

SCENE 1 • NUMBER 7

Labvakar

Late evening in front of number 7. You stand there with one suitcase. An older woman waits on the front steps under the lamp, a big old key in her hand.

47 Words · 5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Arrival

Latvian

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LEARNING GOAL

I can greet an older neighbour politely and say my name.

Lena (Lukas) = ■ Maija = ○

Learning as Lukas? Use the words in brackets.

■ Labvakar!

○ Labvakar! Vai jūs esat jaunā kaimiņiene (jaunais kaimiņš)?

■ Jā. Mani sauc Lena (Lukas).

○ Priecājos iepazīties. Es esmu Maija Bērziņa. Šī ir mana māja.

She holds out a big old key.

○ Lūdzu. Te ir jūsu atslēga.

■ Paldies!

A grey cat sits down between you and looks at the key.

■ Un kas tas ir?

○ Tas ir Muris. Viņš nav mans kaķis.

Muris paņem atslēgu.

○ Muri! Nē!

■ Mana atslēga! Ardievu, atslēga...

Vocabulary

DOING THINGS

ņemt	take (take hold of)
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SMALL WORDS

jā	yes
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vārds	name
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šis	this
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varbūt	maybe; perhaps
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kas	who
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un	and
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nē	no
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GREETINGS AND COURTESY

labvakar	good evening
priecājos iepazīties	nice to meet you
te ir	here is
paldies	thank you
uz redzēšanos	goodbye

AT HOME

atslēga	key
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PEOPLE AROUND YOU

kaimiņš	neighbour
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PLACES IN TOWN

māja	house / building
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WHAT THINGS AND PEOPLE ARE LIKE

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

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

1 Labvakar! Vai jūs esat jaunā kaimiņiene?

- ☐ A Maija
- ☐ B Lena

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN

Tick the right English meaning.

1 Jā. Mani sauc Lena.

- ☐ A Good evening! Are you the new neighbour?
- ☐ B Thank you!
- ☐ C Yes. My name is Lena.

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT

Tick the right Latvian sentence.

1 And who is this?

- ☐ A Un kas tas ir?
- ☐ B Jā. Mani sauc Lena.
- ☐ C Labvakar!

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Write the words in the right order on the line.

1

nav

Viņš

ir

Muris.

kaķis.

mans

Tas

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST

Number the lines in the order they come in the scene.

- ☐ Un kas tas ir?
- ☐ Lūdzu. Te ir jūsu atslēga.
- ☐ Priecājos iepazīties. Es esmu Maija Bērziņa. Šī ir mana māja.
- ☐ Labvakar! Vai jūs esat jaunā kaimiņiene?
- ☐ Mana atslēga! Ardievu, atslēga...

SCENE 1 • WORDS

Labvakar

Good evening

3 Exercises • Duration: 10 min.

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labvakar
good evening



jauns
new



kaimiņš
neighbour



**priecājos
iepazīties**
nice to meet
you



māja
house /
building



te ir
here is



atslēga
key



paldies
thank you



ņemt
take (take hold
of)



uz redzēšanos
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Words

labvakar

good evening

Labvakar!

jauns

new

Labvakar! Vai jūs esat jaunā kaimiņiene?

kaimiņš

neighbour

Labvakar! Vai jūs esat jaunā kaimiņiene?

jā

yes

Jā. Mani sauc Lena.

vārds

name

priecājos iepazīties

nice to meet you

māja

house / building

Priecājos iepazīties. Es esmu Maija Bērziņa.
Šī ir mana māja.

te ir

here is

Lūdzu. Te ir jūsu atslēga.

atslēga

key

Muris paņem atslēgu.

paldies

thank you

Paldies!

šis

this

kas

who

Un kas tas ir?

un

and

Un kas tas ir?

nē

no

Muri! Nē!

ņemt

take (take hold of)

uz redzēšanos

goodbye

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

What does it mean?

1 labvakar

- ☐ A neighbour
- ☐ B this
- ☐ C good evening

2 jauns

- ☐ A new
- ☐ B take (take hold of)
- ☐ C good evening

3 un

- ☐ A goodbye
- ☐ B house / building
- ☐ C and

4 jā

- ☐ A yes
- ☐ B nice to meet you
- ☐ C good evening

5 vārds

- ☐ A no
- ☐ B goodbye
- ☐ C name

6 kaimiņš

- ☐ A new
- ☐ B neighbour
- ☐ C nice to meet you

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Lūdzu Jā Priecājos Labvakar

_____. Vai jūs esat jaunā kaimiņiene?

Meaning: Good evening! Are you the new neighbour?

Lūdzu Labvakar Priecājos Jā

_____. Mani sauc Lena.

Meaning: Yes. My name is Lena.

