

SCENE 6 • GRAMMAR

Hvad / hvor / hvordan

Question words and language

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

Danish

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A case is a noun or pronoun form showing its role. Danish nouns have no productive case endings, but pronouns differ as subject and object.

Question words and language

A question word comes first, then the finite verb, then the subject:

Hvor bor du?, Hvad hedder du? Ask **Hvilke sprog taler du?** with plural **hvilke**.

Language names such as **dansk** and **tysk** use a lower-case initial.

Learn **Jeg er ingeniør**: Danish often omits the article when naming a profession.

Hvor bor du?

Where do you live?

Hvad hedder du?

What is your name?

Hvordan skriver man det?

How do you write it?

Hvilke sprog taler du?

Which languages do you speak?

Jeg taler lidt dansk.

I speak a little Danish.

Jeg er ingeniør.

I am an engineer.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Hvor bor du?

Meaning: Where do you live?

2 Hvad hedder du?

Meaning: What is your name?

3 Hvordan skriver man det?

Meaning: How do you write it?

4 Hvilke sprog taler du?

Meaning: Which languages do you speak?

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Hvor _____ du?

- ☐ A bor
- ☐ B bo
- ☐ C boede

Meaning: Where do you live?

2 Hvad _____ du?

- ☐ A hedt
- ☐ B hedde
- ☐ C hedder

Meaning: What is your name?

3 Hvordan _____ man det?

- ☐ A skrev
- ☐ B skriver
- ☐ C skrive

Meaning: How do you write it?

4 _____ sprog taler du?

- ☐ A Hvilket
- ☐ B Hvilke
- ☐ C Hvilken

Meaning: Which languages do you speak?

5 Jeg taler lidt _____.

- ☐ A Danmark
- ☐ B tysk
- ☐ C dansk

Meaning: I speak a little Danish.

6 Jeg er _____.

- ☐ A firma
- ☐ B arbejde
- ☐ C ingeniør

Meaning: I am an engineer.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

bor bo

Hvor _____ du?

Meaning: Where do you live?

hedder hedde

Hvad _____ du?

Meaning: What is your name?

skriver skrive

Hvordan _____ man det?

Meaning: How do you write it?

Hvilke Hvilken

_____ sprog taler du?

Meaning: Which languages do you speak?

dansk Danmark

Jeg taler lidt _____.

Meaning: I speak a little Danish.

ingeniør firma

Jeg er _____.

Meaning: I am an engineer.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 du? Hvor bor

Meaning: Where do you live?

- 2 du? hedder Hvad

Meaning: What is your name?

- 3 skriver man det? Hvordan

Meaning: How do you write it?

- 4 Hvilke du? sprog taler

Meaning: Which languages do you speak?

5 lidt taler Jeg dansk.

Meaning: I speak a little Danish.

6 ingeniør. Jeg er

Meaning: I am an engineer.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Where do you live? You say:

- ☐ A Hvor bor du?
- ☐ B Hvor bo du?

2 What is your name? You say:

- ☐ A Hvad hedder du?
- ☐ B Hvad hedde du?

3 How do you write it? You say:

- ☐ A Hvordan skriver man det?
- ☐ B Hvordan skrive man det?

4 Which languages do you speak? You say:

- ☐ A Hvilke sprog taler du?
- ☐ B Hvilken sprog taler du?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 Jeg taler lidt dansk. | ☐ A I am an engineer. |
| ☐ 2 Hvor bor du? | ☐ B How do you write it? |
| ☐ 3 Hvordan skriver man det? | ☐ C Where do you live? |
| ☐ 4 Jeg er ingeniør. | ☐ D I speak a little Danish. |
| ☐ 5 Hvilke sprog taler du? | ☐ E What is your name? |

- ⑥ Hvad hedder du? ⑦ Which languages do you speak?