

SCENE 45 • GRAMMAR

Nosūtīju Annai

A postcard and its recipient

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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A postcard and its recipient

A short postcard begins **Mīļā Anna!** and can finish **Tavs/Tava {name}**. Dear agrees with Anna; the closing possessive agrees with the learner who signs.

The recipient is dative: **Es rakstu Annai**. The message is an accusative object: **Es nosūtu pastkarti**. Full sending past forms are **nosūtīju, nosūtīji, nosūtīja, nosūtījām, nosūtījāt, nosūtīja**.

Write past events in short sentences and a future plan for the stamp: **Rīt nopirkšu pastmarku**. At the post office, **Pastmarku, lūdzu** is enough.

Form	Example	Meaning
nosūtīju	Es nosūtīju pastkarti.	I sent a postcard.
nosūtīji	Tu nosūtīji pastkarti.	You sent a postcard, familiar.
nosūtīja	Viņš nosūtīja pastkarti.	He sent a postcard.
nosūtījām	Mēs nosūtījām pastkarti.	We sent a postcard.
nosūtījāt	Jūs nosūtījāt pastkarti.	You sent a postcard, polite.
nosūtīja	Viņi nosūtīja pastkarti.	They sent a postcard.
izsalcis	Es biju izsalcis.	I was hungry.
izsalkusi	Es biju izsalkusi.	

Form	Example	Meaning
izsalcis	Jūs bijāt izsalcis.	You were hungry, polite.
izsalkusi	Jūs bijāt izsalkusi.	

Es nosūtīju pastkarti.

I sent a postcard.

Tu nosūtīji pastkarti.

You sent a postcard, familiar.

Viņš nosūtīja pastkarti.

He sent a postcard.

Mēs nosūtījām pastkarti.

We sent a postcard.

Jūs nosūtījāt pastkarti.

You sent a postcard, polite.

Viņi nosūtīja pastkarti.

They sent a postcard.

Es biju izsalkusi (**izsalcis**).

I was hungry.

Jūs bijāt izsalkusi (**izsalcis**).

You were hungry, polite.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Es nosūtīju pastkarti.

Meaning: I sent a postcard.

- 2 Tu nosūtīji pastkarti.

Meaning: You sent a postcard, familiar.

- 3 Viņš nosūtīja pastkarti.

Meaning: He sent a postcard.

- 4 Mēs nosūtījām pastkarti.

Meaning: We sent a postcard.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Es _____ pastkarti.

- ☐ A nosūtīju
- ☐ B nosūtījām
- ☐ C nosūtīji

Meaning: I sent a postcard.

2 Tu _____ pastkarti.

- ☐ A nosūtījāt
- ☐ B nosūtīji
- ☐ C nosūtīju

Meaning: You sent a postcard, familiar.

3 Viņš _____ pastkarti.

- ☐ A nosūtīja
- ☐ B nosūtīju
- ☐ C nosūtījām

Meaning: He sent a postcard.

4 Mēs _____ pastkarti.

- ☐ A nosūtīja
- ☐ B nosūtījām
- ☐ C nosūtījāt

Meaning: We sent a postcard.

5 Jūs _____ pastkarti.

- ☐ A nosūtījāt
- ☐ B nosūtījām
- ☐ C nosūtīju

Meaning: You sent a postcard, polite.

6 Viņi _____ pastkarti.

- ☐ A nosūtīja
- ☐ B nosūtīju
- ☐ C nosūtījām

Meaning: They sent a postcard.

7 Es biju _____.

- ☐ A izsalkusi
- ☐ B izsalkuši
- ☐ C izsalkušas

Meaning: I was hungry.

8 Jūs bijāt _____.

- ☐ A izsalkušas
- ☐ B izsalkuši
- ☐ C izsalkusi

Meaning: You were hungry, polite.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

nosūtīja nosūtīju

Viņš _____ pastkarti.

Meaning: He sent a postcard.

nosūtījām nosūtījāt

Mēs _____ pastkarti.

Meaning: We sent a postcard.

nosūtījāt nosūtīju

Jūs _____ pastkarti.

Meaning: You sent a postcard, polite.

nosūtīja nosūtīju

Viņi _____ pastkarti.

Meaning: They sent a postcard.

izsalkusi izsalkuši

Es biju _____.

Meaning: I was hungry.

izsalkusi izsalkuši

Jūs bijāt _____.

Meaning: You were hungry, polite.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

pastkarti.

nosūtīju

Es

Meaning: I sent a postcard.

2 Tu pastkarti. nosūtīji

Meaning: You sent a postcard, familiar.

3 nosūtīja pastkarti. Viņš

Meaning: He sent a postcard.

4 pastkarti. Mēs nosūtījām

Meaning: We sent a postcard.

5 pastkarti. Jūs nosūtījāt

Meaning: You sent a postcard, polite.

- 6 Viņi nosūtīja pastkarti.

Meaning: They sent a postcard.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I sent a postcard. You say:

- ☐ A Es nosūtīju pastkarti.
- ☐ B Es nosūtīji pastkarti.

2 You sent a postcard, familiar. You say:

- ☐ A Tu nosūtīju pastkarti.
- ☐ B Tu nosūtīji pastkarti.

3 He sent a postcard. You say:

- ☐ A Viņš nosūtīju pastkarti.
- ☐ B Viņš nosūtīja pastkarti.

4 We sent a postcard. You say:

- (A) Mēs nosūtījāt pastkarti.
- (B) Mēs nosūtījām pastkarti.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Viņi nosūtīja pastkarti. | (A) They sent a postcard. |
| (2) Jūs bijāt izsalkusi. | (B) You sent a postcard, polite. |
| (3) Es nosūtīju pastkarti. | (C) We sent a postcard. |
| (4) Jūs nosūtījāt pastkarti. | (D) You sent a postcard, familiar. |
| (5) Tu nosūtīji pastkarti. | (E) He sent a postcard. |
| (6) Viņš nosūtīja pastkarti. | (F) You were hungry, polite. |
| (7) Es biju izsalkusi. | (G) I was hungry. |

8 Mēs nosūtījām
pastkarti.

H I sent a postcard.