

SCENE 21 • NUMBER 7

Piecas līdz deviņiem

Monday, your first day. At five to nine exactly, a neat man in a blue shirt waits at the office door: the man from the café. "I am Toms. You are late."

118 Words · 5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

The first week at work

Latvian

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LEARNING GOAL

I can tell the time, say when work starts and give my email address.

Toms = ■ Lena (Lukas) = O

Learning as Lukas? Use the words in brackets.

Monday, your first day at the furniture company. A neat man in a blue shirt waits at the office door and looks at his watch.

■ Labrīt. Es esmu Toms. Jūs kavējat.

O Kavēju? Ir piecas minūtes līdz deviņiem!

■ Darbs sākas deviņos. Es te esmu bez piecpadsmit deviņos. Katru dienu.

○ Bez piecpadsmit deviņos? Katru dienu?

○ Pagaidiet... Es jūs pazīstu! Kungs no kafejnīcas, pie trešā galda!

He glances at your file, then takes a small step back.

■ Un jūs esat mana jaunā kolēģe (**mans jaunais kolēģis**). No septītās mājas, kur ir kaķis.

○ Jā, bet kaķis nav mans.

A bright office with two desks side by side, one of them perfectly tidy.

■ Te ir jūsu galds un dators, pie loga. Mans galds ir blakus.

■ Tagad e-pasta adrese. Nosauciet uzvārda burtus, lūdzu.

○ B, E, C, K, E, R.

He writes your new email address on a yellow note and sticks it exactly in the middle of your screen.

■ Labi. Te ir jūsu jaunā adrese.

○ Līdz cikiem mēs strādājam?

■ No deviņiem līdz pus sešiem.

○ Tātad astoņas stundas.

He corrects you without looking up.

- Astoņas stundas un trīsdesmit minūtes.

He picks something off your jacket on the back of your chair and stares at it.

- Kas tas ir? Pelēks mats... Kaķa spalva?

- Jā, atvainojiet. Mura.

He moves his desk one metre away from yours and measures the gap with a tape measure.

- Labi. Vienu metru tālāk, lūdzu.

Vocabulary

DOING THINGS

sākt start

TIME AND THE CLOCK

vēlu late

stunda hour (sixty minutes)

minūte minute

COLOURS

pelēks grey

SMALL WORDS

līdz until

LIFE AND WORK

adrese address

PEOPLE AROUND YOU

vīrietis man

kolēģis colleague

EVERYDAY THINGS

rakstāmgalds desk

dators computer

e-pasts email

metrs metre

DATES AND EVENTS

ceturdaļa quarter

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

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

1 Labrīt. Es esmu Toms. Jūs kavējat.

☐ A Lena

☐ B Toms

2 Labi. Te ir jūsu jaunā adrese.

- ☐ A Toms
- ☐ B Lena

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN

Tick the right English meaning.

1 Bez piecpadsmit deviņos? Katru dienu?

- ☐ A At a quarter to nine? Every day?
- ☐ B Until when do we work?
- ☐ C Good morning. I'm Toms. You're late.

2 Līdz cikiem mēs strādājam?

- ☐ A Until when do we work?
- ☐ B Yes, but the cat isn't mine.
- ☐ C Right. One metre.

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT

Tick the right Latvian sentence.

1 Yes, but the cat isn't mine.

- ☐ A Labi. Te ir jūsu jaunā adrese.
- ☐ B Tagad e-pasta adrese. Nosauciet uzvārda burtus, lūdzu.
- ☐ C Jā, bet kaķis nav mans.

2 So that's eight hours.

- ☐ A Tātad astoņas stundas.
- ☐ B Labi. Te ir jūsu jaunā adrese.
- ☐ C Jā, bet kaķis nav mans.

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Write the words in the right order on the line.

- 1**

- 2**

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST

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

- ☐ Kavēju? Ir piecas minūtes līdz deviņiem!
- ☐ Jā, bet kaķis nav mans.
- ☐ Jā, atvainojiet. Mura.
- ☐ Labi. Te ir jūsu jaunā adrese.
- ☐ Tātad astoņas stundas.

SCENE 21 • WORDS

Piecas līdz deviņiem

Five to nine

4 Exercises • Duration: 10 min.

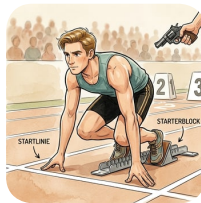
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vēlu
late



sākt
start



ceturtdaļa
quarter



vīrietis
man



kolēģis
colleague



rakstāmgalds
desk



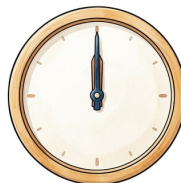
dators
computer



e-pasts
email



adrese
address



stunda
hour (sixty
minutes)



minūte
minute



pelēks
grey

Words

vēlu

late

sākt

start

Darbs sākas deviņos. Es te esmu bez piecpadsmit deviņos. Katru dienu.

ceturtdaļa

quarter

vīrietis

man

kolēģis

colleague

Un jūs esat mana jaunā kolēģe. No septītās mājas, kur ir kaķis.

rakstāmgalds

desk

dators

computer

Te ir jūsu galds un dators, pie loga. Mans galds ir blakus.

e-pasts

email

Tagad e-pasta adrese. Nosauciet uzvārda burtus, lūdzu.

adrese

address

Labi. Te ir jūsu jaunā adrese.

līdz

until

Līdz cikiem mēs strādājam?

stunda

hour (sixty minutes)

Tātad astoņas stundas.

minūte

minute

Astoņas stundas un trīsdesmit minūtes.

pelēks

grey

Kas tas ir? Pelēks mats... Kaķa spalva?

metrs

metre

Labi. Vienu metru tālāk, lūdzu.

