

## SCENE 47 • NUMBER 7

# Intervija

The capital: big, loud, grey. The interviewer wants to know everything: who you are, where you are from, which languages you speak, what you can do, why you came to the town, when you can start. On the train back, you read flat ads: thirty square metres, €900 a month.

143 Words · 5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Staying

Latvian

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## LEARNING GOAL

I can introduce myself fully and answer questions about my work, my languages and my past.

**Sāra = ■ Lena (Lukas) = O**

Learning as Lukas? Use the words in brackets.

*Monday, ten o'clock. The capital is big, loud and grey. A glass office on the eighth floor.*

■ Labdien. Es esmu Sāra Fernandesa. Apsēdieties, lūdzu.

- Es esmu spāniete, bet te dzīvoju jau desmit gadus. Runāsim latviski.
- Pastāstiet par sevi. No kurienes jūs esat? Ko jūs darāt?
- Mani sauc Lena (Lukas) Becker. Es esmu vāciete (vācietis) no Hamburgas. Man ir trīsdesmit gadi.
- Es esmu inženiere (inženieris). Strādāju mēbeļu uzņēmumā mazā pilsētā pie upes.
- Kādās valodās jūs runājat?
- Vāciski, angļiski un mazliet latviski.
- Ne mazliet. Jūs runājat labi.
- Ko jūs protat darīt?
- Es protu projektēt mēbeles. Un varu pieskatīt kaķi.
- She laughs.*
- Kaķi?
- Tas ir garš stāsts.
- Kāpēc jūs atbraucāt uz to mazo pilsētu?
- Darba dēļ. Bet tagad... Cilvēku dēļ.
- Kad jūs varat sākt?
- Mans pārbaudes laiks beidzas trīsdesmitajā jūnijā.

*She stands up and holds out her hand.*

■ Lieliski. Darbs ir jūsu. Vai varat sākt pirmajā jūlijā?

○ Tik ātri? Man jāpadomā.

■ Protams. Es gaidīšu jūsu atbildi līdz piektdienai.

*Outside the office, a grey cat sits on a wall. It is not Muris.*

○ Muris? Nē... Tas nav Muris.

*On the train back, you read flat ads on your phone.*

○ Dzīvoklis centrā. Trīsdesmit kvadrātmetri. Deviņi simti eiro mēnesī.

○ Deviņi simti! Un bez kaķa.

## Vocabulary

### DOING THINGS

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| <b>projektēt</b> | design                 |
| <b>padomāt</b>   | think about (consider) |
| <b>atbildēt</b>  | answer                 |

### MONEY AND SHOPPING

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>kvadrātmetrs</b> | square metre |
|---------------------|--------------|

### PLACES IN TOWN

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| <b>centrs</b> | centre |
|---------------|--------|

**LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING****L1) WHO SAYS IT**

Read the dialogue again. Who says these words? Tick the right person.

**1 Labdien. Es esmu Sāra Fernandesa. Apsēdieties, lūdzu.**

- ☐ A Sāra
- ☐ B Lena

**2 Kāpēc jūs atbraucāt uz to mazo pilsētu?**

- ☐ A Lena
- ☐ B Sāra

**L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN**

Tick the right English meaning.

**1 Pastāstiet par sevi. No kurienes jūs esat? Ko jūs darāt?**

- ☐ A When will you be able to start?
- ☐ B Tell me about yourself. Where are you from? What do you do?
- ☐ C So soon? I need to think about it.

**2 Darba dēļ. Bet tagad... Cilvēku dēļ.**

- ☐ A For the job. But now... for the people.
- ☐ B I'm an engineer. I work at a furniture company, in a small town by the river.
- ☐ C Good day. I am Sāra Fernandesa. Please sit down.

**L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT**

Tick the right Latvian sentence.

**1 Which languages do you speak?**

- ☐ A Tik ātri? Man jāpdomā.
- ☐ B Deviņi simti! Un bez kaķa.
- ☐ C Kādās valodās jūs runājat?

**2 So soon? I need to think about it.**

- ☐ A Protams. Es gaidīšu jūsu atbildi līdz piektdienai.
- ☐ B Es protu projektēt mēbeles. Un varu pieskatīt kaķi.
- ☐ C Tik ātri? Man jāpdomā.

**L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER**

Write the words in the right order on the line.

- 1    darīt?    Ko    protat    jūs

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- 2    Tas    Muris.    nav    Muris?    Nē...

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**L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST**

Number the lines in the order they come in the scene.

- ☐ Pastāstiet par sevi. No kurienes jūs esat? Ko jūs darāt?
- ☐ Lieliski. Darbs ir jūsu. Vai varat sākt pirmajā jūlijā?
- ☐ Ne mazliet. Jūs runājat labi.
- ☐ Dzīvoklis centrā. Trīsdesmit kvadrātmetri. Deviņi simti eiro mēnesī.
- ☐ Kāpēc jūs atbraucāt uz to mazo pilsētu?

