

SCENE 22 • GRAMMAR

Altid / aldrig / ofte

Frequency and verb-second order

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The first week at work

Danish

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Frequency and verb-second order

In ordinary main clauses, frequency words often follow the finite verb: **Jeg kommer altid, Jeg spiser aldrig her.**

If a time phrase comes first, put the verb next and the subject after it: **Om mandagen spiser jeg suppe.** This verb-second rule counts sentence elements, not individual words.

The phrase **hver dag** has no preposition.

Jeg kommer altid til tiden.

I always arrive on time.

Jeg spiser aldrig her.

I never eat here.

Om mandagen spiser jeg suppe.

On Mondays I eat soup.

I dag kommer han tidligt.

Today he comes early.

Vi mødes hver torsdag.

We meet every Thursday.

Jeg spiser kage nogle gange.

I sometimes eat cake.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Jeg kommer altid til tiden.

Meaning: I always arrive on time.

- 2 Jeg spiser aldrig her.

Meaning: I never eat here.

- 3 Om mandagen spiser jeg suppe.

Meaning: On Mondays I eat soup.

- 4 I dag kommer han tidligt.

Meaning: Today he comes early.

G2) CHOOSE THE DANISH FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Jeg kommer _____ til tiden.

- ☐ A aldrig
- ☐ B sent
- ☐ C altid

Meaning: I always arrive on time.

2 Jeg spiser _____ her.

- ☐ A altid
- ☐ B ofte
- ☐ C aldrig

Meaning: I never eat here.

3 Om mandagen _____ jeg suppe.

- ☐ A spise
- ☐ B jeg spiser
- ☐ C spiser

Meaning: On Mondays I eat soup.

4 I dag _____ han tidligt.

- ☐ A komme
- ☐ B kommer
- ☐ C han kommer

Meaning: Today he comes early.

5 Vi mødes _____ torsdag.

- ☐ A hvert
- ☐ B hverne
- ☐ C hver

Meaning: We meet every Thursday.

6 Jeg spiser kage _____.

- ☐ A hver dag
- ☐ B aldrig
- ☐ C nogle gange

Meaning: I sometimes eat cake.

G3) COMPLETE A MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

altid aldrig

Jeg kommer _____ til tiden.

Meaning: I always arrive on time.

aldrig altid

Jeg spiser _____ her.

Meaning: I never eat here.

spiser jeg spiser

Om mandagen _____ jeg suppe.

Meaning: On Mondays I eat soup.

kommer han kommer

I dag _____ han tidligt.

Meaning: Today he comes early.

hver hvert

Vi mødes _____ torsdag.

Meaning: We meet every Thursday.

nogle gange aldrig

Jeg spiser kage _____.

Meaning: I sometimes eat cake.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 tiden. kommer altid til Jeg

Meaning: I always arrive on time.

- 2 Jeg aldrig spiser her.

Meaning: I never eat here.

- 3 suppe. spiser Om jeg mandagen

Meaning: On Mondays I eat soup.

- 4 I dag kommer han tidligt.

Meaning: Today he comes early.

- 5 torsdag. hver Vi mødes

Meaning: We meet every Thursday.

- 6 nogle Jeg kage spiser gange.

Meaning: I sometimes eat cake.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 I always arrive on time. You say:

- (A) Jeg kommer aldrig til tiden.
(B) Jeg kommer altid til tiden.

- 2 I never eat here. You say:

- (A) Jeg spiser altid her.
(B) Jeg spiser aldrig her.

3 On Mondays I eat soup. You say:

- ☐ A Om mandagen jeg spiser jeg suppe.
- ☐ B Om mandagen spiser jeg suppe.

4 Today he comes early. You say:

- ☐ A I dag kommer han tidligt.
- ☐ B I dag han kommer han tidligt.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|--|
| ☐ 1 Jeg kommer altid til tiden. | ☐ A I always arrive on time. |
| ☐ 2 Om mandagen spiser jeg suppe. | ☐ B I sometimes eat cake. |
| ☐ 3 Jeg spiser aldrig her. | ☐ C On Mondays I eat soup. |
| ☐ 4 Jeg spiser kage nogle gange. | ☐ D Today he comes early. |

⑤ Vi mødes hver torsdag. ⑤ We meet every Thursday.

⑥ I dag kommer han tidligt. ⑥ I never eat here.