

SCENE 49 • GRAMMAR

Fordi / da / derfor

Connecting a simple story

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Staying

Danish

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Connecting a simple story

Retell a reason with **fordi**, a finished past occasion with **da**, and a result with **derfor**.

In a subordinate clause, **ikke** precedes the finite verb: **fordi han ikke kunne finde den**.

After **derfor** at the front of a main clause, use inversion: **derfor er tingene ovenpå**.

Keep clauses short instead of adding unnecessary relative constructions.

Han flyttede tingene, fordi lejligheden var tom.

He moved the things because the flat was empty.

Da jeg kom, var nøglen væk.

When I arrived, the key was gone.

Derfor er tingene ovenpå.

That is why the things are upstairs.

Han blev hjemme, fordi han ikke kunne sove.

He stayed home because he could not sleep.

Jeg kunne ikke finde nøglen.

I could not find the key.

Nøglen forsvandt den første aften.

The key disappeared on the first evening.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Han flyttede tingene, fordi lejligheden var tom.

Meaning: He moved the things because the flat was empty.

- 2 Da jeg kom, var nøglen væk.

Meaning: When I arrived, the key was gone.

- 3 Derfor er tingene ovenpå.

Meaning: That is why the things are upstairs.

- 4 Han blev hjemme, fordi han ikke kunne sove.

Meaning: He stayed home because he could not sleep.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Han flyttede tingene, _____ lejligheden var tom.

- ☐ A men
- ☐ B fordi
- ☐ C eller

Meaning: He moved the things because the flat was empty.

2 _____ jeg kom, var nøglen væk.

- ☐ A Derfor
- ☐ B Og
- ☐ C Da

Meaning: When I arrived, the key was gone.

3 _____ er tingene ovenpå.

- ☐ A Fordi
- ☐ B Derfor
- ☐ C Da

Meaning: That is why the things are upstairs.

4 Han blev hjemme, fordi han _____ sove.

- ☐ A kunne ikke
- ☐ B ikke kunne
- ☐ C kunne

Meaning: He stayed home because he could not sleep.

5 Jeg kunne ikke _____ nøglen.

- ☐ A finder
- ☐ B fandt
- ☐ C finde

Meaning: I could not find the key.

6 Nøglen _____ den første aften.

- ☐ A forsvandt
- ☐ B forsvinde
- ☐ C forsvinder

Meaning: The key disappeared on the first evening.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

fordi men

Han flyttede tingene, _____ lejligheden var tom.

Meaning: He moved the things because the flat was empty.

Da Derfor

_____ jeg kom, var nøglen væk.

Meaning: When I arrived, the key was gone.

Derfor Fordi

_____ er tingene ovenpå.

Meaning: That is why the things are upstairs.

ikke kunne kunne ikke

Han blev hjemme, fordi han _____ sove.

Meaning: He stayed home because he could not sleep.

finde finder

Jeg kunne ikke _____ nøglen.

Meaning: I could not find the key.

forsvandt forsvinder

Nøglen _____ den første aften.

Meaning: The key disappeared on the first evening.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 tom. lejligheden var tingene, Han flyttede fordi

Meaning: He moved the things because the flat was empty.

- 2 jeg var Da kom, væk. nøglen

Meaning: When I arrived, the key was gone.

- 3 Derfor tingene er ovenpå.

Meaning: That is why the things are upstairs.

- 4 blev sove. han ikke fordi kunne Han hjemme,

Meaning: He stayed home because he could not sleep.

- 5 finde nøglen. ikke Jeg kunne

Meaning: I could not find the key.

- 6 aften. Nøglen forsvandt den første

Meaning: The key disappeared on the first evening.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 He moved the things because the flat was empty. You say:

- (A) Han flyttede tingene, fordi lejligheden var tom.
(B) Han flyttede tingene, men lejligheden var tom.

- 2 When I arrived, the key was gone. You say:

- (A) Derfor jeg kom, var nøglen væk.
(B) Da jeg kom, var nøglen væk.

3 That is why the things are upstairs. You say:

- (A) Fordi er tingene ovenpå.
- (B) Derfor er tingene ovenpå.

4 He stayed home because he could not sleep. You say:

- (A) Han blev hjemme, fordi han ikke kunne sove.
- (B) Han blev hjemme, fordi han kunne ikke sove.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Han blev hjemme, fordi han ikke kunne sove. | (A) The key disappeared on the first evening. |
| (2) Nøglen forsvandt den første aften. | (B) I could not find the key. |
| (3) Han flyttede tingene, fordi lejligheden var tom. | (C) He moved the things because the flat was empty. |
| (4) Derfor er tingene ovenpå. | (D) He stayed home because he could not sleep. |

5 Jeg kunne ikke
finde nøglen.

E That is why the things are
upstairs.

6 Da jeg kom, var
nøglen væk.

F When I arrived, the key was
gone.