

SCENE 21 • GRAMMAR

Halv seks / kvart i ni

Telling the time

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The first week at work

Danish

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Telling the time

Danish **halv seks** means half past five: halfway to six. **Kvart i ni** is a quarter to nine; **kvart over ni** is a quarter past nine.

Use **klokken** for times, and **fra ... til ...** for a period. Exact timetables may use twenty-four-hour readings.

Practise both the everyday and timetable forms.

Vi arbejder til halv seks.

We work until half past five.

Jeg kommer kvart i ni.

I arrive at a quarter to nine.

Klokken er kvart over ni.

It is a quarter past nine.

Vi begynder klokken ni.

We start at nine o'clock.

Vi arbejder fra ni til halv seks.

We work from nine to half past five.

Pausen er tredive minutter.

The break is thirty minutes.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Vi arbejder til halv seks.

Meaning: We work until half past five.

- 2 Jeg kommer kvart i ni.

Meaning: I arrive at a quarter to nine.

- 3 Klokken er kvart over ni.

Meaning: It is a quarter past nine.

- 4 Vi begynder klokken ni.

Meaning: We start at nine o'clock.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Vi arbejder til _____.

- ☐ A halv seks
- ☐ B halv fem
- ☐ C seks

Meaning: We work until half past five.

2 Jeg kommer _____.

- ☐ A kvart i ni
- ☐ B halv ni
- ☐ C kvart over ni

Meaning: I arrive at a quarter to nine.

3 Klokken er _____.

- ☐ A kvart i ni
- ☐ B halv ni
- ☐ C kvart over ni

Meaning: It is a quarter past nine.

4 Vi begynder _____ ni.

- ☐ A klokken
- ☐ B år
- ☐ C måneder

Meaning: We start at nine o'clock.

5 Vi arbejder _____ ni til halv seks.

- ☐ A under
- ☐ B uden
- ☐ C fra

Meaning: We work from nine to half past five.

6 Pausen er tredive _____.

- ☐ A minutter
- ☐ B minuttet
- ☐ C minut

Meaning: The break is thirty minutes.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

halv seks halv fem

Vi arbejder til _____.

Meaning: We work until half past five.

kvart i ni kvart over ni

Jeg kommer _____.

Meaning: I arrive at a quarter to nine.

kvart over ni kvart i ni

Klokken er _____.

Meaning: It is a quarter past nine.

klokken år

Vi begynder _____ ni.

Meaning: We start at nine o'clock.

fra under

Vi arbejder _____ ni til halv seks.

Meaning: We work from nine to half past five.

minutter minut

Pausen er tredive _____.

Meaning: The break is thirty minutes.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 Vi seks. arbejder halv til

Meaning: We work until half past five.

- 2 kvart Jeg ni. kommer i

Meaning: I arrive at a quarter to nine.

- 3 Klokken ni. er over kvart

Meaning: It is a quarter past nine.

- 4 klokken begynder Vi ni.

Meaning: We start at nine o'clock.

5 Vi ni seks. til arbejder fra halv

Meaning: We work from nine to half past five.

6 tredive Pausen er minutter.

Meaning: The break is thirty minutes.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 We work until half past five. You say:

- ☐ A Vi arbejder til halv fem.
- ☐ B Vi arbejder til halv seks.

2 I arrive at a quarter to nine. You say:

- ☐ A Jeg kommer kvart i ni.
- ☐ B Jeg kommer kvart over ni.

3 It is a quarter past nine. You say:

- ☐ A Klokken er kvart i ni.
- ☐ B Klokken er kvart over ni.

4 We start at nine o'clock. You say:

- ☐ A Vi begynder klokken ni.
- ☐ B Vi begynder år ni.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 Vi arbejder fra ni til halv seks. | ☐ A We work from nine to half past five. |
| ☐ 2 Vi begynder klokken ni. | ☐ B I arrive at a quarter to nine. |
| ☐ 3 Klokken er kvart over ni. | ☐ C The break is thirty minutes. |
| ☐ 4 Jeg kommer kvart i ni. | ☐ D It is a quarter past nine. |

- 5 Pausen er tredive minutter. E We work until half past five.
- 6 Vi arbejder til halv seks. F We start at nine o'clock.