

SCENE 18 • NUMBER 7

Anna zvana

Your phone rings: Anna. She is learning Latvian too, because she has a new job in the capital, not far from you. And she wants to know everything: your flat, the town, the neighbours. You describe Jānis: tall, brown eyes, curly black hair... and stop. The boy in the photo.

142 Words · 5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Photos on the wall

Latvian

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LEARNING GOAL

I can say how I am on the phone, describe my flat and my town, and describe what people look like.

Anna = ■ Lena (Lukas) = O

Learning as Lukas? Use the words in brackets.

Evening in your flat. Your phone rings on the table.

Jūsu tālrunis zvana. Zvana Anna, jūsu draudzene no Hamburgas.

■ Sveika (**Sveiks**)! Kā klājas? Runāsim latviski! Es arī mācos latviešu valodu!

○ Anna! Labi, paldies. Kāpēc tu mācies latviešu valodu?

■ Man ir jauns darbs. Es tagad dzīvoju Rīgā!

○ Rīgā? Tas nav tālu!

■ Kāds ir tavs dzīvoklis?

You look over at the bathroom door.

○ Mazs, bet jauks. Vannas istabā ir dzeltens dīvāns.

■ Dīvāns vannas istabā? Kāpēc?

○ Tas ir garš stāsts.

■ Kāda ir pilsēta? Liela?

○ Nē. Maza un veca, bet ļoti skaista. Pie upes.

○ Un lejā ir kafejnīca. Katru rītu jauna kūka!

Anna laughs.

■ Tu un tavas kūkas!

■ Kādi ir kaimiņi?

○ Bērziņas kundze ir maza un veca. Viņai ir brilles. Viņa zina visu.

■ Visu?

○ Visu. Pat manu tālruņa numuru.

○ Lienei ir kafejnīca. Viņa vienmēr saka: Ēdiet!

■ Kas vēl te dzīvo?

○ Jānis, mūziķis. Viņš dzīvo augšā. Garš. Brūnas acis un melni cirtaini mati.

You stop. You think of the photo on Maija's wall.

○ Pagaidi... Melni cirtaini mati...

■ Hallo? Tu vēl esi tur?

○ Zēns fotogrāfijā! Atvaino, Anna! Atā!

Vocabulary

DOING THINGS

mācīties learn

THE BODY

acs eye

mati hair (on the head)

COLOURS

brūns brown

SMALL WORDS

jo because

vienmēr always

LIFE AND WORK

darbs job

PLACES IN TOWN

pilsēta town

upe river

WHAT THINGS AND PEOPLE ARE LIKE

skaists beautiful

garš long

garš tall, high

cirtains curly

HERE AND THERE

blakus next to

EVERYDAY THINGS

stāsts story

brilles glasses

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

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

1 Sveika! Kā klājas? Runāsim latviski! Es arī mācos latviešu valodu!

☐ A Lena

☐ B Anna

2 Tu un tavas kūkas!

- ☐ A Anna
- ☐ B Lena

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN

Tick the right English meaning.

1 Man ir jauns darbs. Es tagad dzīvoju Rīgā!

- ☐ A Mrs Bērziņa is small and old, with glasses. And she knows everything.
- ☐ B Because I've got a new job. I live in Riga now!
- ☐ C A sofa? In the bathroom? Why?

2 Visu. Pat manu tālruņa numuru.

- ☐ A The boy in the photo! Sorry, Anna! Bye!
- ☐ B Everything?
- ☐ C Everything. Even my phone number.

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT

Tick the right Latvian sentence.

1 Small but nice. And there's a yellow sofa in the bathroom.

- ☐ A Mazs, bet jauks. Vannas istabā ir dzeltens dīvāns.
- ☐ B Tu un tavas kūkas!
- ☐ C Kādi ir kaimiņi?

2 And Liene has the café. She always says: 'Eat!'

- ☐ A Visu. Pat manu tālruņa numuru.
- ☐ B Rīgā? Tas nav tālu!
- ☐ C Lienei ir kafejnīca. Viņa vienmēr saka: Ēdiet!

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.

- ☐ Anna! Labi, paldies. Kāpēc tu mācies latviešu valodu?
- ☐ Visu. Pat manu tālruņa numuru.
- ☐ Hallo? Tu vēl esi tur?
- ☐ Nē. Maza un veka, bet ļoti skaista. Pie upes.
- ☐ Mazs, bet jauks. Vannas istabā ir dzeltens dīvāns.

