

Der er / ingen / ikke noget

Existence and absence

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The empty flat

Danish

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Existence and absence

Use **der er** to introduce something that exists: **Der er en seng**. Use **ingen** before a common-gender noun or a plural noun, and **intet** or the very common **ikke noget** for neuter or uncountable things. **Jeg har ikke et bord endnu** is natural for something you do not have yet. **Den** refers back to a common-gender noun; **det** to a neuter noun.

Der er en seng.

There is a bed.

Der er ingen stole.

There are no chairs.

Jeg har ikke et bord endnu.

I do not have a table yet.

Der er ikke noget her.

There is nothing here.

Lejligheden er lille. Den er god.

The flat is small. It is good.

Skabet er stort. Det er gammelt.

The wardrobe is big. It is old.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Der er en seng.

Meaning: There is a bed.

- 2 Der er ingen stole.

Meaning: There are no chairs.

- 3 Jeg har ikke et bord endnu.

Meaning: I do not have a table yet.

- 4 Der er ikke noget her.

Meaning: There is nothing here.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 _____ er en seng.

- ☐ A Der
- ☐ B Vi
- ☐ C Hun

Meaning: There is a bed.

2 Der er _____ stole.

- ☐ A intet
- ☐ B et
- ☐ C ingen

Meaning: There are no chairs.

3 Jeg har _____ et bord endnu.

- ☐ A ja
- ☐ B og
- ☐ C ikke

Meaning: I do not have a table yet.

4 Der er ikke _____ her.

- ☐ A nogen
- ☐ B noget
- ☐ C nogle

Meaning: There is nothing here.

5 Lejligheden er lille. _____ er god.

- ☐ A Det
- ☐ B Den
- ☐ C De

Meaning: The flat is small. It is good.

6 Skabet er stort. _____ er gammelt.

- ☐ A De
- ☐ B Den
- ☐ C Det

Meaning: The wardrobe is big. It is old.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Der Hun

_____ er en seng.

Meaning: There is a bed.

ingen intet

Der er _____ stole.

Meaning: There are no chairs.

ikke og

Jeg har _____ et bord endnu.

Meaning: I do not have a table yet.

noget nogen

Der er ikke _____ her.

Meaning: There is nothing here.

Den Det

Lejligheden er lille. _____ er god.

Meaning: The flat is small. It is good.

Det Den

Skabet er stort. _____ er gammelt.

Meaning: The wardrobe is big. It is old.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1

Meaning: There is a bed.

- 2

Meaning: There are no chairs.

- 3

Meaning: I do not have a table yet.

- 4

Meaning: There is nothing here.

- 5 god. er er Lejligheden Den lille.

Meaning: The flat is small. It is good.

- 6 er Det Skabet stort. er gammelt.

Meaning: The wardrobe is big. It is old.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 **There is a bed. You say:**

- ☐ A Hun er en seng.
☐ B Der er en seng.

- 2 **There are no chairs. You say:**

- ☐ A Der er ingen stole.
☐ B Der er intet stole.

3 I do not have a table yet. You say:

- (A) Jeg har ikke et bord endnu.
- (B) Jeg har og et bord endnu.

4 There is nothing here. You say:

- (A) Der er ikke noget her.
- (B) Der er ikke nogen her.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Jeg har ikke et bord endnu. | (A) The flat is small. It is good. |
| (2) Skabet er stort. Det er gammelt. | (B) There is a bed. |
| (3) Der er ingen stole. | (C) I do not have a table yet. |
| (4) Der er en seng. | (D) There is nothing here. |
| (5) Der er ikke noget her. | (E) The wardrobe is big. It is old. |

- ⑥ Lejligheden er lille. F There are no chairs.
Den er god.