

# Dutch

The list of topics is indicative only (as typically encountered at those levels) to help prospective students select the most appropriate course. When topics and grammar points appear under several levels, they will be either a revision and/or more in-depth study of the topic/grammar area. Most grammar structures and vocabulary items are of course encountered again and often reinforced in subsequent levels.

Accelerator	Progression	Development	Typical topics	Grammar
Stage 1 (continued next page)	Beginners	Step 1	Cardinal & ordinal numbers The alphabet Greeting and leave taking Introductions, personal details Nationalities & languages Professions Hobbies The house, rooms Dates, days, months & festive seasons Shopping, food, drink, money Coffee culture, lunch breaks Telephone conversations	Pronunciation of vowels and diphthongs Word order in main clause & in questions Definite article: de- and het-words Indefinite article een Gender Noun & adjective agreement Predication and attributive use of the adjective Position of the past participle Present tense Perfect tense of weak verbs Interrogative pronouns Yes/No questions Negative of simple sentences Personal pronouns: subject
		Step 2	Going out, holidays Seasons, the weather Making plans Transport Locations Complaining Excuses	Auxiliary modal verbs Future tense Perfect tense of strong verbs Personal pronouns: direct object Position of objects in a sentence Prepositions of time, manner & place Possessives & demonstratives

Stage 1 (continued)	Elementary	Step 1	Writing letters and addressing envelopes, emailing Dutch table manners Food, breakfast Expressions of time Colours Giving orders Celebrations & traditions	Word order: focus on direct objects Use of 'te' and 'om te' Diminutives Coordinate and subordinate clauses Interrogatives in indirect questions Adverbials of manner, place & time Past tense Imperative Separable verbs To before an infinitive
		Step 2	Transport (Mild) swear words and exclamations Travelling & holidays Seasons Clothes Likes & dislikes Broadcasts	Compound nouns Comparative and superlative of adjectives and adverbs Relative pronouns with prepositions Past tense of modal verbs and double infinitives Pluperfect tense Use of 'laten' with infinitives Reflexive verbs Use of Mezelf Transitive and intransitive verbs
	Lower Intermediate (continued next page)	Step 1	Household chores Dikes, waterline, the Delta Works Some further animals	How to say 'whose' Asking questions with 'what' plus a preposition The passive The meaning of 'er' Expressing the progressive form of verbs How to express actions that started in the past and are still continuing

	<p>Lower Intermediate (continued)</p>	<p>Step 2</p>	<p>Winter celebrations Charles V Eighty Year War KNMI The weather Some further birds Asking for directions Explaining the way How to express ailments Parts of the body Computer terminology</p>	<p>Al, alle(n) and allemaal Beide(n) en allebei Alles, iets, niets, en niemand The conditional and conditional perfect tenses Saying 'should (have)' and 'could (have)' Negation and the position of niet/nooit Prepositions Verbs with prepositional objects The separating of prefixes from infinitives and past participles How to use the verb hoeven 'to need' Independent use of modals Present participles Verbal nouns</p>
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