

Estonian for Beginners

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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: Learn Estonian Fast: Have = omama – Master mul on Forms

Learn Estonian (et) with an English guide to the verb “have”: omama and everyday patterns like mul on, sul on, tal on, sellel on, meil on, teil on, neil on. This funny podcast drills real-life lines, mini-dialogues, and a quick quiz so you can speak faster. Perfect for English – Estonian learners searching for “Learn Estonian,” “verb have,” and “omama meaning,” with context you can use today.

Welcome

Brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapselingo.com for more resources. Ready to have fun with Estonian?

- Hey, friend – du vibes only! Today you’ll conquer

the Estonian way to say “have,” from the base verb omama to daily power phrases like mul on and sul on.

- We'll keep it playful, fast, and memorable. Keys, coffee, ideas – you'll be able to say who has what in seconds!

Your goal today

By the end, you can point to anyone or anything and say exactly who has what – clean, quick, and confident.

- The base verb: “have” = omama.
- Everyday forms you'll use constantly:
 - - I have = mul on
 - - you (sing.) have = sul on
 - - he has = tal on
 - - she has = tal on
 - - it has = sellel on
 - - we have = meil on
 - - you (pl./polite) have = teil on
 - - they have = neil on
- Pro tip: In Estonian, the everyday pattern literally feels like “at X is Y.”

Mini dialogue at the café

Listen in and repeat out loud – make your mouth do the work!

- A: Do you have a pen? – B: Yes, sul on laual üks varu.
- A: Great! I have a notebook. – B: Heh, mul on ka kohv.
- A: Where are the tickets? – B: Tom has them: tal on piletid.
- A: And Anna? Does she have the map? – B: Jah, tal on kaart.
- A: What about the new phone? – B: sellel on uus aku, nii et kõik töötab.
- A: Team, do we have snacks? – All: Jah, meil on näksid!
- A: Folks, you have the water, right? – Group: Jaa, teil on pudelid.
- A: Do they have the keys? – B: Muidugi, neil on võtmed.

Beat drill

Clap the rhythm and speak – micro-pauses help you lock it in.

- Call: I have coffee. Response: mul on kohv.
- Call: You (sing.) have time. Response: sul on aega.

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- Call: He has a plan. Response: tal on plaan.
 - Call: She has an idea. Response: tal on idee.
 - Call: It has Wi-Fi. Response: sellel on Wi-Fi.
 - Call: We have tickets. Response: meil on piletid.
 - Call: You (plural) have a room. Response: teil on tuba.
 - Call: They have a car. Response: neil on auto.
 - Bonus chant: Base verb = omama, but daily talk = mul on, sul on, tal on...

Grammar snack

Here's the tasty truth, no grammar indigestion.

- In daily Estonian, “have” is expressed with a possessor + on: mul on raamat = I have a book. Literally “at me is a book.”
- Negation flips the switch: mul ei ole aega = I don't have time.
- You'll still see the base verb omama in formal phrases: Peab omama kogemust = must have experience.

Quick quiz

Answer out loud, then I'll reveal the solution after a short pause.

- Translate: We have coffee. Answer: meil on kohv.

- Translate: You (sing.) have keys. Answer: sul on võtmed.
- Translate: They have time today. Answer: neil on täna aega.
- Translate: She has a new book. Answer: tal on uus raamat.
- Translate: It has a new battery. Answer: sellel on uus aku.
- Translate: You (plural) have a reservation. Answer: teil on broneering.
- Speed check: What's the base verb "to have"? Answer: omama.
- Speed check: I have an idea! Answer: mul on idee!

Culture tip

Use what natives actually say – and spot formal phrases with ease.

- Everyday talk prefers the "at X is Y" pattern: mul on, sul on, tal on, meil on, teil on, neil on, sellel on.
- Job ads and formal notices may use omama: e.g., Kandidaat peab omama juhiluba = The candidate must have a driving license.

30-second challenge

Ready to flex? Speak fast and keep it playful.

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- Say three sentences about yourself using mul on. Example: mul on koer; mul on plaan; mul on kohv.
 - Point to a friend in your mind and say two lines with sul on.
 - Now one line each with tal on, meil on, teil on, neil on, and one feature sentence with sellel on.
 - Bonus: Make one formal sentence with omama (e.g., Pean omama kannatlikkust!).

Thanks and goodbye

You crushed it – high five!

- Thanks for learning with SynapseLingo. Keep practicing your mul on, sul on, tal on, sellel on, meil on, teil on, neil on, and the base verb omama.
- For more fun lessons and resources, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. Until next time – keep speaking boldly!

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: English – Estonian: be → olema – I am, you are

Learn the English – Estonian verb “to be” with clear, bite-size practice: be → olema and everyday forms like ma olen, sa oled, ta on. A mini-dialogue, echo drills, and a speed challenge help you speak naturally and fast. Perfect for beginners and anyone refreshing the basics.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey you, welcome! This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources and freebies. Let's make Estonian “to be” easy and fun together.