VOCABULARY & COMMUNICATION**W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

What does it mean?

1 līdz

- ☐ A grey
- ☐ B colour
- ☐ C until

2 dators

- ☐ A computer
- ☐ B October
- ☐ C next to

3 sākt

- ☐ A start
- ☐ B April
- ☐ C coffee

4 vēlu

- ☐ A late
- ☐ B big
- ☐ C month

5 e-pasts

- ☐ A August
- ☐ B fifty
- ☐ C email

6 metrs

- ☐ A metre
- ☐ B married
- ☐ C boy

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Labrīt Darbs Kavēju Un

_____ jūs esat mana jaunā kolēģe. No septītās mājas, kur ir kaķis.

Meaning: And you're my new colleague. From number 7, the house with the cat.

Labrīt Un Kavēju Darbs

_____. Es esmu Toms. Jūs kavējat.

Meaning: Good morning. I'm Toms. You're late.

Darbs Un Labrīt Kavēju

_____? Ir piecas minūtes līdz deviņiem!

Meaning: Late? It's five to nine!

Kavēju Darbs Un Labrīt

_____ sākas deviņos. Es te esmu bez piecpadsmit deviņos.

Katru dienu.

Meaning: Work starts at nine. I'm here at a quarter to nine. Every day.

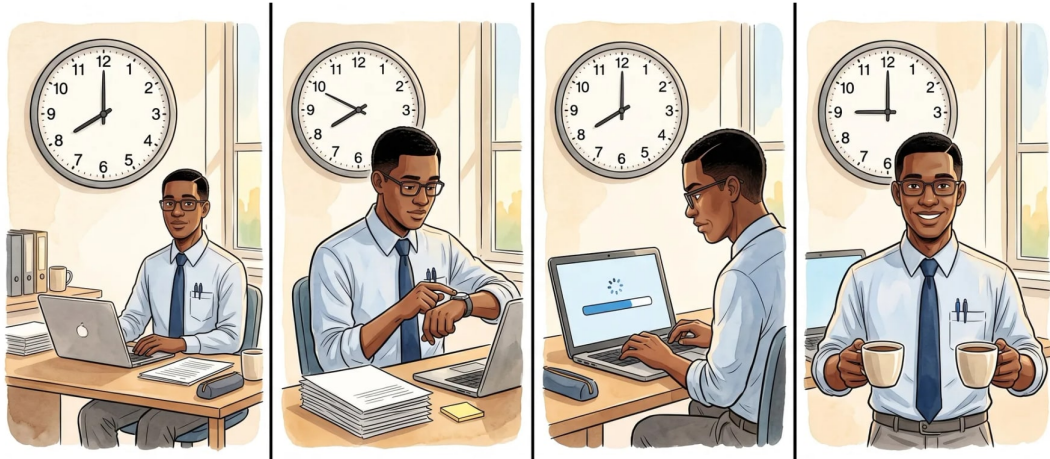
Un Bez Kavēju Labrīt

_____ piecpadsmit deviņos? Katru dienu?

Meaning: At a quarter to nine? Every day?

W3) GOOD MORNING, TOMS! IT'S TEN TO NINE. I'M NOT LATE!

Fill the speech bubbles.



Kafija astoņiem lēns nekavēju

Lena: Labrīt, Toms! Desmit minūtes līdz deviņiem. Es _____!

Toms: Labi. Es te esmu no pus _____.

Toms: Mans dators ir ļoti _____. Vajag stundu.

Toms: Tagad deviņi. Pirmais darbs: _____!

Meaning: 1. Good morning, Toms! It's ten to nine. I'm not late!

2. Good. But I've been here since half past seven.

3. My computer is very slow. It needs an hour.

4. And now it's nine. First job: coffee!

W4) CONNECT THE MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

- | | |
|---|---|
| ① Labrīt. Es esmu
Toms. Jūs kavējat. | ⑤ At a quarter to nine? Every day? |
| ② Kavēju? Ir piecas
minūtes līdz
deviņiem! | ⑥ Late? It's five to nine! |
| ③ Bez piecpadsmit
deviņos? Katru
dienu? | ⑦ Work starts at nine. I'm here at
a quarter to nine. Every day. |
| ④ Pagaidiet... Es jūs
pazīstu! Kungs no
kafejnīcas, pie trešā
galda! | ⑧ Wait... I know you! You're the
man from the café, at table
three! |
| ⑤ Darbs sākas
deviņos. Es te esmu
bez piecpadsmit
deviņos. Katru
dienu. | ⑨ Good morning. I'm Toms. You're
late. |

SCENE 21 • GRAMMAR

Deviņos, pus sešos

Clock times and working hours

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Clock times and working hours

For at an hour, use the masculine plural locative: **vienos, divos, trijos, četros, piecos, sešos, septiņos, astoņos, deviņos, desmitos**.

