

SCENE 2 • GRAMMAR

Mul on, mul ei ole

Having and negation

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Arrival

Estonian

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Having and negation

Estonian possession uses a possessor form plus **on**: **mul on** I have, **sul on** you have, **tal on** he/she has, **meil on** we have, **teil on** you have, **neil on** they have. These are short forms of **minul**, **sinul**, **temal**, **meil**, **teil**, **neil**.

Negation puts **ei** before an unchanged verb stem: **ma ei ole**, **sa ei ole**, **ta ei ole**, **me ei ole**, **te ei ole**, **nad ei ole**. **Mul ei ole võtit** means I do not have a key; learn **võtit** whole here before the noun cases are practised. Hunger is **mul on kõht tühi** — literally my stomach is empty.

Form	Example	Meaning
Mul	Mul on võti.	I have a key.
Sul	Sul on võti.	You have a key.
Tal	Tal on kass.	He/she has a cat.
Meil	Meil on kass.	We have a cat.
Teil	Teil on võti.	You have a key, polite/plural.
ei ole	Ma ei ole paha.	I am not bad.

Mul on võti.

I have a key.

Sul on võti.

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Tal on kass.

He/she has a cat.

Meil on kass.

We have a cat.

Teil on võti.

You have a key, polite/plural.

Ma ei ole paha.

I am not bad.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Teil on võti.

I am Lena. You have a key, polite/plural.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Ma ei ole paha.

I am Lena. I am not bad.

A case is a noun form showing its role: **võti** is the basic key form and **võtit** follows negative possession. **Tahtma** means want; singular **tahan, tahad, tahab**. Learn **ma ei taha** as I do not want. These useful forms support the café comic.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Mul on võti.

Meaning: I have a key.

2 Sul on võti.

Meaning: You have a key.

3 Tal on kass.

Meaning: He/she has a cat.

4 Meil on kass.

Meaning: We have a cat.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ on võti.

- ☐ A Mul
- ☐ B Sul
- ☐ C Neil

Meaning: I have a key.

2 _____ on võti.

- ☐ A Mul
- ☐ B Meil
- ☐ C Sul

Meaning: You have a key.

3 _____ on kass.

- ☐ A Meil
- ☐ B Mul
- ☐ C Tal

Meaning: He/she has a cat.

4 _____ on kass.

- ☐ A Sul
- ☐ B Meil
- ☐ C Mul

Meaning: We have a cat.

5 _____ on võti.

- ☐ A Mul
- ☐ B Tal
- ☐ C Teil

Meaning: You have a key, polite/plural.

6 Ma _____ paha.

- ☐ A ei oled
- ☐ B ei olen
- ☐ C ei ole

Meaning: I am not bad.

7 Mina olen Lena. _____ on võti.

- ☐ A Mul
- ☐ B Tal
- ☐ C Teil

Meaning: I am Lena. You have a key, polite/plural.

8 Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ paha.

- ☐ A ei ole
- ☐ B ei olen
- ☐ C ei oled

Meaning: I am Lena. I am not bad.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meil Teil ei ole Tal

_____ on kass.

Meaning: He/she has a cat.

ei ole Meil Teil Tal

_____ on kass.

Meaning: We have a cat.

ei ole Teil Meil Tal

_____ on võti.

Meaning: You have a key, polite/plural.

ei ole Meil Tal Teil

Ma _____ paha.

Meaning: I am not bad.

Teil Tal ei ole Meil

Mina olen Lena. _____ on võti.

Meaning: I am Lena. You have a key, polite/plural.

ei ole Teil Tal Meil

Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ paha.

Meaning: I am Lena. I am not bad.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

on

võti.

Mul

Meaning: I have a key.

2 on Sul võti.

Meaning: You have a key.

3 kass. on Tal

Meaning: He/she has a cat.

4 Meil kass. on

Meaning: We have a cat.

5 võti. on Teil

Meaning: You have a key, polite/plural.

6 ei Ma ole paha.

Meaning: I am not bad.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have a key. You say:

- ☐ A Mul on võti.
- ☐ B Sul on võti.

2 You have a key. You say:

- ☐ A Mul on võti.
- ☐ B Sul on võti.

3 He/she has a cat. You say:

- ☐ A Tal on kass.
- ☐ B Mul on kass.

4 We have a cat. You say:

- (A) Meil on kass.
- (B) Mul on kass.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Mina olen Lena. Ma ei ole paha. | (A) You have a key. |
| (2) Tal on kass. | (B) You have a key, polite/plural. |
| (3) Meil on kass. | (C) He/she has a cat. |
| (4) Mina olen Lena. Teil on võti. | (D) I am Lena. You have a key, polite/plural. |
| (5) Ma ei ole paha. | (E) I am not bad. |
| (6) Mul on võti. | (F) I am Lena. I am not bad. |
| (7) Sul on võti. | (G) I have a key. |

8 Teil on võti.

H We have a cat.