

SCENE 2 • GRAMMAR

Man ir, man nav

Have, absence and saying no

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Arrival

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Have, absence and saying no

Latvian normally expresses have with a dative person plus **ir**: **man ir atslēga**, I have a key. A dative marks a recipient or experiencer. The complete persons are **man, tev, viņam, viņai, mums, jums, viņiem, viņām**.

The possessed thing stays in the nominative: **Man ir atslēga**. For absence use **nav** and a genitive noun: **Man nav atslēgas**. Learn this contrast now; noun genitive patterns are expanded with the empty flat.

A describing word changes with a learner's gender: **Es esmu izsalcis**, male; **Es esmu izsalkusi**, female. These useful hunger forms are learned as a pair. **Ļoti** means very and does not change.

Form	Example	Meaning
Man	Man ir atslēga.	I have a key.
Tev	Tev ir atslēga.	You have a key, familiar.
Viņam	Viņam ir atslēga.	He has a key.
Viņai	Viņai ir atslēga.	She has a key.
Mums	Mums ir atslēga.	We have a key.
Jums	Jums ir atslēga.	You have a key, polite.
Viņiem	Viņiem ir atslēga.	They have a key, masculine or mixed.
Viņām	Viņām ir atslēga.	They have a key, feminine.

Man ir atslēga.

I have a key.

Tev ir atslēga.

You have a key, familiar.

Viņam ir atslēga.

He has a key.

Viņai ir atslēga.

She has a key.

Mums ir atslēga.

We have a key.

Jums ir atslēga.

You have a key, polite.

Viņiem ir atslēga.

They have a key, masculine or mixed.

Viņām ir atslēga.

They have a key, feminine.

When denying a description, keep the nominative: **Viņš nav mans kaķis**, he is not my cat. For an absent thing, use the genitive: **Kaķa nav**, there is no cat.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Man ir atslēga.

Meaning: I have a key.

2 Tev ir atslēga.

Meaning: You have a key, familiar.

3 Viņam ir atslēga.

Meaning: He has a key.

4 Viņai ir atslēga.

Meaning: She has a key.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ ir atslēga.

- ☐ A Man
- ☐ B Tev
- ☐ C Jums

Meaning: I have a key.

2 _____ ir atslēga.

- ☐ A Man
- ☐ B Mums
- ☐ C Tev

Meaning: You have a key, familiar.

3 _____ ir atslēga.

- ☐ A Man
- ☐ B Viņai
- ☐ C Viņam

Meaning: He has a key.

4 _____ ir atslēga.

- ☐ A Man
- ☐ B Viņai
- ☐ C Viņam

Meaning: She has a key.

5 _____ ir atslēga.

- ☐ A Jums
- ☐ B Man
- ☐ C Mums

Meaning: We have a key.

6 _____ ir atslēga.

- ☐ A Tev
- ☐ B Man
- ☐ C Jums

Meaning: You have a key, polite.

7 _____ ir atslēga.

- ☐ A Viņām
- ☐ B Man
- ☐ C Viņiem

Meaning: They have a key, masculine or mixed.

8 _____ ir atslēga.

- ☐ A Viņām
- ☐ B Viņiem
- ☐ C Man

Meaning: They have a key, feminine.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Viņai Viņam

_____ ir atslēga.

Meaning: He has a key.

Viņam Viņai

_____ ir atslēga.

Meaning: She has a key.

Jums Mums

_____ ir atslēga.

Meaning: We have a key.

Man Jums

_____ ir atslēga.

Meaning: You have a key, polite.

Viņām Viņiem

_____ ir atslēga.

Meaning: They have a key, masculine or mixed.

Viņiem Viņām

_____ ir atslēga.

Meaning: They have a key, feminine.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

ir

atslēga.

Man

Meaning: I have a key.

2 ir Tev atslēga.

Meaning: You have a key, familiar.

3 atslēga. ir Viņam

Meaning: He has a key.

4 Viņai atslēga. ir

Meaning: She has a key.

5 atslēga. ir Mums

Meaning: We have a key.

- 6 atslēga. ir Jums

Meaning: You have a key, polite.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have a key. You say:

- ☐ A Man ir atslēga.
- ☐ B Tev ir atslēga.

2 You have a key, familiar. You say:

- ☐ A Man ir atslēga.
- ☐ B Tev ir atslēga.

3 He has a key. You say:

- ☐ A Viņam ir atslēga.
- ☐ B Viņai ir atslēga.

4 She has a key. You say:

- (A) Viņai ir atslēga.
- (B) Viņam ir atslēga.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Viņām ir atslēga. | (A) You have a key, familiar. |
| (2) Viņam ir atslēga. | (B) We have a key. |
| (3) Viņai ir atslēga. | (C) He has a key. |
| (4) Viņiem ir atslēga. | (D) They have a key, masculine or mixed. |
| (5) Jums ir atslēga. | (E) You have a key, polite. |
| (6) Man ir atslēga. | (F) They have a key, feminine. |
| (7) Tev ir atslēga. | (G) I have a key. |
| (8) Mums ir atslēga. | (H) She has a key. |