

Danish in everyday situations

Module 5: The first week at work

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Danish

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Halv seks / kvart i ni

Danish **halv seks** means half past five: halfway to six. **Kvart i ni** is a quarter to nine; **kvart over ni** is a quarter past nine.

Use **klokken** for times, and **fra ... til ...** for a period. Exact timetables may use twenty-four-hour readings.

Practise both the everyday and timetable forms.

Altid / aldrig / ofte

In ordinary main clauses, frequency words often follow the finite verb: **Jeg kommer altid, Jeg spiser aldrig her.**

If a time phrase comes first, put the verb next and the subject after it: **Om mandagen spiser jeg suppe.** This verb-second rule counts sentence elements, not individual words.

The phrase **hver dag** has no preposition.

Mig / dig / sig / at

Reflexive expressions use **mig** with I, **dig** with you and **sig** with he/she/they: **jeg vasker mig, hun vasker sig. Stå op and gå i seng** are useful routines.

After **kan** and **vil**, omit **at**; after **kan godt lide**, keep **at**: **Jeg kan godt lide at læse.**

Danish present tense can describe both a habit and what is happening now.

Foran / bag / på

Use **foran**, **bag**, **under**, **på** and **ved siden af** to describe a position.

Danish nouns do not change case after these prepositions.

Distinguish a state, **Musen ligger på bordet**, from placement, **Læg musen på bordet**. **Sidder**, **står** and **ligger** often describe location more naturally than **er**.

Kom / bliv / lad være

The imperative usually removes the infinitive's final **-e**: **komme** → **kom**, **skrive** → **skriv**, **blive** → **bliv**.

Some forms are irregular, such as **gå** and **sæt**.

Add **tak** or **vil du ...?** to soften a request.

A negative command can use **ikke**: **Kom ikke for sent**. **Lad være med at ...** is a useful fuller prohibition.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Vi arbejder til halv seks.

Meaning: We work until half past five.

- 2 Jeg kommer altid til tiden.

Meaning: I always arrive on time.

- 3 Jeg vasker mig.

Meaning: I wash myself.

- 4 Findus er bag computeren.

Meaning: Findus is behind the computer.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Vi arbejder til _____.

- ☐ A halv fem
- ☐ B halv seks
- ☐ C seks

Meaning: We work until half past five.

2 Jeg kommer _____ til tiden.

- ☐ A sent
- ☐ B aldrig
- ☐ C altid

Meaning: I always arrive on time.

3 Jeg vasker _____.

- ☐ A sig
- ☐ B jeg
- ☐ C mig

Meaning: I wash myself.

4 Findus er _____ computeren.

- ☐ A under
- ☐ B foran
- ☐ C bag

Meaning: Findus is behind the computer.

5 _____ klokken ni.

- ☐ A Komme
- ☐ B Kommer
- ☐ C Kom

Meaning: Come at nine.

6 Klokken er _____.

- ☐ A halv ni
- ☐ B kvart i ni
- ☐ C kvart over ni

Meaning: It is a quarter past nine.

7 Om mandagen _____ jeg suppe.

- ☐ A jeg spiser
- ☐ B spiser
- ☐ C spise

Meaning: On Mondays I eat soup.

8 Du vasker _____.

- ☐ A du
- ☐ B dig
- ☐ C sig

Meaning: You wash yourself.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

halv seks halv fem

Vi arbejder til _____.

Meaning: We work until half past five.

altid aldrig

Jeg kommer _____ til tiden.

Meaning: I always arrive on time.

mig sig

Jeg vasker _____.

Meaning: I wash myself.

bag foran

Findus er _____ computeren.

Meaning: Findus is behind the computer.

Kom Kommer

_____ klokken ni.

Meaning: Come at nine.

kvart over ni kvart i ni

Klokken er _____.

Meaning: It is a quarter past nine.

spiser jeg spiser

Om mandagen _____ jeg suppe.

Meaning: On Mondays I eat soup.

dig du

Du vasker _____.

Meaning: You wash yourself.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 halv arbejder til Vi seks.

Meaning: We work until half past five.

2 altid kommer til Jeg tiden.

Meaning: I always arrive on time.

3 vasker Jeg mig.

Meaning: I wash myself.

4 Findus bag er computeren.

Meaning: Findus is behind the computer.

5 Kom klokken ni.

Meaning: Come at nine.

6 ni. Klokken kvart over er

Meaning: It is a quarter past nine.

- 7 jeg suppe. mandagen spiser Om

Meaning: On Mondays I eat soup.

- 8 vasker dig. Du

Meaning: You wash yourself.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 **We work until half past five. You say:**

- ☐ A Vi arbejder til halv fem.
- ☐ B Vi arbejder til halv seks.

- 2 **I always arrive on time. You say:**

- ☐ A Jeg kommer altid til tiden.
- ☐ B Jeg kommer aldrig til tiden.

3 I wash myself. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg vasker mig.
- ☐ B Jeg vasker sig.

4 Findus is behind the computer. You say:

- ☐ A Findus er bag computeren.
- ☐ B Findus er foran computeren.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ① Om mandagen
spiser jeg suppe. | ① A I always arrive on time. |
| ② Du vasker dig. | ② B Findus is behind the computer. |
| ③ Findus er bag
computeren. | ③ C I wash myself. |
| ④ Vi arbejder til halv
seks. | ④ D Come at nine. |
| ⑤ Kom klokken ni. | ⑤ E It is a quarter past nine. |
| ⑥ Jeg kommer altid til
tiden. | ⑥ F On Mondays I eat soup. |
| ⑦ Jeg vasker mig. | ⑦ G You wash yourself. |
| ⑧ Klokken er kvart
over ni. | ⑧ H We work until half past five. |