

SCENE 33 • GRAMMAR

liian pieni, pienin

Clothes, size and the highest degree

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Clothes, size and the highest degree

Liian pieni means too small; **tarpeeksi iso** means big enough. For the highest degree, the superlative often has **-in**: **pieni** → **pienin**, **iso** → **isoin**, **halpa** → **halvin**. **Hyvä** → **paras** is irregular. Learn the common stem changes together.

Clothes include **takki**, **housut**, **kengät**, **paida**, **T-paita**, **hattu**, **mekko**, **huivi**. Some are normally plural: **housut**, **kengät**. A single complete purchase uses **otan takin**; searching uses partitive **etsin takkia**. Hundreds join the amount: **sata**, **kaksisataa**, **kolmesataa**; **sataneljäkymmentä euroa** is €140. **Saanko sovittaa?** is a useful permission request.

Form	Example	Meaning
pieni	Takki on liian pieni.	The jacket is too small.
pienin	Tämä on pienin takki.	This is the smallest jacket.
isoin	Tämä on isoin takki.	This is the biggest jacket.
halvin	Tämä on halvin takki.	This is the cheapest jacket.
paras	Tämä on paras takki.	This is the best jacket.
takkia	Etsin takkia.	I am looking for a jacket.
takin	Otan takin.	I take the jacket.

Form	Example	Meaning
sataneljäkymmentä	Takki maksaa sataneljäkymmentä euroa.	The jacket costs one hundred and forty euros.

Takki on liian pieni.

The jacket is too small.

Tämä on pienin takki.

This is the smallest jacket.

Tämä on isoin takki.

This is the biggest jacket.

Tämä on halvin takki.

This is the cheapest jacket.

Tämä on paras takki.

This is the best jacket.

Etsin takkia.

I am looking for a jacket.

Otan takin.

I take the jacket.

Takki maksaa sataneljäkymmentä euroa.

The jacket costs one hundred and forty euros.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Takki on liian pieni.

Meaning: The jacket is too small.

- 2 Tämä on pienin takki.

Meaning: This is the smallest jacket.

- 3 Tämä on isoin takki.

Meaning: This is the biggest jacket.

- 4 Tämä on halvin takki.

Meaning: This is the cheapest jacket.

- 5 Tämä on paras takki.

Meaning: This is the best jacket.

6 Etsin takkia.

Meaning: I am looking for a jacket.

7 Otan takin.

Meaning: I take the jacket.

8 Takki maksaa sataneljäkymmentä euroa.

Meaning: The jacket costs one hundred and forty euros.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Takki on liian _____.

- ☐ A pienin
- ☐ B pieni
- ☐ C iso

Meaning: The jacket is too small.

2 Tämä on _____ takki.

- ☐ A pieni
- ☐ B pienin
- ☐ C pienempi

Meaning: This is the smallest jacket.

3 Tämä on _____ takki.

- ☐ A iso
- ☐ B isoin
- ☐ C isompi

Meaning: This is the biggest jacket.

4 Tämä on _____ takki.

- ☐ A halvempi
- ☐ B halpa
- ☐ C halvin

Meaning: This is the cheapest jacket.

5 Tämä on _____ takki.

- ☐ A paras
- ☐ B hyvä
- ☐ C parempi

Meaning: This is the best jacket.

6 Etsin _____.

- ☐ A takin
- ☐ B takkia
- ☐ C takki

Meaning: I am looking for a jacket.

7 Otan _____.

- ☐ A takilla
- ☐ B takki
- ☐ C takin

Meaning: I take the jacket.

8 Takki maksaa _____ euroa.

- ☐ A sata
- ☐ B sataneljäkymmentä
- ☐ C neljäkymmentä

Meaning: The jacket costs one hundred and forty euros.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

isompi isoin

Tämä on _____ takki.

Meaning: This is the biggest jacket.

halvempi halvin

Tämä on _____ takki.

Meaning: This is the cheapest jacket.

parempi paras

Tämä on _____ takki.

Meaning: This is the best jacket.

takki takkia

Etsin _____.

Meaning: I am looking for a jacket.

takki takin

Otan _____.

Meaning: I take the jacket.

neljäkymmentä sataneljäkymmentä

Takki maksaa _____ euroa.

Meaning: The jacket costs one hundred and forty euros.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 liian on Takki pieni.

Meaning: The jacket is too small.

2 pienin takki. on Tämä

Meaning: This is the smallest jacket.

3 Tämä isoin on takki.

Meaning: This is the biggest jacket.

4 on halvin takki. Tämä

Meaning: This is the cheapest jacket.

5 paras takki. on Tämä

Meaning: This is the best jacket.

6 euroa. Takki maksaa sataneljäkymmentä

Meaning: The jacket costs one hundred and forty euros.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 The jacket is too small. You say:

- ☐ A Takki on liian iso.
- ☐ B Takki on liian pieni.

2 This is the smallest jacket. You say:

- ☐ A Tämä on pienempi takki.
- ☐ B Tämä on pienin takki.

3 This is the biggest jacket. You say:

- ☐ A Tämä on isoin takki.
- ☐ B Tämä on isompi takki.

4 This is the cheapest jacket. You say:

- ☐ A Tämä on halvempi takki.
- ☐ B Tämä on halvin takki.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|---|
| ① Tämä on paras takki. | ① A I take the jacket. |
| ② Takki on liian pieni. | ② B The jacket costs one hundred and forty euros. |
| ③ Tämä on isoin takki. | ③ C This is the cheapest jacket. |
| ④ Etsin takkia. | ④ D This is the biggest jacket. |
| ⑤ Tämä on halvin takki. | ⑤ E I am looking for a jacket. |
| ⑥ Takki maksaa sataneljäkymmentä euroa. | ⑥ F The jacket is too small. |
| ⑦ Otan takin. | ⑦ G This is the best jacket. |
| ⑧ Tämä on pienin takki. | ⑧ H This is the smallest jacket. |