



Dutch to Go

How playing with a weird language
could brighten up your day...



Why on earth would you like to speak Dutch?

If you ask me: hey Albert, why do you speak Dutch? Then my answer would be very simple. I was born in a small country with loads and loads of tulips a long long time ago and it was that language that both my parents spoke. When I was a baby I simply copied what I heard and that is why I speak it. It is not that I want to speak Dutch, I simply speak it...

That is a very logical and simple answer, right?

But then... how would this question work for you? You might like the idea of speaking it but... then it also means that you have to learn it first. That means hard work and effort. Yuk!

And then when you start to think about it it does not make sense. **Learning Dutch only gives disadvantages.** Let's mention a few:

Dutch is hideous

At least 99,98% of the whole world does not speak Dutch

Dutch is very hard to learn

If you try to speak Dutch, **people will switch to English anyway...**

This is indeed one way of looking at it. If this is how you think, you are absolutely right! But... if somehow you walk along in Holland again and again, then one day you may start to feel that you miss something...

It is annoying if you do not know what is going on around you and if you cannot participate...

You may also notice that although Dutch people perfectly understand you when you speak English, you also notice that **they also put you in that special place that you could call the expatzone.** It can be nice for a while, but if you really like to participate with everything that is around you'll notice that English is not always that great. Sure... you can buy things, ask for all the things that you need but **what you could miss is that special connection....**

So maybe one day you get the idea that speaking Dutch could make your life richer, more interesting and engaging. You'll decide to learn some Dutch and immediately you notice: **this is f*cking overwhelming!** There are too many things that you don't understand and you don't know that to do....

By the way, have you ever experienced this: the harder you try to learn and to study, the more difficult it becomes to speak Dutch

Even when you are highly motivated it is so easy to feel frustrated once you notice that the road to any Dutch conversation can be very very loooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooong!

Even when you like Dutch and if you speak some Dutch already, you may notice that somehow you'll hit a wall again and again. So here is a simply question: would you like to speak Dutch, yes or no? If your answer is yes, then go to the next page :)

The problem is that often if you are too serious and if you try to work too hard things get really difficult and speaking Dutch is no exception.

So here is another idea... first of all, sit down and **relax**.... and then **start to play with Dutch in a very gentle way**. Don't try to study, simply start to explore and chances are high that once you do it, you'll start to discover things.

You may realize that Dutch and English have as a matter of fact many things in common. Maybe you'll find out that if you play with thoughts and if you start to look at things from different perspectives, Dutch gets more logical....

This eBook Dutch To Go can help you. It is a collection of 40 lighthearted observations of every day life in Holland. Probably you'll start to recognize things and hopefully there will be a smile on your face now and then.

One thing is certain... Once more and more things around you start to make more sense to you you will find it easier to feel ease wherever you go in Holland. You'll start to appreciate more things and you'll understand Dutch people a lot better, certainly when they speak English to you.

Here is one important secret. **Learning has little to do with studying**. Studying is just one way of learning things with a very strong forced focus and normally it takes a lot of energy. On the other hand, **learning is** - whether you believe it or not - a normal natural state. It is what you love to do by nature and you'll notice that anytime when you **discover new things** it will feel good and you'll **feel motivated to go for much more!**

So have fun with Dutch To Go. Look at Dutch words, read the English texts and when you look at the pictures you'll be amazed how quickly your brain will see logical connections. Once again, do it bit by bit, for a longer time and things will change. And... you never know... one day you might like to **speak Dutch for real!**

All the best,

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WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR MIND

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1 A special word that only exists in Dutch!

Most Dutch words are not unique at all. Most Dutch words look like English, German or even French words, but... there are a couple of exceptions and **tuin** is one of them. You will only find it in Dutch and not in any other language!

If you see **tuin** for the first time, you might think that it means town, but... it means garden, so somehow you just have to memorize it.

If you like, you can make new combinations. If you put a little house in your garden it turns into **tuinhuisje** (you can see it on the picture) and if you combine it with **man** it turns into **tuinman** and then you have the right word for a gardener!



If you put **meubels** (furniture) in your garden it turns into **tuinmeubels**!



2 How drinking bier can help your Dutch

One of the first Dutch words that most people learn is **biertje** and then you also have **fluitje**, which is **een biertje in een speciaal glas**. It is not that difficult to remember, right?

Here is one important tip. Most words in Dutch have multiple meanings. **Een fluit is een muziekinstrument**. Can you see what it is? And then you can also make een fluit smaller and then it changes into een **fluitje**



By the way, you can also say in Dutch: **de nachtegaal fluit**. Sure, you may not see **de fluit** but in Dutch it makes perfect sense!