Labvakar Lūdzu Jā Priecājos

_____ iepazīties. Es esmu Maija. Šī ir mana māja.

Meaning: Nice to meet you. I'm Maija. This is my house.

Priecājos Labvakar Lūdzu Jā

_____. Te ir jūsu atslēga.

Meaning: Here you are. Here is your key.

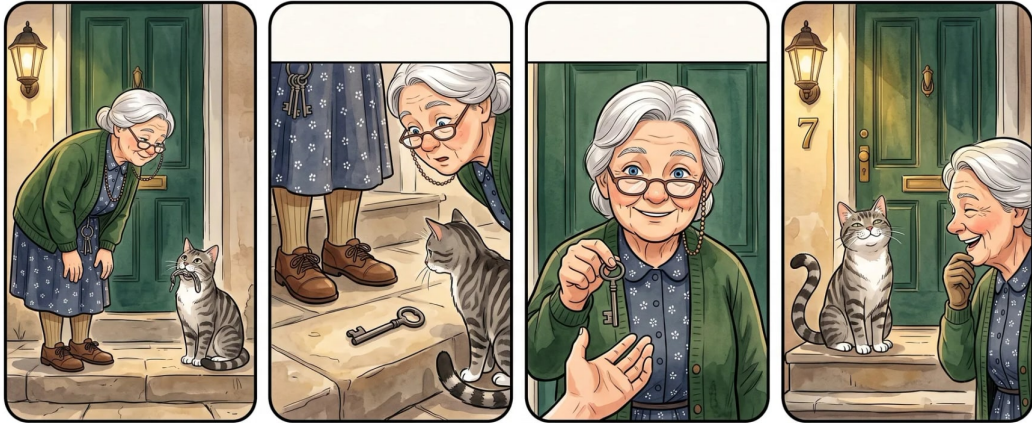
Un Priecājos Labvakar Jā

_____ kas tas ir?

Meaning: And who is this?

W3) GOOD EVENING, MURIS!

Fill the speech bubbles.



Paldies atslēga Lūdzu Labvakar

Maija: _____, Muri!

Maija: Kas tas ir? Mana _____?

Maija: Nē. Tā ir jūsu atslēga! _____.

Lena: _____! Un paldies, Muri!

Meaning: 1. Good evening, Muris!

2. What's this? Is that my key?

3. No. It's your key! Here.

4. Thank you! And thank you, Muris!

SCENE 1 • GRAMMAR

Es esmu, jūs esat

People, gender and being

8 Exercises · Duration: 25 min.

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People, gender and being

A pronoun is a word for a person: **es**, I; **tu**, familiar you; **viņš/viņa**, he/she; **mēs**, we; **jūs**, polite or plural you; **viņi/viņas**, they.

Singular means one; plural means more than one. The subject is the person or thing the sentence talks about.

The present tense of **būt**, to be, is **esmu, esi, ir, esam, esat, ir**.

Third-person singular and plural share **ir**. Negation means saying no: **neesmu, neesi, nav, neesam, neesat, nav**.

Gender is the masculine or feminine class of a noun. An adjective describes a noun and agrees with it: **jauns kaimiņš**, masculine, and **jauna kaimiņiene**, feminine. The nominative is the subject or basic form; a case is a form showing a noun's role. Possessives agree with the owned noun: **mans kaķis, mana māja**. To call someone, use the vocative: **Muris → Muri!**. Polite **jūs** uses a plural verb, but a single learner's describing word stays singular and matches that learner's gender.

Person	būt	With ne-	Meaning
es	esmu	neesmu	I am I am not
tu	esi	neesi	You are You are not, familiar
viņš viņa	ir	nav	He/she is He/she is not
mēs	esam	neesam	We are We are not
jūs	esat	neesat	You are You are not, polite/plural
viņi viņas	ir	nav	They are They are not

Es esmu kaimiņiene (**kaimiņš**).

I am a neighbour.

Tu esi kaimiņiene (**kaimiņš**).

You are a neighbour, familiar.

Viņš ir kaimiņš.

He is a neighbour.

Mēs esam kaimiņi.

We are neighbours.

Jūs esat kaimiņiene (**kaimiņš**).

You are a neighbour, polite.

Viņi ir kaimiņi.

They are neighbours.

Es neesmu kaimiņiene (**kaimiņš**).

I am not a neighbour.

Jūs neesat kaimiņiene (**kaimiņš**).

You are not a neighbour, polite.

The scene asks about the expected newcomer with **jaunais kaimiņš** or **jaunā kaimiņiene**. These particular-person forms are useful whole expressions now; definite describing endings are taught fully in module seven.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Es esmu kaimiņiene.