SCENE 18 • WORDS

Anna zvana

Anna is calling

4 Exercises • Duration: 10 min.

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mācīties
learn



darbs
job



skaists
beautiful



garš
long



stāsts
story



pilsēta
town



blakus
next to



upe
river



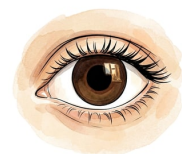
brilles
glasses



garš
tall, high



brūns
brown



acs
eye

Words

FROM THE SCENE

mācīties

learn

Anna! Labi, paldies. Kāpēc tu mācies latviešu valodu?

jo

because

darbs

job

Man ir jauns darbs. Es tagad dzīvoju Rīgā!

skaists

beautiful

Nē. Maza un veca, bet ļoti skaista. Pie upes.

garš

long

Tas ir garš stāsts.

stāsts

story

Tas ir garš stāsts.

pilsēta

town

Kāda ir pilsēta? Liela?

blakus

next to

upe

river

Nē. Maza un veca, bet ļoti skaista. Pie upes.

brilles

glasses

Bērziņas kundze ir maza un veca. Viņai ir brilles. Viņa zina visu.

vienmēr

always

Lienei ir kafējnīca. Viņa vienmēr saka: Ēdiet!

garš

tall, high

Jānis, mūziķis. Viņš dzīvo augšā. Garš. Brūnas acis un melni cirtaini mati.

brūns

brown

Jānis, mūziķis. Viņš dzīvo augšā. Garš. Brūnas acis un melni cirtaini mati.

acs

eye

Jānis, mūziķis. Viņš dzīvo augšā. Garš. Brūnas acis un melni cirtaini mati.

cirtains

curly

Pagaidi... Melni cirtaini mati...

mati

hair (on the head)

Pagaidi... Melni cirtaini mati...

NEW WORDS**bārda**

beard

Jānim nav bārdas.

īss

short

Maija ir īsa auguma.

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

What does it mean?

1 mācīties

- ☐ A town
- ☐ B family
- ☐ C learn

2 jo

- ☐ A hungry
- ☐ B because
- ☐ C family

3 brilles

- ☐ A water
- ☐ B glasses
- ☐ C cellar

4 stāsts

- ☐ A story
- ☐ B menu
- ☐ C how

5 acs

- ☐ A zero
- ☐ B morning
- ☐ C eye

6 garš

- ☐ A drink
- ☐ B kitchen
- ☐ C tall, high

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Jūsu Man Sveika Anna

_____! Kā klājas? Runāsim latviski! Es arī mācos latviešu
valodu!

Meaning: Hi! How are you? Let's speak Latvian! I'm learning Latvian
now too!

Man Sveika Anna Jūsu

_____ tālrunis zvana. Zvana Anna, jūsu draudzene no
Hamburgas.

Meaning: Your phone rings. It's Anna, your friend from Hamburg.

Anna Jūsu Sveika Man

_____! Labi, paldies. Kāpēc tu mācies latviešu valodu?

Meaning: Anna! Fine, thanks. But why are you learning Latvian?

Anna Sveika Jūsu Man

_____ ir jauns darbs. Es tagad dzīvoju Rīgā!

Meaning: Because I've got a new job. I live in Riga now!

Rīgā Anna Jūsu Sveika

_____? Tas nav tālu!

Meaning: In Riga? That's not far!

W3) WHO IS HE? HE HAS BROWN EYES AND BLACK HAIR.

Fill the speech bubbles.



suns bārda Kas Jānis

Elīna: _____ tas ir? Brūnas acis un melni mati.

Lena: Tas ir _____!

Elīna: Nē! Viņš ir mazs. Un viņam ir _____!

Lena: Hmm... Tas ir _____!

Meaning: 1. Who is he? He has brown eyes and black hair.

2. It's Jānis!

3. No! He's short. And he has a beard!

4. Hmm... It's a dog!

W4) CONNECT THE MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

- | | |
|---|---|
| ① Jūsu tālrunis zvana.
Zvana Anna, jūsu
draudzene no
Hamburgas. | Ⓐ Because I've got a new job. I
live in Riga now! |
| ② Anna! Labi, paldies.
Kāpēc tu mācies
latviešu valodu? | Ⓑ Anna! Fine, thanks. But why are
you learning Latvian? |
| ③ Rīgā? Tas nav tālu! | Ⓒ Hi! How are you? Let's speak
Latvian! I'm learning Latvian
now too! |
| ④ Man ir jauns darbs.
Es tagad dzīvoju
Rīgā! | Ⓓ In Riga? That's not far! |
| ⑤ Sveika! Kā klājas?
Runāsim latviski! Es
arī mācos latviešu
valodu! | Ⓔ Your phone rings. It's Anna, your
friend from Hamburg. |

SCENE 18 • GRAMMAR

Brūnas acis, melni mati

People and describing plural things

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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People and describing plural things

Describing plural things uses **-i** masculine and **-as** feminine: **melni mati**, black hair; **brūnas acis**, brown eyes. **Mati** is plural for hair.

