

## SCENE 16 • GRAMMAR

## Minu pere, mul on vend

## Family and age

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Photos on the wall

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## Family and age

A family is **pere** or **perekond**. A brother is **vend/venna/venda** and sister **õde/õe/õde**. **Mul on üks noorem vend ja üks vanem õde** means I have one younger brother and one older sister.

Comparative **noorem/vanem** are learned as these useful family descriptions first.

Age uses **olema**, not a have verb: **Ma olen kolmkümmend aastat vana**. After six use partitive **kuus kuud**. Grandchild **lapselaps** is gender-neutral; context identifies a grandson or granddaughter. **Ta oli hea mees** is a past-state chunk, explained fully in this module.

| Form          | Example                                 | Meaning                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>vend</b>   | <b>Mul on üks vend.</b>                 | I have one brother.             |
| <b>venda</b>  | <b>Tal ei ole venda.</b>                | He/she does not have a brother. |
| <b>venna</b>  | <b>See on minu venna foto.</b>          | This is my brother's photo.     |
| <b>õde</b>    | <b>Mul on üks õde.</b>                  | I have one sister.              |
| <b>aastat</b> | <b>Ma olen kolmkümmend aastat vana.</b> | I am thirty years old.          |
| <b>kuud</b>   | <b>Beebi on kuus kuud vana.</b>         | The baby is six months old.     |

Mul on üks vend.

I have one brother.

Tal ei ole venda.

He/she does not have a brother.

See on minu venna foto.

This is my brother's photo.

Mul on üks õde.

I have one sister.

Ma olen kolmkümmend aastat vana.

I am thirty years old.

Beebi on kuus kuud vana.

The baby is six months old.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Ma olen kolmkümmend aastat vana.

I am Lena. I am thirty years old.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Beebi on kuus kuud vana.

I am Lena. The baby is six months old.

**GRAMMAR****G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Mul on üks vend.

Meaning: I have one brother.

- 2 Tal ei ole venda.

Meaning: He/she does not have a brother.

- 3 See on minu venna foto.

Meaning: This is my brother's photo.

- 4 Mul on üks õde.

Meaning: I have one sister.

**G2) CHOOSE THE FORM**

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

**1 Mul on üks \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A vennad
- ☐ B vend
- ☐ C venda

Meaning: I have one brother.

**2 Tal ei ole \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A vend
- ☐ B venda
- ☐ C vennad

Meaning: He/she does not have a brother.

**3 See on minu \_\_\_\_\_ foto.**

- ☐ A venna
- ☐ B venda
- ☐ C vend

Meaning: This is my brother's photo.

**4 Mul on üks \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ☐ A õed
- ☐ B õdesid
- ☐ C õde

Meaning: I have one sister.

**5 Ma olen kolmkümmend \_\_\_\_\_ vana.**

- ☐ A aastat
- ☐ B aasta
- ☐ C aastad

Meaning: I am thirty years old.

**6 Beebi on kuus \_\_\_\_\_ vana.**

- ☐ A kuud
- ☐ B kuudest
- ☐ C kuu

Meaning: The baby is six months old.

**7 Mina olen Lena. Ma olen kolmkümmend \_\_\_\_\_ vana.**

- ☐ A aasta
- ☐ B aastat
- ☐ C aastad

Meaning: I am Lena. I am thirty years old.

**8 Mina olen Lena. Beebi on kuus \_\_\_\_\_ vana.**

- ☐ A kuudest
- ☐ B kuud
- ☐ C kuu

Meaning: I am Lena. The baby is six months old.

### G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

aastat õde venna kuud

See on minu \_\_\_\_\_ foto.

Meaning: This is my brother's photo.

venna kuud aastat õde

Mul on üks \_\_\_\_\_.

Meaning: I have one sister.

aastat õde venna kuud

Ma olen kolmkümmend \_\_\_\_\_ vana.

Meaning: I am thirty years old.

kuud aastat venna õde

Beebi on kuus \_\_\_\_\_ vana.

Meaning: The baby is six months old.

kuud aastat venna õde

Mina olen Lena. Ma olen kolmkümmend \_\_\_\_\_ vana.

Meaning: I am Lena. I am thirty years old.

venna õde aastat kuud

Mina olen Lena. Beebi on kuus \_\_\_\_\_ vana.

Meaning: I am Lena. The baby is six months old.

#### G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

on

vend.

Mul

üks

Meaning: I have one brother.

2 venda. Tal ei ole

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Meaning: He/she does not have a brother.

3 See minu foto. on venna

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Meaning: This is my brother's photo.

4 üks on õde. Mul

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Meaning: I have one sister.

5 vana. olen Ma aastat kolmkümmend

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Meaning: I am thirty years old.

- 6 kuud Beebi kuus vana. on

Meaning: The baby is six months old.

### G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

**1 I have one brother. You say:**

- ☐ A Mul on üks venda.
- ☐ B Mul on üks vend.

**2 He/she does not have a brother. You say:**

- ☐ A Tal ei ole venda.
- ☐ B Mul ei ole vend.

**3 This is my brother's photo. You say:**

- ☐ A See on minu vend foto.
- ☐ B See on minu venna foto.

**4 I have one sister. You say:**

- (A) Mul on üks õde.
- (B) Mul on üks õed.

**G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS**

Match the pairs.

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|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| (1) Mul on üks õde.                                  | (A) I have one sister.                     |
| (2) See on minu venna foto.                          | (B) I am Lena. I am thirty years old.      |
| (3) Mina olen Lena. Ma olen kolmkümmend aastat vana. | (C) I am Lena. The baby is six months old. |
| (4) Beebi on kuus kuud vana.                         | (D) I am thirty years old.                 |
| (5) Tal ei ole venda.                                | (E) This is my brother's photo.            |
| (6) Mul on üks vend.                                 | (F) He/she does not have a brother.        |

- 7 Mina olen Lena.  
Beebi on kuus kuud  
vana.
- 8 Ma olen  
kolmkümmend  
aastat vana.
- G The baby is six months old.
- H I have one brother.