

SCENE 1 • GRAMMAR

Jeg er / du er

People and present tense

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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The present tense describes now or a usual activity: **er, hedder**.

Danish present verbs do not change for singular or plural subjects.

Singular means one person or thing; plural means more than one.

A pronoun stands for a person or thing: **jeg, du, han, hun**.

People and present tense

Use **jeg, du, han** and **hun** for I, you, he and she.

The present of **være** is **er** for every person.

Danish normally needs an explicit subject.

In ordinary Danish, **du** is friendly and normal with neighbours and staff; **De** is a distinctly formal choice, not the default.

Learn **jeg hedder** (my name is) as a useful introduction.

Jeg er din nabo.

I am your neighbour.

Du er ny her.

You are new here.

Han er en kat.

He is a cat.

Hun hedder Karen.

Her name is Karen.

Jeg hedder Lukas.

My name is Lukas.

Du hedder Lena.

Your name is Lena.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Jeg er din nabo.

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

2 Du er ny her.

Meaning: You are new here.

3 Han er en kat.

Meaning: He is a cat.

4 Hun hedder Karen.

Meaning: Her name is Karen.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Jeg _____ din nabo.

- ☐ A er
- ☐ B være
- ☐ C var

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

2 Du _____ ny her.

- ☐ A var
- ☐ B er
- ☐ C være

Meaning: You are new here.

3 Han _____ en kat.

- ☐ A var
- ☐ B være
- ☐ C er

Meaning: He is a cat.

4 Hun _____ Karen.

- ☐ A hedt
- ☐ B hedder
- ☐ C hedde

Meaning: Her name is Karen.

5 Jeg _____ Lukas.

- ☐ A hedt
- ☐ B hedder
- ☐ C hedde

Meaning: My name is Lukas.

6 Du _____ Lena.

- ☐ A hedt
- ☐ B hedde
- ☐ C hedder

Meaning: Your name is Lena.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

være er

Jeg _____ din nabo.

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

være er

Du _____ ny her.

Meaning: You are new here.

være er

Han _____ en kat.

Meaning: He is a cat.

hedde hedder

Hun _____ Karen.

Meaning: Her name is Karen.

hedde hedder

Jeg _____ Lukas.

Meaning: My name is Lukas.

hedde hedder

Du _____ Lena.

Meaning: Your name is Lena.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 er Jeg din nabo.

Meaning: I am your neighbour.

2 ny Du her. er

Meaning: You are new here.

3 er Han kat. en

Meaning: He is a cat.

4 Hun hedder Karen.

Meaning: Her name is Karen.

5 hedder Jeg Lukas.

Meaning: My name is Lukas.

6 Du hedder Lena.

Meaning: Your name is Lena.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I am your neighbour. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg er din nabo.
- ☐ B Jeg være din nabo.

2 You are new here. You say:

- ☐ A Du være ny her.
- ☐ B Du er ny her.

3 He is a cat. You say:

- ☐ A Han være en kat.
- ☐ B Han er en kat.

4 Her name is Karen. You say:

- ☐ A Hun hedde Karen.
- ☐ B Hun hedder Karen.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| ① Jeg er din nabo. | Ⓐ My name is Lukas. |
| ② Du er ny her. | Ⓑ Her name is Karen. |
| ③ Han er en kat. | Ⓒ Your name is Lena. |
| ④ Jeg hedder Lukas. | Ⓓ You are new here. |
| ⑤ Hun hedder Karen. | Ⓔ He is a cat. |
| ⑥ Du hedder Lena. | Ⓕ I am your neighbour. |