

SCENE 6 • GRAMMAR

Ik woon, jij woont

Introducing yourself

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

Dutch

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Introducing yourself

The subject is the person or thing the sentence is about. A pronoun replaces a name: **ik, jij/je, u, hij, zij/ze, wij/we, jullie, zij/ze**. Use **u** politely and **je** with friends and children. A verb in the present tense describes now or a usual action.

Most verbs have a dictionary form, the infinitive, ending in **-en**. Remove that ending and adjust spelling for the stem: **wonen** → **woon**. Use the stem with **ik**, stem plus **-t** with singular **jij/u/hij/zij**, and the infinitive with plural **wij/jullie/zij**. Singular means one; plural means more than one. **Spreken** has the stem **spreek**.

Put the verb second in a statement. In a yes/no question, put it first. With **jij/je** after the verb, drop **-t**: **Woon jij hier?** With **u**, keep it: **Woont u hier?** Learn **Waar komt u vandaan?** (Where are you from?) and **Langzamer, alstublieft** (More slowly, please) as useful expressions.

Form	Example	Meaning
woon	Ik woon in Hamburg.	I live in Hamburg.
woont	Jij woont hier.	You live here.
woont	U woont hier.	You live here.
spreekt	Hij spreekt Nederlands.	He speaks Dutch.
spreken	Wij spreken Duits.	We speak German.
wonen	Jullie wonen hier.	You all live here.
spreken	Zij spreken Engels.	They speak English.
Woon	Woon jij hier?	Do you live here?

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We speak German.

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You all live here.

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They speak English.

Woon jij hier?

Do you live here?

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Ik woon in Hamburg.

Meaning: I live in Hamburg.

- 2 Jij woont hier.

Meaning: You live here.

- 3 U woont hier.

Meaning: You live here.

- 4 Hij spreekt Nederlands.

Meaning: He speaks Dutch.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Ik _____ in Hamburg.

- ☐ A woon
- ☐ B woont
- ☐ C wonen

Meaning: I live in Hamburg.

2 Jij _____ hier.

- ☐ A wonen
- ☐ B woon
- ☐ C woont

Meaning: You live here.

3 U _____ hier.

- ☐ A wonen
- ☐ B woont
- ☐ C woon

Meaning: You live here.

4 Hij _____ Nederlands.

- ☐ A spreken
- ☐ B spreekt
- ☐ C spreek

Meaning: He speaks Dutch.

5 Wij _____ Duits.

- ☐ A spreekt
- ☐ B spreek
- ☐ C spreken

Meaning: We speak German.

6 Jullie _____ hier.

- ☐ A woont
- ☐ B woon
- ☐ C wonen

Meaning: You all live here.

7 Zij _____ Engels.

- ☐ A spreekt
- ☐ B spreken
- ☐ C spreek

Meaning: They speak English.

8 _____ jij hier?

- ☐ A Woont
- ☐ B Woon
- ☐ C Wonen

Meaning: Do you live here?

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

woont woon

U _____ hier.

Meaning: You live here.

spreekt spreek

Hij _____ Nederlands.

Meaning: He speaks Dutch.

spreken spreekt

Wij _____ Duits.

Meaning: We speak German.

wonen woont

Jullie _____ hier.

Meaning: You all live here.

spreken spreekt

Zij _____ Engels.

Meaning: They speak English.

Woon Woont

_____ jij hier?

Meaning: Do you live here?

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 woon Ik Hamburg. in

Meaning: I live in Hamburg.

2 hier. woont Jij

Meaning: You live here.

3 woont hier. U

Meaning: You live here.

4 Hij Nederlands. spreekt

Meaning: He speaks Dutch.

5 Duits. spreken Wij

Meaning: We speak German.

- 6 hier. Jullie wonen

Meaning: You all live here.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I live in Hamburg. You say:

- ☐ A Ik woon in Hamburg.
- ☐ B Ik woont in Hamburg.

2 You live here. You say:

- ☐ A Jij woont hier.
- ☐ B Jij woon hier.

3 You live here. You say:

- ☐ A U woont hier.
- ☐ B U woon hier.

4 He speaks Dutch. You say:

- (A) Hij spreekt Nederlands.
- (B) Hij spreek Nederlands.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Ik woon in
Hamburg. | (A) He speaks Dutch. |
| (2) Woon jij hier? | (B) Do you live here? |
| (3) Hij spreekt
Nederlands. | (C) You all live here. |
| (4) Jullie wonen hier. | (D) They speak English. |
| (5) Zij spreken Engels. | (E) I live in Hamburg. |
| (6) Jij woont hier. | (F) You live here. |
| (7) Wij spreken Duits. | (G) You live here. |

8 U woont hier.

H We speak German.