Today your mission is simple: connect English “be” to Estonian olema and speak it in real life right away. Keep your shoulders relaxed, grin a little, and if your cat judges your accent – just tell it, “It is fine,” or in Estonian: see on

okei.

Your forms today

Repeat after me – short, clear, and confident. Mistakes are welcome, progress is guaranteed.

- be → olema
- I am → ma olen (e.g., “I am ready” → ma olen valmis)
- you are (singular) → sa oled
- he is → ta on; she is → ta on
- it is → see on
- we are → me oleme
- you are (plural/formal) → te olete
- they are → nad on

Mini-dialogue: Café in Tallinn

Jump into a quick scene – listen, smile, and repeat the Estonian parts out loud.

- A: Hi! I'm Alex. → Tere! [ma olen] Alex.
- B: Nice! You are right on time. → Väga hea! [sa oled] täpselt õigel ajal.
- A: Is that the barista? He is super friendly. → Kas see on barista? [ta on] väga sõbralik.
- B: Yep, and the cake? It is amazing. → Jah, ja kook? [see on] imeline.

- C (joining): We are ready to order! → [me oleme] valmis tellima!
- Barista: Welcome! You are (all) my favorite customers. → Tere tulemast! [te olete] mu lemmikklientid.
- Group whisper: They are hungry. → [nad on] näljased.

Echo drills

I'll cue you – echo the Estonian like a rhythm. Keep it snappy!

- I am at home → ma olen kodus
- You are kind (singular) → sa oled lahke
- He is happy → ta on õnnelik
- She is at work → ta on tööl
- It is cold → see on külm
- We are friends → me oleme sõbrad
- You are ready (plural/formal) → te olete valmis
- They are here → nad on siin

Culture tip: One little ta on

Here's a tiny trick to sound natural.

In Estonian, both “he is” and “she is” are ta on. No gender fuss, just clean grammar. Point at a person and confirm with a warm nod: ta on fantastiline! Your life gets simpler, your compliments get faster.

Quiz time

Answer out loud. If you're unsure, guess cheerfully – your brain loves it.

- 1) What's the base verb "be" in Estonian? ... Answer: olema
- 2) Translate "it is": ... Answer: see on
- 3) Say "you are" to one friend: ... Answer: sa oled
- 4) Say "you are" to a group/formal: ... Answer: te olete
- 5) Translate "we are": ... Answer: me oleme
- 6) Translate "they are": ... Answer: nad on
- 7) He is / She is → ... Answer: ta on

Speed challenge

Beat me to it – say the Estonian first, then check your answer. Ready?

- I am a student → ma olen tudeng
- You are my friend (singular) → sa oled mu sõber
- He is tired → ta on väsinud
- She is at home → ta on kodus
- It is a good idea → see on hea mõte
- We are in Tallinn → me oleme Tallinnas

- You are amazing (plural/formal) → te olete suurepäraseks
- They are on time → nad on õigel ajal

Goodbye and keep going

You did great – seriously!

Quick recap: be → olema; I am → ma olen; you are (sing.) → sa oled; he/she is → ta on; it is → see on; we are → me oleme; you are (pl./formal) → te olete; they are → nad on. Thanks for listening – this podcast was brought to you by SynapseLingo. Keep practicing, share your wins, and visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more lessons, games, and laughs. Until next time – me oleme uhked su üle!

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: English – Estonian: Learn “go” = minema – Fast Verb Booster

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun English – Estonian mini-lesson helps you learn the Estonian verb for “to go” – minema – with real-life forms like ma lähen, sa lähed, ta läheb, me läheme, te lähete, and nad lähevad. You’ll practice with rhythm drills, a witty dialogue, and a quick quiz, plus a culture tip for answering “How’s it going?” with nii ja naa. Perfect for beginners who want to learn Estonian fast, in English, with clear examples and laughs. Visit SynapseLingo for more English – Estonian learning and verb power-ups.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey du! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your supercharged path to language fun. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources and freebies.

Today we'll master the Estonian verb "to go," minema, with clear forms, jokes, and quick drills. Ready? Strap in and smile!

Your goal today: minema made easy

By the end, du can say who goes where – smoothly and confidently.

- Infinitive: to go = minema
- I go = ma lähen
- You go (singular, friendly) = sa lähed
- He goes = ta läheb
- She goes = ta läheb
- We go = me läheme
- You go (plural/formal) = te lähete
- They go = nad lähevad
- Bonus mood check: so-so = nii ja naa

Laugh \ learn dialogue

A tiny scene to lock it in – listen and repeat aloud, du!

- A: Door's open – shall we go? B: Yup, I say "I go": ma lähen.