

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.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1b, 2a

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1b, 2c

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1a, 2c

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Kāda ir pilsēta? Liela?, Pagaidi...
Melni cirtaini mati...

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 14532

Words: Anna zvana

VOCABULARY & WRITING

W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?: 1c, 2b, 3b, 4a, 5c, 6c

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: Sveika, 1: Jūsu, 1: Anna, 1: Man, 1: Rīgā

W3) WHO IS HE? HE HAS BROWN EYES AND BLACK HAIR.: 1: Kas, 2: Jānis, 3: bārda, 4: suns

W4) CONNECT THE MESSAGES AND MEANINGS: 1e, 2b, 3d, 4a, 5c

Grammar: Brūnas acis, melni mati

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN: 1) brūnas, 2) melni, 3) brilles, 4) gara

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM: 1c, 2b, 3c, 4b, 5b, 6a, 7c, 8b

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES: 1: brilles, 1: gara, 1: gara, 1: īsa, 1: cirtaini, 1: brūnas

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE: Jānim ir brūnas acis., Jānim ir melni mati., Maijai ir brilles., Es esmu gara., Jūs esat gara., Es esmu īsa.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?: 1a, 2b, 3b, 4b

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS: 1h, 2g, 3c, 4e, 5a, 6f, 7d, 8b

Translation

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

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

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

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

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

○ In Riga? That's not far!

■ So, what's your flat like?

You look over at the bathroom door.

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

■ A sofa? In the bathroom? Why?

○ It's a long story.

■ And the town? Is it big?

○ No, small and old, but very pretty. By a river.

○ And there's a café downstairs. A new cake every morning!

Anna laughs.

■ You and your cakes!

■ And the neighbours? What are they like?

○ Mrs Bērziņa is small and old, with glasses. And she knows everything.

■ Everything?

○ Everything. Even my phone number.

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

■ And who else?

○ Jānis, a musician. He lives upstairs. Tall, brown eyes, curly black hair...

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

○ Wait... Curly black hair...

■ Hello? Are you still there?

○ The boy in the photo! Sorry, Anna! Bye!

You put the phone down and look up at the ceiling. Upstairs, Jānis starts to play. Curly black hair... Is Jānis the boy in the photo?