

SCENE 4 · GRAMMAR

रहता हूँ · रहती हूँ

Describe a routine and distinguish an action
now

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Arrival

Hindi

Read & listen
online



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Habitual actions use a verb stem plus **-ता/-ती/-ते** and a form of be: **मैं नीचे रहता हूँ / रहती हूँ**. The ending agrees with the subject. **अर्जुन बजाता है** means Arjun plays, as a routine.

The progressive describes an action happening now. Listen for **रहा/रही/रहे** plus a form of be: **बज रही है** means is playing. For now recognise this whole phrase; the pattern receives focused practice later. An infinitive names an action and normally ends in **-ना: सोना, बजाना**.

Learn **मुझे सोना है** (I want/need to sleep) and polite **कल बजाइए** (play tomorrow) as useful requests. **कल** can mean tomorrow or yesterday: future/past context tells you which.

मैं नीचे रहता हूँ।

I live downstairs. (male)

मैं नीचे रहती हूँ।

I live downstairs. (female)

अर्जुन रात को बजाता है।

Arjun plays at night.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORM**

Underline the form explained in this unit.

1 मैं नीचे रहता हूँ।

Meaning: I live downstairs. (male)

2 मैं नीचे रहती हूँ।

Meaning: I live downstairs. (female)

3 अर्जुन रात को बजाता है।

Meaning: Arjun plays at night.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the meaning and the Hindi pattern.

1 मैं नीचे _____ हूँ।

- ☐ A रहते
- ☐ B रहता
- ☐ C रहती

Meaning: I live downstairs. (male)

2 मैं नीचे _____ हूँ।

- ☐ A रहते
- ☐ B रहती
- ☐ C रहता

Meaning: I live downstairs. (female)

3 अर्जुन रात को _____ है।

- ☐ (A) बजाती
- ☐ (B) बजाता
- ☐ (C) बजाते

Meaning: Arjun plays at night.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

रहता रहती

मैं नीचे _____ हूँ।

Meaning: I live downstairs. (male)

रहती रहता

मैं नीचे _____ हूँ।

Meaning: I live downstairs. (female)

बजाता बजाती

अर्जुन रात को _____ है।

Meaning: Arjun plays at night.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 मैं हूँ। रहता नीचे

Meaning: I live downstairs. (male)

- 2 नीचे रहती मैं हूँ।

Meaning: I live downstairs. (female)

- 3 है। अर्जुन को रात बजाता

Meaning: Arjun plays at night.

G5) CONNECT FORM AND MEANING

Match the pairs.

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| ① मैं नीचे रहता हूँ। | Ⓐ I live downstairs. (female) |
| ② अर्जुन रात को बजाता है। | Ⓑ Arjun plays at night. |
| ③ मैं नीचे रहती हूँ। | Ⓒ I live downstairs. (male) |