

SCENE 25 • GRAMMAR

Nāc, nāciet

Instructions and house rules

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The first week at work

Latvian

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Instructions and house rules

An imperative gives a request or instruction. Familiar singular you often uses the present second-person form: **nāc, lasi, spēlē**. Polite or plural you adds **-iet: nāciet, lasiet, spēlējiet**.

Some short verbs change the stem: **iet → ej, ejiet, ņemt → ņem, ņemiet, dot → dod, dodiet**. Reflexive forms are **celies, celieties** and **skaties, skatieties**.

Negative instructions add **ne-: nenāc, nenāciet**. For a joint invitation use the plural present as a conversational suggestion, **ejam**, let's go, or the future **iesim**, explained as a useful chunk here. Third-person wishes use **lai: lai nāk**.

Form	Example	Meaning
Nāc	Nāc, Elīna!	Come, Elīna, familiar!
Nāciet	Nāciet, lūdzu.	Come, polite, please.
Lasi	Lasi, Elīna!	Read, Elīna, familiar!
Lasiet	Lasiet, lūdzu.	Read, polite, please.
Ņem	Ņem, Muri!	Take it, Muris, familiar!
Ņemiet	Ņemiet, lūdzu.	Take it, polite, please.
Nenāc	Nenāc, Muri!	Do not come, Muris, familiar!
Nenāciet	Nenāciet, lūdzu.	Do not come, polite, please.

Nāc, Elīna!

Come, Elīna, familiar!

Nāciet, lūdzu.

Come, polite, please.

Lasi, Elīna!

Read, Elīna, familiar!

Lasiet, lūdzu.

Read, polite, please.

Ņem, Muri!

Take it, Muris, familiar!

Ņemiet, lūdzu.

Take it, polite, please.

Nenāc, Muri!

Do not come, Muris, familiar!

Nenāciet, lūdzu.

Do not come, polite, please.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Nāc, Elīna!

Meaning: Come, Elīna, familiar!

2 Nāciet, lūdzu.

Meaning: Come, polite, please.

3 Lasī, Elīna!

Meaning: Read, Elīna, familiar!

4 Lasiet, lūdzu.

Meaning: Read, polite, please.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____, Elīna!

- ☐ A Nāc
- ☐ B Nākam
- ☐ C Nāciet

Meaning: Come, Elīna, familiar!

2 _____, lūdzu.

- ☐ A Nāciet
- ☐ B Nākam
- ☐ C Nāc

Meaning: Come, polite, please.

3 _____, Elīna!

- ☐ A Lasām
- ☐ B Lasi
- ☐ C Lasiet

Meaning: Read, Elīna, familiar!

4 _____, lūdzu.

- ☐ A Lasi
- ☐ B Lasām
- ☐ C Lasiet

Meaning: Read, polite, please.

5 _____, Muri!

- ☐ A Ņemiet
- ☐ B Ņem
- ☐ C Ņemam

Meaning: Take it, Muris, familiar!

6 _____, lūdzu.

- ☐ A Ņemam
- ☐ B Ņemiet
- ☐ C Ņem

Meaning: Take it, polite, please.

7 _____, Muri!

- ☐ A Nāciet
- ☐ B Nāc
- ☐ C Nenāc

Meaning: Do not come, Muris, familiar!

8 _____, lūdzu.

- ☐ A Nenākam
- ☐ B Nāciet
- ☐ C Nenāciet

Meaning: Do not come, polite, please.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Lasi Lasiet

_____, Elīna!

Meaning: Read, Elīna, familiar!

Lasiet Lasi

_____, lūdzu.

Meaning: Read, polite, please.

Ņem Ņemiet

_____, Muri!

Meaning: Take it, Muris, familiar!

Ņemiet Ņem

_____, lūdzu.

Meaning: Take it, polite, please.

Nenāc Nāc

_____, Muri!

Meaning: Do not come, Muris, familiar!

Nenāciet Nāciet

_____, lūdzu.

Meaning: Do not come, polite, please.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 Tagad Elīna. Nāc,

Meaning: Now: Come, Elīna, familiar!

2 lūdzu. Tagad Nāciet,

Meaning: Now: Come, polite, please.

3 Lasi, Tagad Elīna.

Meaning: Now: Read, Elīna, familiar!

4 lūdzu. Tagad Lasiet,

Meaning: Now: Read, polite, please.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 **Come, Elīna, familiar! You say:**

- ☐ A Nāc, Elīna!
- ☐ B Nāciet, Elīna!

2 Come, polite, please. You say:

- ☐ A Nāc, lūdzu.
- ☐ B Nāciet, lūdzu.

3 Read, Elīna, familiar! You say:

- ☐ A Lasi, Elīna!
- ☐ B Lasiet, Elīna!

4 Read, polite, please. You say:

- ☐ A Lasiet, lūdzu.
- ☐ B Lasi, lūdzu.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Ņemiet, lūdzu. | Ⓐ Do not come, polite, please. |
| ② Nāc, Elīna! | Ⓑ Do not come, Muris, familiar! |
| ③ Lasiet, lūdzu. | Ⓒ Take it, Muris, familiar! |
| ④ Nāciet, lūdzu. | Ⓓ Come, polite, please. |
| ⑤ Ņem, Muri! | Ⓔ Come, Elīna, familiar! |
| ⑥ Nenāc, Muri! | Ⓕ Read, polite, please. |
| ⑦ Lasi, Elīna! | Ⓖ Read, Elīna, familiar! |
| ⑧ Nenāciet, lūdzu. | Ⓗ Take it, polite, please. |