## SCENE 47 • WORDS

## Intervija

## The interview

4 Exercises • Duration: 10 min.

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**projektēt**  
design



**padomāt**  
think about  
(consider)



**atbildēt**  
answer



**centrs**  
centre



**kvadrātmētrs**  
square metre

## Words

**projektēt**

design

Es protu projektēt mēbeles. Un varu  
pieskatīt kaķi.

**padomāt**

think about (consider)

Tik ātri? Man jāpadomā.

**atbildēt**

answer

Protams. Es gaidīšu jūsu atbildi līdz  
piektdienai.

**centrs****centre**

Dzīvoklis centrā. Trīsdesmit kvadrātmetri.  
Deviņi simti eiro mēnesī.

**kvadrātmets****square metre**

Dzīvoklis centrā. Trīsdesmit kvadrātmetri.  
Deviņi simti eiro mēnesī.

## VOCABULARY & COMMUNICATION

### W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What does it mean?

#### 1 kvadrātmets

- ☐ A map
- ☐ B square metre
- ☐ C roll (bread roll)

#### 2 centrs

- ☐ A scream
- ☐ B centre
- ☐ C say

**3 atbildēt**

- ☐ A wind
- ☐ B answer
- ☐ C good

**4 padomāt**

- ☐ A think about (consider)
- ☐ B river
- ☐ C ninety

**5 projektēt**

- ☐ A nice
- ☐ B design
- ☐ C shower

**W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION**

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Labdien Pastāstiet Es Mani

\_\_\_\_\_ sauc Lena Becker. Es esmu vāciete no Hamburgas.

Man ir trīsdesmit gadi.

Meaning: I'm Lena Becker. I'm German, from Hamburg. I'm thirty.

Es Labdien Pastāstiet Mani

\_\_\_\_\_. Es esmu Sāra Fernandesa. Apsēdieties, lūdzu.

Meaning: Good day. I am Sāra Fernandesa. Please sit down.

Labdien Mani Pastāstiet Es

\_\_\_\_\_ esmu spāniete, bet te dzīvoju jau desmit gadus.

Runāsim latviski.

Meaning: I'm Spanish, but I've lived here for ten years now. So we'll speak Latvian.

Mani Labdien Es Pastāstiet

\_\_\_\_\_ par sevi. No kurienes jūs esat? Ko jūs darāt?

Meaning: Tell me about yourself. Where are you from? What do you do?

Kādās Mani Es Labdien

\_\_\_\_\_ valodās jūs runājat?

Meaning: Which languages do you speak?

**W3) GOOD DAY. I'M ELĪNA. PLEASE SIT DOWN.**

Fill the speech bubbles.



Darbs darāt atslēgas Apsēdieties

Elīna: Labdien. Es esmu Elīna. \_\_\_\_\_, lūdzu.

Elīna: Pastāstiet par sevi. Ko jūs \_\_\_\_\_?

Lena: Viņš var ņemt \_\_\_\_\_!

Elīna: Lieliski! \_\_\_\_\_ ir jūsu!

Meaning: 1. Good day. I'm Elīna. Please sit down.

2. Tell me about yourself. What do you do?

3. He can take keys!

4. Excellent! The job is yours!

**W4) CONNECT THE MESSAGES AND MEANINGS**

Match the pairs.

- |                                                                                            |                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ① Labdien. Es esmu<br>Sāra Fernandesa.<br>Apsēdieties, lūdzu.                              | Ⓐ I'm Lena Becker. I'm German,<br>from Hamburg. I'm thirty.                           |
| ② Es esmu inženiere.<br>Strādāju mēbeļu<br>uzņēmumā mazā<br>pilsētā pie upes.              | Ⓑ Tell me about yourself. Where<br>are you from? What do you do?                      |
| ③ Mani sauc Lena<br>Becker. Es esmu<br>vāciete no<br>Hamburgas. Man ir<br>trīsdesmit gadi. | Ⓒ I'm Spanish, but I've lived here<br>for ten years now. So we'll<br>speak Latvian.   |
| ④ Pastāstiet par sevi.<br>No kurienes jūs<br>esat? Ko jūs darāt?                           | Ⓓ I'm an engineer. I work at a<br>furniture company, in a small<br>town by the river. |

5 Es esmu spāniete,  
bet te dzīvoju jau  
desmit gadus.  
Runāsim latviski.

E Good day. I am Sāra  
Fernandesa. Please sit down.

# Dzīvoju, dzīvoju desmit gadus

Experience and an interview

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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## Experience and an interview

For an ongoing length, Latvian can use present plus a duration: **Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus**, I have lived here for ten years. A starting point uses **kopš**: **Es strādāju te kopš marta**.

A finished experience has past: **Es strādāju tur trīs gadus**, I worked there for three years. Context and time words distinguish same-looking first-person forms. Finite verbs do not change with the learner's gender.

