

SCENE 24 • GRAMMAR

Laua peal, printeri ees

Postpositions and giving instructions

8 Exercises • Duration: 25 min.

The first week at work

Estonian

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Postpositions and giving instructions

A postposition follows a genitive noun: **laua peal, laua all, arvuti taga, printeri ees, diivani kõrval**. Learn the genitive stem with every noun. **Kus?** is a location question; **kuhu?** asks where to.

Common instruction chunks are **pange kass kotti** and **andke mulle paberit**. Present **panema** is **panen, paned, paneb, paneme, panete, panevad**; **andma** is **annan, annad, annab, anname, annate, annavad**. A completed whole object often uses genitive: **panen võtme lauale**.

Person	panema	Meaning
mina	panen	I — put
sina	paned	you, familiar singular — put
tema	pane b	he/she — put
meie	paneme	we — put
teie	panete	you, plural/polite — put
nemad	panevad	they — put

Muri on laua all.

Muri is under the table.

Muri on printeri ees.

Muri is in front of the printer.

Muri on arvuti taga.

Muri is behind the computer.

Ma panen võtme lauale.

I put the key on the table.

Me paneme võtme lauale.

We put the key on the table.

Nad panevad võtme lauale.

They put the key on the table.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Me paneme võtme lauale.

I am Lena. We put the key on the table.

Mina olen Lena (Lukas). Nad panevad võtme lauale.

I am Lena. They put the key on the table.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Muri on laua all.

Meaning: Muri is under the table.

- 2 Muri on printeri ees.

Meaning: Muri is in front of the printer.

- 3 Muri on arvuti taga.

Meaning: Muri is behind the computer.

- 4 Ma panen võtme lauale.

Meaning: I put the key on the table.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM 1

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Muri on _____ all.

- ☐ (A) laud
- ☐ (B) lauda
- ☐ (C) laua

Meaning: Muri is under the table.

2 Muri on _____ ees.

- ☐ (A) printeri
- ☐ (B) printerid
- ☐ (C) printer

Meaning: Muri is in front of the printer.

3 Muri on _____ taga.

- ☐ (A) arvutid
- ☐ (B) arvuti
- ☐ (C) arvutit

Meaning: Muri is behind the computer.

4 Ma _____ võtme lauale.

- ☐ A panevad
- ☐ B paned
- ☐ C panen

Meaning: I put the key on the table.

5 Me _____ võtme lauale.

- ☐ A paneme
- ☐ B paneb
- ☐ C panen

Meaning: We put the key on the table.

6 Nad _____ võtme lauale.

- ☐ A panete
- ☐ B panen
- ☐ C panevad

Meaning: They put the key on the table.

G3) CHOOSE THE FORM 2

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Mina olen Lena. Me _____ võtme lauale.

- ☐ A paneme
- ☐ B paneb
- ☐ C panen

Meaning: I am Lena. We put the key on the table.

2 Mina olen Lena. Nad _____ võtme lauale.

- ☐ A panevad
- ☐ B panen
- ☐ C panete

Meaning: I am Lena. They put the key on the table.

3 Sa _____ võtme siia.

- ☐ A panen
- ☐ B paned
- ☐ C paneb

Meaning: You (familiar singular) put the key here.

4 Ta _____ võtme siia.

- ☐ A paned
- ☐ B panen
- ☐ C paneb

Meaning: He/she puts the key here.

5 Te _____ võtme siia.

- ☐ A panete
- ☐ B panen
- ☐ C paned

Meaning: You (polite/plural) put the key here.

G4) USE THE FORM 1

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

panen arvuti laua printeri

Muri on _____ all.

Meaning: Muri is under the table.

panen printeri laua arvuti

Muri on _____ ees.

Meaning: Muri is in front of the printer.

arvuti panen laua printeri

Muri on _____ taga.

Meaning: Muri is behind the computer.

printeri laua arvuti panen

Ma _____ võtme lauale.

Meaning: I put the key on the table.

printeri arvuti laua paneme

Me _____ võtme lauale.

Meaning: We put the key on the table.

arvuti laua printeri panevad

Nad _____ võtme lauale.

Meaning: They put the key on the table.

G5) USE THE FORM 2

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

panevad paned paneme paneb

Mina olen Lena. Me _____ võtme lauale.

Meaning: I am Lena. We put the key on the table.

panevad paned paneb paneme

Mina olen Lena. Nad _____ võtme lauale.

Meaning: I am Lena. They put the key on the table.

paneb paneme panevad paned

Sa _____ võtme siia.

Meaning: You (familiar singular) put the key here.

paneb paned panevad paneme

Ta _____ võtme siia.

Meaning: He/she puts the key here.

paneme panete panevad paned

Te _____ võtme siia.

Meaning: You (polite/plural) put the key here.

G6) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 laua all. Muri on

Meaning: Muri is under the table.

2 Muri ees. on printeri

Meaning: Muri is in front of the printer.

3 on Muri taga. arvuti

Meaning: Muri is behind the computer.

4 lauale. panen Ma võtme

Meaning: I put the key on the table.

5 Me paneme võtme lauale.

Meaning: We put the key on the table.

6 panevad lauale. võtme Nad

Meaning: They put the key on the table.

G7) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Muri is under the table. You say:

- ☐ A Muri on laua all.
- ☐ B Muri on laud all.

2 Muri is in front of the printer. You say:

- ☐ A Muri on printer ees.
- ☐ B Muri on printeri ees.

3 Muri is behind the computer. You say:

- ☐ A Muri on arvuti taga.
- ☐ B Muri on arvutit taga.

4 I put the key on the table. You say:

- ☐ A Ma paned võtme lauale.
- ☐ B Ma panen võtme lauale.

G8) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|--|
| ① Muri on laua all. | ① A Muri is behind the computer. |
| ② Muri on printeri ees. | ② B Muri is in front of the printer. |
| ③ Muri on arvuti taga. | ③ C They put the key on the table. |
| ④ Nad panevad
võtme lauale. | ④ D Muri is under the table. |
| ⑤ Mina olen Lena. Me
paneme võtme
lauale. | ⑤ E I am Lena. They put the key on
the table. |
| ⑥ Mina olen Lena.
Nad panevad
võtme lauale. | ⑥ F I am Lena. We put the key on
the table. |
| ⑦ Me paneme võtme
lauale. | ⑦ G We put the key on the table. |

- 8 Ma panen võtme lauale. H I put the key on the table.