

SCENE 8 • GRAMMAR

Liels dīvāns, liela lampa

Colours, adjectives and whose

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Colours, adjectives and whose

An adjective agrees with its noun's gender, number and case. Singular nominative patterns are **liels galds, liela māja**. Accusative is **lielu galdu, lielu māju**; genitive is **liela galda, lielas mājas**; locative is **lielā galdā, lielā mājā**.

Plural nominatives are **lieli galdi, lielas mājas**. Both plural accusatives use **lielus galdus, lielas mājas**. The owner can be a name in the genitive: **Maijas galds**, Maija's table, **Jāņa dīvāns**, Jānis's sofa.

The complete basic colours are **sarkans, dzeltens, zils, zaļš, melns, balts, brūns, pelēks**. Feminine forms are **sarkana, dzeltena, zila, zaļa, melna, balta, brūna, pelēka**. More definite describing forms in the scene, such as **sarkanā lampa**, mean the particular red lamp; learn them as recognition chunks here.

Form	Example	Meaning
liels	Tas ir liels galds.	That is a big table.
liela	Tā ir liela lampa.	That is a big lamp.
lielu	Es redzu lielu galdu.	I see a big table.
lieli	Te ir lieli galdi.	There are big tables here.
lielas	Te ir lielas mājas.	There are big houses here.

Form	Example	Meaning
zaļa	Lampa ir zaļa.	The lamp is green.
jauns jauna	Es esmu jauns. Es esmu jauna.	I am new.
jauns jauna	Jūs esat jauns. Jūs esat jauna.	You are new, polite.

Tas ir liels galds.

That is a big table.

Tā ir liela lampa.

That is a big lamp.

Es redzu lielu galdu.

I see a big table.

Te ir lieli galdi.

There are big tables here.

Te ir lielas mājas.

There are big houses here.

Lampa ir zaļa.

The lamp is green.

Es esmu jauna (jauns).

I am new.

Jūs esat jauna (jauns).

You are new, polite.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Tas ir liels galds.

Meaning: That is a big table.

- 2 Tā ir liela lampa.

Meaning: That is a big lamp.

- 3 Es redzu lielu galdu.

Meaning: I see a big table.

- 4 Te ir lieli galdi.

Meaning: There are big tables here.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Tas ir _____ galds.

- ☐ A liela
- ☐ B liels
- ☐ C lieli

Meaning: That is a big table.

2 Tā ir _____ lampa.

- ☐ A lieli
- ☐ B liela
- ☐ C liels

Meaning: That is a big lamp.

3 Es redzu _____ galdu.

- ☐ A lielu
- ☐ B liela
- ☐ C liels

Meaning: I see a big table.

4 Te ir _____ galdi.

- ☐ A lielu
- ☐ B lieli
- ☐ C liels

Meaning: There are big tables here.

5 Te ir _____ mājas.

- ☐ A liela
- ☐ B lieli
- ☐ C lielas

Meaning: There are big houses here.

6 Lampa ir _____.

- ☐ A zaļš
- ☐ B zaļa
- ☐ C zaļi

Meaning: The lamp is green.

7 Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A jaunas
- ☐ B jauni
- ☐ C jauna

Meaning: I am new.

8 Jūs esat _____.

- ☐ A jaunas
- ☐ B jauni
- ☐ C jauna

Meaning: You are new, polite.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

lielu liels

Es redzu _____ galdu.

Meaning: I see a big table.

lieli liels

Te ir _____ galdi.

Meaning: There are big tables here.

lielas liela

Te ir _____ mājas.

Meaning: There are big houses here.

zaļa zaļš

Lampa ir _____.

Meaning: The lamp is green.

jauna jauni

Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am new.

jauna jauni

Jūs esat _____.

Meaning: You are new, polite.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 liels Tas ir galds.

Meaning: That is a big table.

2 liela Tā lampa. ir

Meaning: That is a big lamp.

3 Es redzu lielu galdu.

Meaning: I see a big table.

4 lieli Te galdi. ir

Meaning: There are big tables here.

5 lielas ir Te mājas.

Meaning: There are big houses here.

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Lampa

ir

zaļa.

Meaning: The lamp is green.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 That is a big table. You say:

- ☐ A Tas ir liela galds.
- ☐ B Tas ir liels galds.

2 That is a big lamp. You say:

- ☐ A Tā ir liela lampa.
- ☐ B Tā ir liels lampa.

3 I see a big table. You say:

- ☐ A Es redzu liels galdu.
- ☐ B Es redzu lielu galdu.

4 There are big tables here. You say:

- (A) Te ir liels galdi.
- (B) Te ir lieli galdi.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Te ir lielas mājas. | (A) There are big houses here. |
| (2) Lampa ir zaļa. | (B) I see a big table. |
| (3) Tas ir liels galds. | (C) That is a big table. |
| (4) Es esmu jauna. | (D) I am new. |
| (5) Tā ir liela lampa. | (E) There are big tables here. |
| (6) Jūs esat jauna. | (F) The lamp is green. |
| (7) Es redzu lielu galdu. | (G) You are new, polite. |
| (8) Te ir lieli galdi. | (H) That is a big lamp. |