Nationality and occupation do: **vācietis/vāciete, inženieris/inženiere**. Answer the interview in simple identity, language, skill and experience statements. A reason can simply be **Darba dēļ**.

| Form                                  | Example                                                 | Meaning                          |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>gadus</b>                          | <b>Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus.</b>                      | I have lived here for ten years. |
| <b>marta</b>                          | <b>Es strādāju te kopš marta.</b>                       | I have worked here since March.  |
| <b>vācietis</b><br><b>vāciete</b>     | <b>Es esmu vācietis.</b><br><b>Es esmu vāciete.</b>     | I am German.                     |
| <b>inženieris</b><br><b>inženiere</b> | <b>Es esmu inženieris.</b><br><b>Es esmu inženiere.</b> | I am an engineer.                |
| <b>protu</b>                          | <b>Es protu projektēt mēbeles.</b>                      | I can design furniture.          |

| Form             | Example                         | Meaning                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>varu</b>      | <b>Es varu sākt.</b>            | I can start.                  |
| <b>atbraucu</b>  | <b>Es atbraucu darba dēļ.</b>   | I came for the job.           |
| <b>atbraucāt</b> | <b>Jūs atbraucāt darba dēļ.</b> | You came for the job, polite. |

Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus.

I have lived here for ten years.

Es strādāju te kopš marta.

I have worked here since March.

Es esmu vāciete (**vācietis**).

I am German.

Es esmu inženiere (**inženieris**).

I am an engineer.

Es protu projektēt mēbeles.

I can design furniture.

Es varu sākt.

I can start.

Es atbraucu darba dēļ.

I came for the job.

Jūs atbraucāt darba dēļ.

You came for the job, polite.

**GRAMMAR****G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus.

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

- 2 Es strādāju te kopš marta.

Meaning: I have worked here since March.

- 3 Es esmu vāciete.

Meaning: I am German.

- 4 Es esmu inženiere.

Meaning: I am an engineer.

**G2) CHOOSE THE FORM**

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

**1 Es dzīvoju te desmit \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A gadus
- ☐ B gadam
- ☐ C gadi

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

**2 Es strādāju te kopš \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A martu
- ☐ B marts
- ☐ C marta

Meaning: I have worked here since March.

**3 Es esmu \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A vāciete
- ☐ B vācietes
- ☐ C vācieši

Meaning: I am German.

**4 Es esmu \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A inženieri
- ☐ B inženieres
- ☐ C inženiere

Meaning: I am an engineer.

**5 Es \_\_\_\_\_ projektēt mēbeles.**

- ☐ A protu
- ☐ B protam
- ☐ C proti

Meaning: I can design furniture.

**6 Es \_\_\_\_\_ sākt.**

- ☐ A varam
- ☐ B varu
- ☐ C vari

Meaning: I can start.

**7 Es \_\_\_\_\_ darba dēļ.**

- ☐ A atbraucu
- ☐ B atbraucām
- ☐ C atbrauci

Meaning: I came for the job.

**8 Jūs \_\_\_\_\_ darba dēļ.**

- ☐ A atbraucu
- ☐ B atbraucām
- ☐ C atbraucāt

Meaning: You came for the job, polite.

**G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES**

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

vācieši vāciete

Es esmu \_\_\_\_\_.

Meaning: I am German.

inženieri inženiere

Es esmu \_\_\_\_\_.

Meaning: I am an engineer.

proti protu

Es \_\_\_\_\_ projektēt mēbeles.

Meaning: I can design furniture.

vari varu

Es \_\_\_\_\_ sākt.

Meaning: I can start.

atbrauci atbraucu

Es \_\_\_\_\_ darba dēļ.

Meaning: I came for the job.

atbraucu atbraucāt

Jūs \_\_\_\_\_ darba dēļ.

Meaning: You came for the job, polite.

#### G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

dzīvoju Es te gadus. desmit

Meaning: I have lived here for ten years.

2 Es marta. kopš strādāju te

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Meaning: I have worked here since March.

3 vāciete. esmu Es

---

Meaning: I am German.

4 Es esmu inženiere.

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Meaning: I am an engineer.

5 protu projektēt Es mēbeles.

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Meaning: I can design furniture.

6

varu

sākt.

Es

Meaning: I can start.

### G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

**1 I have lived here for ten years. You say:**

- ☐ A Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus.
- ☐ B Es dzīvoju te desmit gadi.

**2 I have worked here since March. You say:**

- ☐ A Es strādāju te kopš marts.
- ☐ B Es strādāju te kopš marta.

**3 I am German. You say:**

- ☐ A Es esmu vāciete.
- ☐ B Es esmu vācieši.

**4 I am an engineer. You say:**

- (A) Es esmu inženieri.
- (B) Es esmu inženiere.

**G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS**

Match the pairs.

- |                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (1) Es varu sākt.               | (A) I have lived here for ten years. |
| (2) Es atbraucu darba dēļ.      | (B) You came for the job, polite.    |
| (3) Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus. | (C) I have worked here since March.  |
| (4) Es protu projektēt mēbeles. | (D) I came for the job.              |
| (5) Jūs atbraucāt darba dēļ.    | (E) I can design furniture.          |
| (6) Es esmu vāciete.            | (F) I am an engineer.                |

7 Es strādāju te kopš      G I am German.  
marta.

8 Es esmu inženiere.      H I can start.