The eyes and ears are feminine nouns: **acs**, **auss**.

Possession stays dative plus **ir**: **Jānim ir brūnas acis**. Polite you is **jums**. Your own description agrees with you: **Es esmu garš/gara**.

Learn **man ir brilles**, I have glasses. For a single speaker, polite **jūs** has a plural verb but a singular describing word: **Jūs esat garš/gara**. Avoid using the other learner gender as a wrong answer.

Form	Example	Meaning
brūnas	Jānim ir brūnas acis.	Jānis has brown eyes.
melni	Jānim ir melni mati.	Jānis has black hair.
brilles	Maijai ir brilles.	Maija has glasses.
garš · gara	Es esmu garš. Es esmu gara.	I am tall.
garš · gara	Jūs esat garš. Jūs esat gara.	You are tall, polite.
īss · īsa	Es esmu īss. Es esmu īsa.	I am short.
cirtaini	Tie ir cirtaini mati.	That is curly hair.

Form	Example	Meaning
brūnas	Tās ir brūnas acis.	Those are brown eyes.

Jānim ir brūnas acis.

Jānis has brown eyes.

Jānim ir melni mati.

Jānis has black hair.

Maijai ir brilles.

Maija has glasses.

Es esmu gara (**garš**).

I am tall.

Jūs esat gara (**garš**).

You are tall, polite.

Es esmu īsa (**īss**).

I am short.

Tie ir cirtaini mati.

That is curly hair.

Tās ir brūnas acis.

Those are brown eyes.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Jānim ir brūnas acis.

Meaning: Jānis has brown eyes.

- 2 Jānim ir melni mati.

Meaning: Jānis has black hair.

- 3 Maijai ir brilles.

Meaning: Maija has glasses.

- 4 Es esmu gara.

Meaning: I am tall.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Jānim ir _____ acis.

- ☐ (A) brūni
- ☐ (B) brūns
- ☐ (C) brūnas

Meaning: Jānis has brown eyes.

2 Jānim ir _____ mati.

- ☐ (A) melnas
- ☐ (B) melni
- ☐ (C) melns

Meaning: Jānis has black hair.

3 Maijai ir _____.

- ☐ (A) bārda
- ☐ (B) aste
- ☐ (C) brilles

Meaning: Maija has glasses.

4 Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A garas
- ☐ B gara
- ☐ C gari

Meaning: I am tall.

5 Jūs esat _____.

- ☐ A garas
- ☐ B gara
- ☐ C gari

Meaning: You are tall, polite.

6 Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A īsa
- ☐ B īsi
- ☐ C īsas

Meaning: I am short.

7 Tie ir _____ mati.

- ☐ A cirtaina
- ☐ B cirtainas
- ☐ C cirtaini

Meaning: That is curly hair.

8 Tās ir _____ acis.

- ☐ A brūns
- ☐ B brūnas
- ☐ C brūni

Meaning: Those are brown eyes.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

bārda brilles

Maijai ir _____.

Meaning: Maija has glasses.

gari gara

Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am tall.

gari gara

Jūs esat _____.

Meaning: You are tall, polite.

īsi īsa

Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am short.

cirtainas cirtaini

Tie ir _____ mati.

Meaning: That is curly hair.

brūni brūnas

Tās ir _____ acis.

Meaning: Those are brown eyes.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 Jānim brūnas acis. ir

Meaning: Jānis has brown eyes.

2 ir Jānim melni mati.

Meaning: Jānis has black hair.

3 brilles. ir Maijai

Meaning: Maija has glasses.

4 gara. Es esmu

Meaning: I am tall.

5 Jūs esat gara.

Meaning: You are tall, polite.

6

Es

esmu

īsa.

Meaning: I am short.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Jānis has brown eyes. You say:

- ☐ A Jānim ir brūnas acis.
- ☐ B Jānim ir brūni acis.

2 Jānis has black hair. You say:

- ☐ A Jānim ir melnas mati.
- ☐ B Jānim ir melni mati.

3 Maija has glasses. You say:

- ☐ A Maijai ir bārda.
- ☐ B Maijai ir brilles.

4 I am tall. You say:

- (A) Es esmu gari.
- (B) Es esmu gara.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) Jānim ir melni mati. | (A) I am short. |
| (2) Tie ir cirtaini mati. | (B) Jānis has brown eyes. |
| (3) Jūs esat gara. | (C) You are tall, polite. |
| (4) Maijai ir brilles. | (D) I am tall. |
| (5) Es esmu īsa. | (E) Maija has glasses. |
| (6) Tās ir brūnas acis. | (F) Those are brown eyes. |
| (7) Es esmu gara. | (G) That is curly hair. |
| (8) Jānim ir brūnas acis. | (H) Jānis has black hair. |