

SCENE 8 • GRAMMAR

iso sohva, isoa sohvaa

Describe colours and size

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

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Describe colours and size

An adjective describes a noun. It normally takes the same case and number as the noun: **iso sohva, isoa sohvaa**. The naming form is unchanged for a man or a woman. Do not add gender changes. With a single countable thing as subject, say **sohva on iso, lamppu on punainen**.

The sofa examples already give the noun in the partitive. Choose the adjective form that matches that noun. Later lessons compare descriptions of a whole item and an amount.

Keep useful colour forms together: **keltainen → keltaista, punainen → punaista, sininen → sinistä, vihreä → vihreää, valkoinen → valkoista, musta → mustaa**. Words in **-nen** use an **-s-** stem before many endings. Gradation gives **pöytä → pöydän, lamppu → lampun**. **Sohvan alla** means under the sofa: the owner-like form comes before the place word.

Form	Example	Meaning
iso	Sohva on iso.	The sofa is big.
punainen	Lamppu on punainen.	The lamp is red.
isoa	Haluan isoa sohvaa.	I want a big sofa.
keltaista	Haluan keltaista sohvaa.	I want a yellow sofa.
vihreä	Lamppu on vihreä.	The lamp is green.
alla	Nöpö on sohvän alla.	Nöpö is under the sofa.
sininen	Tämä on sininen tuoli.	This is a blue chair.
pieni	Ovi on pieni.	The door is small.

Sohva on iso.

The sofa is big.

Lamppu on punainen.

The lamp is red.

Haluan isoa sohvaa.

I want a big sofa.

Haluan keltaista sohvaa.

I want a yellow sofa.

Lamppu on vihreä.

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Nöpö on sohvän alla.

Nöpö is under the sofa.

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Ovi on pieni.

The door is small.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Sohva on iso.

Meaning: The sofa is big.

- 2 Lamppu on punainen.

Meaning: The lamp is red.

- 3 Haluan isoa sohvaa.

Meaning: I want a big sofa.

- 4 Haluan keltaista sohvaa.

Meaning: I want a yellow sofa.

- 5 Lamppu on vihreä.

Meaning: The lamp is green.

6 Nöppö on sohvalla.

Meaning: Nöppö is under the sofa.

7 Tämä on sininen tuoli.

Meaning: This is a blue chair.

8 Ovi on pieni.

Meaning: The door is small.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Sohva on _____.

- ☐ A isoa
- ☐ B iso
- ☐ C ison

Meaning: The sofa is big.

2 Lamppu on _____.

- ☐ A punaisen
- ☐ B punainen
- ☐ C punaista

Meaning: The lamp is red.

3 Haluan _____ sohvaa.

- ☐ A isoa
- ☐ B ison
- ☐ C iso

Meaning: I want a big sofa.

4 Haluan _____ sohvaa.

- ☐ A keltaisen
- ☐ B keltaista
- ☐ C keltainen

Meaning: I want a yellow sofa.

5 Lamppu on _____.

- ☐ A vihreää
- ☐ B vihreän
- ☐ C vihreä

Meaning: The lamp is green.

6 Nöpö on sohvan _____.

- ☐ A päällä
- ☐ B alla
- ☐ C huomenna

Meaning: Nöpö is under the sofa.

7 Tämä on _____ tuoli.

- ☐ A sinisen
- ☐ B sinistä
- ☐ C sininen

Meaning: This is a blue chair.

8 Ovi on _____.

- ☐ A pienen
- ☐ B pientä
- ☐ C pieni

Meaning: The door is small.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

isoa iso

Haluan _____ sohvaa.

Meaning: I want a big sofa.

keltaista keltainen

Haluan _____ sohvaa.

Meaning: I want a yellow sofa.

vihreä vihreää

Lamppu on _____.

Meaning: The lamp is green.

alla päällä

Nöpö on sohvan _____.

Meaning: Nöpö is under the sofa.

sininen sinistä

Tämä on _____ tuoli.

Meaning: This is a blue chair.

pieni pientä

Ovi on _____.

Meaning: The door is small.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

on

Sohva

iso.

Meaning: The sofa is big.

2

on

Lamppu

punainen.

Meaning: The lamp is red.

3 Haluan isoa sohvaa.

Meaning: I want a big sofa.

4 keltaista Haluan sohvaa.

Meaning: I want a yellow sofa.

5 on vihreä. Lamppu

Meaning: The lamp is green.

6 Nöpö sohvalla on

Meaning: Nöpö is under the sofa.

7 Tämä sininen tuoli. on

Meaning: This is a blue chair.

8 pieni. on Ovi

Meaning: The door is small.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 The sofa is big. You say:

- ☐ A Sohva on isoa.
- ☐ B Sohva on iso.

2 The lamp is red. You say:

- ☐ A Lamppu on punainen.
- ☐ B Lamppu on punaista.

3 I want a big sofa. You say:

- ☐ A Haluan iso sohvaa.
- ☐ B Haluan isoa sohvaa.

4 I want a yellow sofa. You say:

- ☐ A Haluan keltainen sohvaa.
- ☐ B Haluan keltaista sohvaa.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Lamppu on vihreä. | ① A The lamp is green. |
| ② Nöpö on sohvan
alla. | ② B I want a big sofa. |
| ③ Sohva on iso. | ③ C The sofa is big. |
| ④ Tämä on sininen
tuoli. | ④ D This is a blue chair. |
| ⑤ Lamppu on
punainen. | ⑤ E I want a yellow sofa. |
| ⑥ Ovi on pieni. | ⑥ F Nöpö is under the sofa. |
| ⑦ Haluan isoa sohvaa. | ⑦ G The door is small. |
| ⑧ Haluan keltaista
sohvaa. | ⑧ H The lamp is red. |