

SCENE 7 • GRAMMAR

Laud, laua, lauda

Three noun learning forms

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

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Learn a noun with nominative, genitive and partitive: **laud/laua/lauda**, **tool/tooli/tooli**, **voodi/voodi/voodit**, **tuba/toa/tuba**, **võti/võtme/võtit**. Stems can change, so adding one ending to the dictionary form is not enough.

Positive **on** commonly has a nominative subject: **mul on laud**.

Negative existence and possession use partitive: **lauda ei ole**, **mul ei ole lauda**. Partitive can end in **-t/-d** or a vowel and sometimes matches the genitive. **Tule sisse** and **vaata** are familiar instructions learned whole here.

Nominative	Genitive	Partitive	Meaning
laud	laua	lauda	table
tool	tooli	tooli	chair
voodi	voodi	voodit	bed
tuba	toa	tuba	room
võti	võtme	võtit	key

Mul on laud.

I have a table.

Mul ei ole lauda.

I do not have a table.

See on laua jalg.

This is the table's leg.

Mul ei ole voodit.

I do not have a bed.

See on toa uks.

This is the room's door.

Mul ei ole võtit.

I do not have a key.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). See on toa uks.

I am Lena. This is the room's door.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Mul ei ole võtit.

I am Lena. I do not have a key.

An imperative is an instruction or request. Familiar **tule sisse** means come in and **vaata** means look. Full familiar/polite patterns come in module 5.

The postposition **kõrval** means next to and follows a genitive noun: **võtme kõrval**. The highlighted pieces in these learning forms can be stem changes as well as endings. Learn all three forms together.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Mul on laud.

Meaning: I have a table.

2 Mul ei ole lauda.

Meaning: I do not have a table.

3 See on laua jalg.

Meaning: This is the table's leg.

4 Mul ei ole voodit.

Meaning: I do not have a bed.

G2) CHOOSE THE NOUN FORM 1

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Mul on _____.

- ☐ A laud
- ☐ B lauda
- ☐ C laua

Meaning: I have a table.

2 Mul ei ole _____.

- ☐ A laud
- ☐ B lauad
- ☐ C lauda

Meaning: I do not have a table.

3 See on _____ jalg.

- ☐ A lauda
- ☐ B laud
- ☐ C laua

Meaning: This is the table's leg.

4 Mul ei ole _____.

- ☐ A voodi
- ☐ B voodit
- ☐ C voodid

Meaning: I do not have a bed.

5 See on _____ uks.

- ☐ A tuba
- ☐ B toa
- ☐ C toad

Meaning: This is the room's door.

6 Mul ei ole _____.

- ☐ A võtmed
- ☐ B võti
- ☐ C võtit

Meaning: I do not have a key.

7 Mina olen Lena. See on _____ uks.

- ☐ A tuba
- ☐ B toad
- ☐ C toa

Meaning: I am Lena. This is the room's door.

8 Mina olen Lena. Mul ei ole _____.

- ☐ A võtit
- ☐ B võti
- ☐ C võtmed

Meaning: I am Lena. I do not have a key.

9 See on _____.

- ☐ A laua
- ☐ B laud
- ☐ C lauda

Meaning: This is a table.

10 Muri on _____ kōrval.

- ☐ A laua
- ☐ B laud
- ☐ C lauda

Meaning: Muri is next to the table.

G3) CHOOSE THE NOUN FORM 2

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 See on _____.

- ☐ A tool
- ☐ B tooli
- ☐ C toolid

Meaning: This is a chair.

2 Muri on _____ kōrval.

- ☐ A toolid
- ☐ B tool
- ☐ C tooli

Meaning: Muri is next to the chair.

3 Mul ei ole _____.

- ☐ A toolid
- ☐ B tool
- ☐ C tooli

Meaning: I do not have a chair.

4 See on _____.

- ☐ A voodit
- ☐ B voodi
- ☐ C voodid

Meaning: This is a bed.

5 Muri on _____ kõrval.

- ☐ A voodid
- ☐ B voodit
- ☐ C voodi

Meaning: Muri is next to the bed.

6 See on _____.

- ☐ A toad
- ☐ B toa
- ☐ C tuba

Meaning: This is a room.

7 Muri on _____ kõrval.

- ☐ A toa
- ☐ B toad
- ☐ C tuba

Meaning: Muri is next to the room.

8 Mul ei ole _____.

- ☐ A toa
- ☐ B tuba
- ☐ C toad

Meaning: I do not have a room.

9 See on _____.

- ☐ A võtit
- ☐ B võtme
- ☐ C võti

Meaning: This is a key.

10 Muri on _____ kõrval.

- ☐ A võti
- ☐ B võtme
- ☐ C võtit

Meaning: Muri is next to the key.

G4) USE THE NOUN FORM 1

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

laud laua voodit lauda

Mul on _____.

Meaning: I have a table.

voodit laua laud lauda

Mul ei ole _____.

Meaning: I do not have a table.

laud laua lauda voodit

See on _____jalg.

Meaning: This is the table's leg.

voodit laua laud lauda

Mul ei ole _____.

Meaning: I do not have a bed.

laud laua lauda toa

See on _____ uks.

Meaning: This is the room's door.

võtit laua lauda laud

Mul ei ole _____.

Meaning: I do not have a key.

laua toa lauda laud

Mina olen Lena. See on _____ uks.

Meaning: I am Lena. This is the room's door.

lauda laud laua võtit

Mina olen Lena. Mul ei ole _____.

Meaning: I am Lena. I do not have a key.

voodit laud laua lauda

See on _____.

Meaning: This is a table.

laud lauda voodit laua

Muri on _____ kõrval.

Meaning: Muri is next to the table.

G5) USE THE NOUN FORM 2

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

voodi tooli tuba tool

See on _____.

Meaning: This is a chair.

voodi tuba tooli tool

Muri on _____ kōrval.

Meaning: Muri is next to the chair.

tool voodi tuba tooli

Mul ei ole _____.

Meaning: I do not have a chair.

tuba voodi tool tooli

See on _____.

Meaning: This is a bed.

tool voodi tooli tuba

Muri on _____ kõrval.

Meaning: Muri is next to the bed.

tuba voodi tool tooli

See on _____.

Meaning: This is a room.

toa tool voodi tooli

Muri on _____ kõrval.

Meaning: Muri is next to the room.

tool voodi tooli tuba

Mul ei ole _____.

Meaning: I do not have a room.

tool võti voodi tooli

See on _____.

Meaning: This is a key.

tooli tool voodi võtme

Muri on _____ kõrval.

Meaning: Muri is next to the key.

G6) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have a table. You say:

- ☐ A Mul on laua.
- ☐ B Mul on laud.

2 I do not have a table. You say:

- ☐ A Mul ei ole lauda.
- ☐ B Mul ei ole laud.

3 This is the table's leg. You say:

- ☐ A See on laua jalg.
- ☐ B See on laud jalg.

4 I do not have a bed. You say:

- ☐ A Mul ei ole voodi.
- ☐ B Mul ei ole voodit.