

SCENE 30 • GRAMMAR

Sin / sitt / sina

The subject's own possessions

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Around town

Swedish

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The subject's own possessions

Use **sin, sitt, sina** for something owned by the third-person subject in the same clause: **Elsa visar sin karta; Måns tar sina saker.**

This also works with a plural third-person subject: **De tar sina väskor. Hans, hennes, deras** refer to another owner in this contrast. Choose the ending for the owned thing, not the owner's sex. With **jag** or **du** use **min** or **din**. An early phrase **jag har ritat den** is learned whole before productive perfect formation.

WHOSE THINGS?

Pattern	Example	Meaning
sin	Elsa tar sin nyckel	Elsa takes her own key
sitt	Elsa visar sitt ritblock	Elsa shows her own sketchbook
sina	De tar sina saker	They take their own things
hennes	Jonas tar hennes nyckel	Jonas takes her key, another person's

Elsa visar sin karta.

Elsa shows her own map.

Måns tar sin nyckel.

Måns takes his own key.

Han tar sina saker.

He takes his own things.

Ingrid visar sin lista.

Ingrid shows her own list.

De tar sina väskor.

They take their own bags.

Jonas tar hennes karta.

Jonas takes her map, somebody else's.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Elsa visar sin karta.

Meaning: Elsa shows her own map.

- 2 Måns tar sin nyckel.

Meaning: Måns takes his own key.

- 3 Han tar sina saker.

Meaning: He takes his own things.

- 4 Ingrid visar sin lista.

Meaning: Ingrid shows her own list.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

- 1 Elsa visar _____ karta.

- ☐ A sin
- ☐ B sitt
- ☐ C sina

Meaning: Elsa shows her own map.

- 2 Måns tar _____ nyckel.

- ☐ A sitt
- ☐ B sin
- ☐ C sina

Meaning: Måns takes his own key.

3 Han tar _____ saker.

- ☐ A sitt
- ☐ B sin
- ☐ C sina

Meaning: He takes his own things.

4 Ingrid visar _____ lista.

- ☐ A sina
- ☐ B sitt
- ☐ C sin

Meaning: Ingrid shows her own list.

5 De tar _____ väskor.

- ☐ A sitt
- ☐ B sin
- ☐ C sina

Meaning: They take their own bags.

6 Jonas tar _____ karta.

- ☐ A hennes
- ☐ B sitt
- ☐ C sin

Meaning: Jonas takes her map, somebody else's.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sin sina

Han tar _____ saker.

Meaning: He takes his own things.

sitt sin

Ingrid visar _____ lista.

Meaning: Ingrid shows her own list.

sin sina

De tar _____ väskor.

Meaning: They take their own bags.

sin hennes

Jonas tar _____ karta.

Meaning: Jonas takes her map, somebody else's.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

visar

Elsa

karta.

sin

Meaning: Elsa shows her own map.

2 sin Måns nyckel. tar

Meaning: Måns takes his own key.

3 Han sina saker. tar

Meaning: He takes his own things.

4 lista. visar Ingrid sin

Meaning: Ingrid shows her own list.

5 De sina väskor. tar

Meaning: They take their own bags.

- 6 karta. Jonas hennes tar

Meaning: Jonas takes her map, somebody else's.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Elsa shows her own map. You say:

- ☐ A Elsa visar sitt karta.
- ☐ B Elsa visar sin karta.

2 Måns takes his own key. You say:

- ☐ A Måns tar sitt nyckel.
- ☐ B Måns tar sin nyckel.

3 He takes his own things. You say:

- ☐ A Han tar sina saker.
- ☐ B Han tar sin saker.

4 Ingrid shows her own list. You say:

- (A) Ingrid visar sitt lista.
- (B) Ingrid visar sin lista.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) De tar sina väskor. | (A) Jonas takes her map, somebody else's. |
| (2) Elsa visar sin karta. | (B) He takes his own things. |
| (3) Han tar sina saker. | (C) Ingrid shows her own list. |
| (4) Jonas tar hennes karta. | (D) Måns takes his own key. |
| (5) Ingrid visar sin lista. | (E) They take their own bags. |
| (6) Måns tar sin nyckel. | (F) Elsa shows her own map. |