An uninflected clock announcement is **Ir deviņi**.

Latvian half hours refer to the coming hour: **pus septiņos** means at half past six; **pus sešos** means at half past five. **Bez piecpadsmit deviņos** is at a quarter to nine. A simple minute expression is **piecas minūtes līdz deviņiem**.

For from and until use **no deviņiem līdz pus sešiem**. The plural forms after these prepositions are dative. Learn work-hour and clock formulas as complete patterns.

Form	Example	Meaning
deviņos	Es nāku deviņos.	I come at nine.
astoņos	Es nāku astoņos.	I come at eight.
septiņos	Es nāku pus septiņos.	I come at half past six.
sešos	Es nāku pus sešos.	I come at half past five.
deviņos	Darbs sākas deviņos.	Work starts at nine.
deviņiem	Es strādāju no deviņiem.	I work from nine.
noguris	Es esmu noguris.	I am tired.
nogurusi	Es esmu nogurusi.	

Form	Example	Meaning
noguris	Jūs esat noguris.	You are tired, polite.
nogurusi	Jūs esat nogurusi.	

Es nāku deviņos.

I come at nine.

Es nāku astoņos.

I come at eight.

Es nāku pus septiņos.

I come at half past six.

Es nāku pus sešos.

I come at half past five.

Darbs sākas deviņos.

Work starts at nine.

Es strādāju no deviņiem.

I work from nine.

Es esmu nogurusi (noguris).

I am tired.

Jūs esat nogurusi (noguris).

You are tired, polite.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Es nāku deviņos.

Meaning: I come at nine.

2 Es nāku astoņos.

Meaning: I come at eight.

3 Es nāku pus septiņos.

Meaning: I come at half past six.

4 Es nāku pus sešos.

Meaning: I come at half past five.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Es nāku _____.

- ☐ (A) deviņos
- ☐ (B) deviņi
- ☐ (C) deviņus

Meaning: I come at nine.

2 Es nāku _____.

- ☐ (A) astoņos
- ☐ (B) astoņus
- ☐ (C) astoņi

Meaning: I come at eight.

3 Es nāku pus _____.

- ☐ (A) sešos
- ☐ (B) astoņos
- ☐ (C) septiņos

Meaning: I come at half past six.

4 Es nāku pus _____.

- ☐ A sešos
- ☐ B piecos
- ☐ C septiņos

Meaning: I come at half past five.

5 Darbs sākas _____.

- ☐ A deviņi
- ☐ B deviņus
- ☐ C deviņos

Meaning: Work starts at nine.

6 Es strādāju no _____.

- ☐ A deviņiem
- ☐ B deviņus
- ☐ C deviņi

Meaning: I work from nine.

7 Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A noguruši
- ☐ B nogurušas
- ☐ C nogurusi

Meaning: I am tired.

8 Jūs esat _____.

- ☐ A noguruši
- ☐ B nogurušas
- ☐ C nogurusi

Meaning: You are tired, polite.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

septiņos sešos

Es nāku pus _____.

Meaning: I come at half past six.

sešos piecos

Es nāku pus _____.

Meaning: I come at half past five.

devīšos deviņi

Darbs sākas _____.

Meaning: Work starts at nine.

deviņiem deviņi

Es strādāju no _____.

Meaning: I work from nine.

nogurusi noguruši

Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am tired.

nogurusi noguruši

Jūs esat _____.

Meaning: You are tired, polite.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 Es deviņos. nāku

Meaning: I come at nine.

2 Es nāku astoņos.

Meaning: I come at eight.

3 pus septiņos. Es nāku

Meaning: I come at half past six.

4 pus nāku Es sešos.

Meaning: I come at half past five.

5 Darbs sākas deviņos.

Meaning: Work starts at nine.

6 no Es strādāju deviņiem.

Meaning: I work from nine.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I come at nine. You say:

- ☐ A Es nāku deviņi.
- ☐ B Es nāku deviņos.

2 I come at eight. You say:

- ☐ A Es nāku astoņos.
- ☐ B Es nāku astoņi.

3 I come at half past six. You say:

- ☐ A Es nāku pus sešos.
- ☐ B Es nāku pus septiņos.

4 I come at half past five. You say:

- (A) Es nāku pus sešos.
- (B) Es nāku pus piecos.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) Es strādāju no deviņiem. | (A) I am tired. |
| (2) Darbs sākas deviņos. | (B) I come at nine. |
| (3) Jūs esat nogurusi. | (C) You are tired, polite. |
| (4) Es nāku pus septiņos. | (D) I come at half past six. |
| (5) Es nāku pus sešos. | (E) I work from nine. |
| (6) Es esmu nogurusi. | (F) I come at half past five. |
| (7) Es nāku astoņos. | (G) I come at eight. |

- ⑧ Es nāku deviņos. ⑨ Work starts at nine.