs
- ☐ C Nincsenek

Meaning: There are no chairs.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

kulcsok lámpák Nincsenek szék

A _____ itt vannak.

Meaning: The keys are here.

kulcsok Nincsenek lámpák szék

A _____ itt vannak.

Meaning: The lamps are here.

kulcsok lámpák szék Nincsenek

Két _____ van.

Meaning: There are two chairs.

lámpák kulcsok szék Nincsenek

_____ székek.

Meaning: There are no chairs.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1

Meaning: The houses are here.

- 2

Meaning: The chairs are here.

- 3

Meaning: The keys are here.

- 4

Meaning: The lamps are here.

5 Két van. szék

Meaning: There are two chairs.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 The houses are here. You say:

- ☐ A A ház itt vannak.
- ☐ B A házak itt vannak.

2 The chairs are here. You say:

- ☐ A A székek itt vannak.
- ☐ B A szék itt vannak.

3 The keys are here. You say:

- ☐ A A kulcsok itt vannak.
- ☐ B A kulcs itt vannak.

4 The lamps are here. You say:

- ☐ A A lámpák itt vannak.
- ☐ B A lámpa itt vannak.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

- ☐ 1 A kulcsok itt vannak. ☐ A There are two chairs.
- ☐ 2 Nincsenek székek. ☐ B The houses are here.
- ☐ 3 A székek itt vannak. ☐ C The keys are here.
- ☐ 4 A házak itt vannak. ☐ D The lamps are here.
- ☐ 5 A lámpák itt vannak. ☐ E There are no chairs.
- ☐ 6 Két szék van. ☐ F The chairs are here.