

Saying what you want.

Expressions you need to produce

Danish

Jeg vil gerne bestille et bord til seks personer.

Vi vil gerne komme i aften kl. otte.

Jeg ville høre om I har tid til at klippe mig?

Har I nogen tider i den her uge?

Det kan jeg desværre ikke.

Hvad med onsdag kl. 17?

English

I would like to book a table for 6 persons.

We would like to arrive tonight at eight o'clock.

I would like to ask if you have time to cut my hair?

Do you have any "times" (=available appointments) this week?

I can't do that, unfortunately.

How about Wednesday at five o'clock.

Words

Jeg

Vil

Ville

Gerne

Bestille

Et

Bord

Til

Seks

Personer

Vi

Komme

I aften

Kl. = klokken

Otte

I

shall, will

should, would

(past tense indicates politeness)

politeness marker

to book

one/ a

table

for

six

persons

we

to come

tonight

o'clock

eight

Mad	food
Friends	venner
Og	and
Hvornår?	when?
I dag	today
Næste	next
Uge	week

Idiomatic phrase

In idiomatic phrases, the words take on slightly different meanings, when the whole phrase is translated to another language. So you need to learn the phrase and its English equivalent as one vocabulary item. However, if you are curious to know more, check out the break down of the phrase, below. There you will find the literal meaning of each word. But remember to keep your focus on learning the whole phrase as one item.

Er det noget I kan klare? Is that possible?

Break down of the idiomatic phrase

Danish	English
Er	Is
Det	That
Noget	Something
I	You (plural)
Kan	Can
Klare	Handle

How to use it!

A friendly, informal way of asking if something is possible. This is an informal phrase, but I can hardly imagine a situation, where it would sound too informal. Just in case you want to be very formal and less jovial, you could use another expression, which is a literal translation of the English equivalent word by word:

Er det muligt? Is that possible?

Expressions you need to recognise

Ja. Hvornår skal det være?	Yes. When do you want it to be.
Ja, det kan vi godt sige.	Yes, that's okay. /We can say that.
Hvad siger du til i dag kl. 16?	How about today at four o'clock?

Så skal det være i næste uge.

Then it has to be next week.

Challenge number 1: The name of the restaurant

Did you manage to distinguish any sounds or words? Well the name of the restaurant that your friend recommended, is: **Mad og Venner = Food and Friends**

Challenge number 2: Booking a hair cut

You didn't get a lot of help in the podcast. I just gave you the dialogue. However, you will find all the sentences of this dialogue above. But they are not listed in the same order in which they occur in the dialogue. Here's a great challenge: Listen to the dialogue many times, and write down the whole dialogue.

Pronunciation highlights

vil	<i>is pronounced</i>	veh'
ville	<i>is pronounced</i>	veall
nogen	<i>is pronounced</i>	nown
bord	<i>is pronounced</i>	boa'
uge	<i>is pronounced</i>	uwe

Learn, remember and use it forever!

First... Create flash cards! A flash card is a piece of cardboard with Danish on one side and English on the other. Or you can download the free software Anki, and make electronic flash cards. The program will space your repetitions for you according to how well you have learned each card. Download Anki: <http://ichi2.net/anki/>

It's fine to make cards with single words, just make sure also to do one card for each whole phrase. This is important.

Then... Flip through your flash cards many times a week. Preferably every day.

And finally... Use these expressions whenever you have the chance. Never mind if you are having a conversation in English. Just go ahead and speak your Danish phrases! The reactions you get will probably be positive. Some people might even want to tell you other things you could also say in Danish. And just like that, you are having a real life language class – for free and without sitting for hours in a class!