

SCENE 42 • GRAMMAR

Spillede / så / gik

Simple past: regular and common irregular verbs

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Simple past: regular and common irregular verbs

Regular simple past often ends in **-ede** or **-te**: **spillede**, **arbejdede**, **hørte**.

Common irregular verbs must be learned: **se** → **så**, **gå** → **gik**, **finde** → **fandt**, **komme** → **kom**.

These forms are the same for every person and sex.

With an explicit finished time such as **i går**, the simple past is the natural choice.

Mads spillede i går.

Mads played yesterday.

Jeg hørte trompeten.

I heard the trumpet.

Jeg så noget lille.

I saw something small.

Jeg gik ud på pladsen.

I went out into the square.

Jeg fandt ikke Findus.

I did not find Findus.

Lyset kom igen.

The lights came back on.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Mads spillede i går.

Meaning: Mads played yesterday.

- 2 Jeg hørte trompeten.

Meaning: I heard the trumpet.

- 3 Jeg så noget lille.

Meaning: I saw something small.

- 4 Jeg gik ud på pladsen.

Meaning: I went out into the square.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Mads _____ i går.

- ☐ A spillede
- ☐ B spiller
- ☐ C spille

Meaning: Mads played yesterday.

2 Jeg _____ trompeten.

- ☐ A hører
- ☐ B hørte
- ☐ C høre

Meaning: I heard the trumpet.

3 Jeg _____ noget lille.

- ☐ A ser
- ☐ B så
- ☐ C se

Meaning: I saw something small.

4 Jeg _____ ud på pladsen.

- ☐ A gik
- ☐ B gå
- ☐ C går

Meaning: I went out into the square.

5 Jeg _____ ikke Findus.

- ☐ A fandt
- ☐ B finde
- ☐ C finder

Meaning: I did not find Findus.

6 Lyset _____ igen.

- ☐ A komme
- ☐ B kom
- ☐ C kommer

Meaning: The lights came back on.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

spillede spiller

Mads _____ i går.

Meaning: Mads played yesterday.

hørte hører

Jeg _____ trompeten.

Meaning: I heard the trumpet.

så ser

Jeg _____ noget lille.

Meaning: I saw something small.

gik går

Jeg _____ ud på pladsen.

Meaning: I went out into the square.

fandt finder

Jeg _____ ikke Findus.

Meaning: I did not find Findus.

kom kommer

Lyset _____ igen.

Meaning: The lights came back on.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 går. i spillede Mads

Meaning: Mads played yesterday.

- 2 trompeten. Jeg hørte

Meaning: I heard the trumpet.

- 3 Jeg lille. noget så

Meaning: I saw something small.

- 4 ud på gik Jeg pladsen.

Meaning: I went out into the square.

- 5 Jeg ikke Findus. fandt

Meaning: I did not find Findus.

- 6 igen. kom Lyset

Meaning: The lights came back on.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 Mads played yesterday. You say:

- ☐ A Mads spiller i går.
- ☐ B Mads spillede i går.

- 2 I heard the trumpet. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg hører trompeten.
- ☐ B Jeg hørte trompeten.

3 I saw something small. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg ser noget lille.
- ☐ B Jeg så noget lille.

4 I went out into the square. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg gik ud på pladsen.
- ☐ B Jeg går ud på pladsen.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 Jeg fandt ikke Findus. | ☐ A The lights came back on. |
| ☐ 2 Lyset kom igen. | ☐ B I did not find Findus. |
| ☐ 3 Jeg så noget lille. | ☐ C I went out into the square. |
| ☐ 4 Mads spillede i går. | ☐ D I heard the trumpet. |
| ☐ 5 Jeg gik ud på pladsen. | ☐ E Mads played yesterday. |

6 Jeg hørte
trompeten.

F I saw something small.