

## ***Numbers, weekdays and how to book...anything!***

### ***Expressions you need to produce***

#### **Danish**

Jeg vil gerne bestille...

en tid til klokken fem.  
en taxa til klokken to.  
en buket til 200 kroner.  
et bord til 4 personer.  
2 billetter til København

Ja, det er fint.  
Ja, det kan vi godt sige.  
Vi bliver 2 personer.  
Ja, det er en aftale.  
Tak for det.

#### **English**

I would like to book/reserve/order

an appointment at five o'clock.  
a taxi at two o'clock.  
a bouquet for 200 kr.  
table for 4 persons.  
two tickets for Copenhagen.

Yes, that's fine.  
Yes, that's okay. /We can say that.  
We are two people.  
Yes, it's a deal.  
Thank you (for this).

### ***Words***

#### **Numbers**

En/et  
To  
Tre  
Fire  
Fem  
Seks  
Syv  
Otte  
Ni  
Ti  
Elleve  
Tolv

one  
two  
three  
four  
five  
six  
seven  
eight  
nine  
ten  
eleven  
twelve

Klokken fire  
Klokken halv fire

four o'clock  
half past three

### Week days

Mandag	Monday
Tirsdag	Tuesday
Onsdag	Wednesday
Torsdag	Thursday
Fredag	Friday
Lørdag	Saturday
Søndag	Sunday

### Other new words

Billetter	tickets
Vin	wine
Men	but
Halv	half
Selv	self
Heller	either
Bliver	become, will be (‘bliver’ can also mean ‘stay’)
Vi	We
Kroner	Name of Danish currency
Undskyld	Sorry

## ***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 it's 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.*

Det kan jeg desværre ikke klare.

I'm afraid that's not possible.

### Break down of the idiomatic phrase

Danish	English
Det	That
Kan	Can
Jeg	I
Desværre	Unfortunately
Ikke	Not
Klare	Handle

### **Be careful: How to use it!**

This is friendly way of letting people know, that what they asked for, is unfortunately not possible or cannot be done. Do not say this to your boss! This phrase is used in a customer/salesperson relation. Not between friends. And not between colleagues. You do not want your friends or colleagues (or even) your boss to think, that you treat them like a customer. If you want to kindly reject friend/colleague/boss you should change the phrase:

**Danish** Det kan jeg desværre ikke. Det er jeg ked af.  
**English** I cannot do that unfortunately. I am sorry about that.

## ***Expressions you need to recognise***

Det er hos 'Name of place'.	This is at 'Name of place'.
Ja, lige et øjeblik.	Yes, just one moment.
Hvornår skal det være?	When do you want it to be?
Men hvad med klokken halv otte?	But, how about half past seven.
Hvad siger du til klokken otte?	How about eight o'clock?
Godt, jamen så siger vi det.	Good, then, that's a deal.
Hvor mange bliver I?	How many (people) are you?
Selv tak.	You're welcome.

## ***Challenge: Name of the restaurant***

Did you get it? The restaurant is called: **Mad og Vin** (Food and Wine)

## ***Pronunciation highlights***

Fire = 4	<i>is pronounced</i>	like the English word 'fear'
Billetter	<i>is pronounced</i>	belettah'
*This VERY common word ending "-er"	<i>is pronounced</i>	ah'
Elleve = 11	<i>is pronounced</i>	elverh' (the 'e' in the middle is mute)
Tolv = 12	<i>is pronounced</i>	tall ('v' is mute)
Halv	<i>is pronounced</i>	hal ('v' is mute)
Selv	<i>is pronounced</i>	sel ('v' is mute)
Godt	<i>is pronounced</i>	god ('t' is mute)

## ***Phone conversation between you and a waiter.***

Waiter: Det er hos Mad og Vin. Hvad kan jeg hjælpe med?

**You: Jeg vil gerne bestille et bord.**

Waiter: Ja, lige et øjeblik. Hvornår skal det være?

**You: På fredag klokken syv.**

Waiter: Det kan jeg desværre ikke klare.  
Men hvad med klokken halv otte?

**You: Ja, det er fint.**

Waiter: Nej, undskyld. Det kan jeg desværre heller ikke klare.  
Hvad siger du til klokken otte?

**You: Ja, det kan vi godt sige.**

Waiter: Godt, jamen så siger vi det. Hvor mange bliver I?

**You: Vi bliver to.**

Waiter: Et bord til to på fredag klokken 8.

**You: Ja, det er en aftale.**

Waiter: Mmm...ja.

**You: Okay. Tak for det.**

Waiter: Selv tak.

**You: Farvel.**

Waiter: Farvel.

## ***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! People will love you for it!