

SCENE 44 • GRAMMAR

Ei maganud, ei näinud

Past questions and denials

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Past questions and denials

Past questions can begin **Kas?: Kas te olite seal? Kas sa magasid?**

The polite person still uses plural **olite**, with no gender change.

Past **ei** uses an unchanged **-nud** form: **ei maganud, ei näinud, ei teinud, ei pannud**. The contraction **polnud** is **ei olnud**. Perfect experience uses present **olema** plus **-nud**: **olen näinud, oled näinud, on näinud, oleme näinud, olete näinud, on näinud**. This is distinct from the simple past event **nägin**.

Form	Example	Meaning
olite	Kas te olite seal?	Were you there, politely?
magasid	Kas sa magasid?	Were you sleeping?
ei maganud	Ma ei maganud.	I was not sleeping.
ei näinud	Ta ei näinud midagi.	He/she saw nothing.
ei pannud	Ma ei pannud silmi kinni.	I did not close my eyes.
olen	Ma olen seda näinud.	I have seen it.

Kas te olite seal?

Were you there, politely?

Kas sa magasid?

Were you sleeping?

Ma ei maganud.

I was not sleeping.

Ta ei näinud midagi.

He/she saw nothing.

Ma ei pannud silmi kinni.

I did not close my eyes.

Ma olen seda näinud.

I have seen it.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Ma ei pannud silmi kinni.

I am Lena. I did not close my eyes.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Ma olen seda näinud.

I am Lena. I have seen it.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Kas te olite seal?

Meaning: Were you there, politely?

2 Kas sa magasid?

Meaning: Were you sleeping?

3 Ma ei maganud.

Meaning: I was not sleeping.

4 Ta ei näinud midagi.

Meaning: He/she saw nothing.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Kas te _____ seal?

- ☐ A olin
- ☐ B olid
- ☐ C olite

Meaning: Were you there, politely?

2 Kas sa _____?

- ☐ A magasime
- ☐ B magasid
- ☐ C magasin

Meaning: Were you sleeping?

3 Ma _____.

- ☐ A ei magasin
- ☐ B ei magasid
- ☐ C ei maganud

Meaning: I was not sleeping.

4 Ta _____ midagi.

- ☐ A ei nägi
- ☐ B ei näinud
- ☐ C ei nägin

Meaning: He/she saw nothing.

5 Ma _____ silmi kinni.

- ☐ A ei panin
- ☐ B ei pannud
- ☐ C ei panid

Meaning: I did not close my eyes.

6 Ma _____ seda näinud.

- ☐ A olen
- ☐ B on
- ☐ C oled

Meaning: I have seen it.

7 Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ silmi kinni.

- ☐ A ei panid
- ☐ B ei pannud
- ☐ C ei panin

Meaning: I am Lena. I did not close my eyes.

8 Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ seda näinud.

- ☐ A on
- ☐ B olen
- ☐ C oled

Meaning: I am Lena. I have seen it.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

olen ei maganud ei näinud ei pannud

Ma _____.

Meaning: I was not sleeping.

ei näinud olen ei maganud ei pannud

Ta _____ midagi.

Meaning: He/she saw nothing.

ei näinud ei pannud olen ei maganud

Ma _____ silmi kinni.

Meaning: I did not close my eyes.

ei maganud ei näinud ei pannud olen

Ma _____ seda näinud.

Meaning: I have seen it.

ei maganud ei näinud ei pannud olen

Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ silmi kinni.

Meaning: I am Lena. I did not close my eyes.

ei näinud ei maganud ei pannud olen

Mina olen Lena. Ma _____ seda näinud.

Meaning: I am Lena. I have seen it.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

te

Kas

seal?

olite

Meaning: Were you there, politely?

2

magasid?

Kas

sa

Meaning: Were you sleeping?

3 Ma maganud. ei

Meaning: I was not sleeping.

4 näinud Ta midagi. ei

Meaning: He/she saw nothing.

5 silmi pannud ei Ma kinni.

Meaning: I did not close my eyes.

6 Ma näinud. olen seda

Meaning: I have seen it.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Were you there, politely? You say:

- ☐ A Kas te olite seal?
- ☐ B Kas te olin seal?

2 Were you sleeping? You say:

- ☐ A Kas sa magasid?
- ☐ B Kas sa magasin?

3 I was not sleeping. You say:

- ☐ A Ma ei magasin.
- ☐ B Ma ei maganud.

4 He/she saw nothing. You say:

- ☐ A Ta ei näinud midagi.
- ☐ B Ta ei nägi midagi.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|---|
| ① Mina olen Lena. Ma ei pannud silmi kinni. | ① A I am Lena. I have seen it. |
| ② Ma ei maganud. | ② B Were you there, politely? |
| ③ Ta ei näinud midagi. | ③ C I did not close my eyes. |
| ④ Ma olen seda näinud. | ④ D I was not sleeping. |
| ⑤ Ma ei pannud silmi kinni. | ⑤ E I am Lena. I did not close my eyes. |
| ⑥ Kas sa magasid? | ⑥ F He/she saw nothing. |
| ⑦ Kas te olite seal? | ⑦ G I have seen it. |
| ⑧ Mina olen Lena. Ma olen seda näinud. | ⑧ H Were you sleeping? |