

SCENE 5 • GRAMMAR

Mājā, naktī

Where and when

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

Arrival

Latvian

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Where and when

The locative is the form for a location: **māja** → **mājā**, **māja** → **mājā**, **kafejnīca** → **kafejnīcā**. No in word is needed. Common masculine patterns are **galds** → **galdā**, **skapis** → **skapī**.

Use **mājās** for at home. **Kur?** asks where. A time can also be locative: **dienā**, in the daytime; **naktī**, at night. The first night question **Kā bija naktī?** is learned whole before productive past states.

A preposition links a noun phrase to the sentence. Learn **virš kafejnīcas**, above the café, and **zem galda**, under the table. These singular phrases use the genitive, explained fully in module two.

Form	Example	Meaning
mājā	Muris ir mājā.	Muris is in the house.
mājā	Jānis ir mājā.	Jānis is in the house.
kafejnīcā	Liene ir kafejnīcā.	Liene is in the café.
naktī	Es guļu naktī.	I sleep at night.
dienā	Es nāku dienā.	I come in the daytime.
mājās	Es esmu mājās.	I am at home.
jauns · jauna	Es esmu jauns. Es esmu jauna.	I am new.

Form	Example	Meaning
jauns · jauna	Jūs esat jauns. Jūs esat jauna.	You are new, polite.

Muris ir mājā.

Muris is in the house.

Jānis ir mājā.

Jānis is in the house.

Liene ir kafejnīcā.

Liene is in the café.

Es guļu naktī.

I sleep at night.

Es nāku dienā.

I come in the daytime.

Es esmu mājās.

I am at home.

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 Muris ir mājā.

Meaning: Muris is in the house.

2 Jānis ir mājā.

Meaning: Jānis is in the house.

3 Liene ir kafejnīcā.

Meaning: Liene is in the café.

4 Es guļu naktī.

Meaning: I sleep at night.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Muris ir _____.

- ☐ A māju
- ☐ B mājā
- ☐ C māja

Meaning: Muris is in the house.

2 Jānis ir _____.

- ☐ A mājā
- ☐ B māju
- ☐ C māja

Meaning: Jānis is in the house.

3 Liene ir _____.

- ☐ A kafejnīcā
- ☐ B kafejnīca
- ☐ C kafejnīcu

Meaning: Liene is in the café.

4 Es guļu _____.

- ☐ A nakts
- ☐ B naktī
- ☐ C nakti

Meaning: I sleep at night.

5 Es nāku _____.

- ☐ A dienu
- ☐ B dienā
- ☐ C diena

Meaning: I come in the daytime.

6 Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A māju
- ☐ B mājās
- ☐ C māja

Meaning: I am at home.

7 Es esmu _____.

- ☐ A jauni
- ☐ B jaunas
- ☐ C jauna

Meaning: I am new.

8 Jūs esat _____.

- ☐ A jauni
- ☐ B jaunas
- ☐ C jauna

Meaning: You are new, polite.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

kafejnīcā kafejnīcu

Liene ir _____.

Meaning: Liene is in the café.

naktī nakti

Es guļu _____.

Meaning: I sleep at night.

dienā dienu

Es nāku _____.

Meaning: I come in the daytime.

mājās māju

Es esmu _____.

Meaning: I am at home.

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 mājā. Muris ir

Meaning: Muris is in the house.

2 Jānis ir mājā.

Meaning: Jānis is in the house.

3 Liene ir kafejnīcā.

Meaning: Liene is in the café.

4 guļu Es naktī.

Meaning: I sleep at night.

5 nāku dienā. Es

Meaning: I come in the daytime.

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Meaning: I am at home.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Muris is in the house. You say:

- ☐ A Muris ir māju.
☐ B Muris ir mājā.

2 Jānis is in the house. You say:

- ☐ A Jānis ir māju.
☐ B Jānis ir mājā.

3 Liene is in the café. You say:

- ☐ A Liene ir kafejnīcā.
☐ B Liene ir kafejnīcu.

4 I sleep at night. You say:

- (A) Es guļu naktī.
- (B) Es guļu nakti.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Muris ir mājā. | (A) Jānis is in the house. |
| (2) Es esmu mājās. | (B) You are new, polite. |
| (3) Es nāku dienā. | (C) I am at home. |
| (4) Liene ir kafejnīcā. | (D) I come in the daytime. |
| (5) Es guļu naktī. | (E) I am new. |
| (6) Jānis ir mājā. | (F) Muris is in the house. |
| (7) Jūs esat jauna. | (G) I sleep at night. |
| (8) Es esmu jauna. | (H) Liene is in the café. |