Meaning: I am a neighbour.

2 Tu esi kaimiņiene.

Meaning: You are a neighbour, familiar.

3 Viņš ir kaimiņš.

Meaning: He is a neighbour.

4 Mēs esam kaimiņi.

Meaning: We are neighbours.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Es _____ kaimiņiene.

- ☐ A esmu
- ☐ B esi
- ☐ C esam

Meaning: I am a neighbour.

2 Tu _____ kaimiņiene.

- ☐ A esat
- ☐ B esi
- ☐ C esmu

Meaning: You are a neighbour, familiar.

3 Viņš _____ kaimiņš.

- ☐ A esam
- ☐ B esmu
- ☐ C ir

Meaning: He is a neighbour.

4 Mēs _____ kaimiņi.

- ☐ A ir
- ☐ B esam
- ☐ C esat

Meaning: We are neighbours.

5 Jūs _____ kaimiņiene.

- ☐ A esam
- ☐ B esat
- ☐ C esmu

Meaning: You are a neighbour, polite.

6 Viņi _____ kaimiņi.

- ☐ A esam
- ☐ B esmu
- ☐ C ir

Meaning: They are neighbours.

7 Es _____ kaimiņiene.

- ☐ A esmu
- ☐ B neesam
- ☐ C neesmu

Meaning: I am not a neighbour.

8 Jūs _____ kaimiņiene.

- ☐ A neesmu
- ☐ B neesat
- ☐ C esat

Meaning: You are not a neighbour, polite.

G3) THE COMPLETE NEGATIVE PARADIGM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Tu _____ jauna.

- ☐ A neesam
- ☐ B neesmu
- ☐ C neesi

Meaning: You are not new, familiar.

2 Viņš _____ kaķis.

- ☐ A neesmu
- ☐ B neesam
- ☐ C nav

Meaning: He is not a cat.

3 Mēs _____ te.

- ☐ A neesi
- ☐ B neesam
- ☐ C neesat

Meaning: We are not here.

4 Viņi _____ te.

- ☐ A neesmu
- ☐ B nav
- ☐ C neesam

Meaning: They are not here.

G4) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

esmu ir

Viņš _____ kaimiņš.

Meaning: He is a neighbour.

esat esam

Mēs _____ kaimiņi.

Meaning: We are neighbours.

esmu esat

Jūs _____ kaimiņiene.

Meaning: You are a neighbour, polite.

esmu ir

Viņi _____ kaimiņi.

Meaning: They are neighbours.

esmu neesmu

Es _____ kaimiņiene.

Meaning: I am not a neighbour.

esat neesat

Jūs _____ kaimiņiene.

Meaning: You are not a neighbour, polite.

G5) NEGATIVE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

neesmu neesi

Tu _____ jauna.

Meaning: You are not new, familiar.

neesmu nav

Viņš _____ kaķis.

Meaning: He is not a cat.

neesi neesam

Mēs _____ te.

Meaning: We are not here.

neesmu nav

Viņi _____ te.

Meaning: They are not here.

G6) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 kaimiņiene. esmu Es

Meaning: I am a neighbour.

2 Tu esi kaimiņiene.

Meaning: You are a neighbour, familiar.

3 ir kaimiņš. Viņš

Meaning: He is a neighbour.

4 esam Mēs kaimiņi.

Meaning: We are neighbours.

5 esat Jūs kaimiņiene.

Meaning: You are a neighbour, polite.

6 ir Viņi kaimiņi.

Meaning: They are neighbours.

G7) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I am a neighbour. You say:

- ☐ A Es esi kaimiņiene.
- ☐ B Es esmu kaimiņiene.

2 You are a neighbour, familiar. You say:

- ☐ A Tu esi kaimiņiene.
- ☐ B Tu esmu kaimiņiene.

3 He is a neighbour. You say:

- ☐ A Viņš ir kaimiņš.
- ☐ B Viņš esmu kaimiņš.

4 We are neighbours. You say:

- (A) Mēs esam kaimiņi.
- (B) Mēs esat kaimiņi.

G8) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Jūs neesat kaimiņiene. | (A) I am a neighbour. |
| (2) Es esmu kaimiņiene. | (B) We are neighbours. |
| (3) Viņš ir kaimiņš. | (C) They are neighbours. |
| (4) Es neesmu kaimiņiene. | (D) You are a neighbour, polite. |
| (5) Jūs esat kaimiņiene. | (E) He is a neighbour. |
| (6) Tu esi kaimiņiene. | (F) I am not a neighbour. |
| (7) Mēs esam kaimiņi. | (G) You are not a neighbour, polite. |

8 Viņi ir kaimiņi.

H You are a neighbour, familiar.