And of course if you like you can also do it with your own mouth. You could say: **ik loop naar mijn werk en ik fluit** (I go to work and whistle). It may not be the most beautiful music on this planet, but... chances are that you are in a good mood!



3 Why there is only one Sinterklaas in Holland...

Sinterklaas is very popular in Holland especially among little children. Every time that little children see Sinterklaas, they get very excited and the reason is very simple. Chances are high then that you'll get presents. Sinterklaas is a very generous person with a great heart and somehow he really enjoys it when he can hand out millions of presents to people in Holland...

But.... here is a strange thing... Not many Dutch people like the idea of behaving like Sinterklaas. Here is what they often say: **ik ben Sinterklaas niet!** It means that they don't want to give things to other people. One important reason not to act like Sinterklaas is that you have limited financial resources.

Sometimes some Dutch people do behave like Sinterklaas, they give things away but they never pay for it. They like to give away things with money of other people and this is not the true spirit of Sinterklaas. If you like to act like him, make sure that you give away only these things that you bought or own yourself. Do not send the bill to someone else!



4 Why not sing on your bike?

In Amsterdam close to Nemo and Central Station there is a special **fietspad**.... It is a special fietspad where you are allowed to sing! It is an official **zangfietspad**!

Although it is a great initiative, there is one little problem... this fietspad is really short! You'll only have the chance to sing a couple of lines of your favorite song, unless you go very slowly... If you like to sing whole songs then probably you'll need to go on this **zangfietspad** again, again and again!



Zanger is a person that sings in Dutch and you can use **zangeres** for a woman
Bruce Springsteen is een zanger en Madonna is een zangeres
By the way, **springsteen** in Dutch would be a jumping stone! :)
Make sure however that then you pronounce it as spring stain.....

5 Only one person can cut me!

Many Dutch words may look more or less the same, but often there can be a huge difference! Here is a great example. Where would you rather like to go? **De kapper** or **een kaper**? **Een kapper** is a person that cuts your hair and **een kaper** is someone that hijacks. It might be a better idea to go to een kapper then. That person will only cut your hair!



Het kapsel is haircut
Ik heb een kort kapsel

Een kapsalon is also something
that you can eat!



6 Why blue is the scariest color in Holland

What is the first thing that you feel when you hear **blauwe envelop**? If you have not been living in Holland for a longer time, you may believe that blue is a nice color for an envelope, but een blauwe envelop normally brings Dutch people in a state of shock. For them it is always traumatizing news, because **een blauwe envelop** is from **De Belastingdienst** (Dutch Tax Office)



Ik betaal means I pay in Dutch. But... there is a special expression. You can pay in such a way so that you start to look blue. You start to look blue when you have to pay loads and loads of money! It goes like this: **ik betaal me blauw!**

Do you think that there could be a relationship with that @#\$ blauwe envelop?

7 Would you like to go into the mist?

Mist is a very simple word in Dutch. It means fog of course. But... there is a special expression and probably it will make sense to you. It goes like this: **ik ga de mist in** (I go the mist in)

Imagine that you give a presentation for hundred people. Everything goes great but then all of a sudden you notice: **ik ga de mist in!** It is easy to imagine that everything goes wrong, right?



Of course you can also say things like:

Het project gaat de mist in
Mijn examen gaat de mist in



In Dutch you can say: **het mist** (er is mist).
It works like: **het regent** (it rains) & **het sneeuwt** (it snows)



8 Why is fiets een fiets?

Bike in English is a logical word. It comes from bicycle and that means that it has two wheels. The French word vélo comes from *vélocité*, so it means that it is really fast. But strangely enough, the origin of **fiets** remains a huge mystery...

There is another word **rijwiel** and that makes much more sense. That literally means riding wheel...



Een fietser or een rijwieler is a person on a bike. And... there is a special word: wielrenner. Een wielrenner is a person that loves to run on wheels at a high speed. You'll see many wielrenners at the Tour de France.

Wielrenners hebben een speciale fiets: een racefiets!



Geen rijwielen a.u.b means no bikes please

A.u.b comes from **alstublieft** and means both please and here you are...

9 Mijn ex is een heks!

De heks is easy to remember... Just think of: mijn ex is een heks and the word will be yours... If you like you could also say: ik wil geen seks met een heks (I don't want sex with a witch). Just use the sentence that works best for you!

Another way to look at it is that heks sounds exactly the same as hex (an evil spell or curse) in English.

One tip: if you hear de heks in Dutch conversation it does not always mean witch. Sometimes it is another word for **schoonmoeder** (mother in law)



10 Yes! It is that time of the year again!

Geboortedag is literally birthday, but it has a different meaning in Dutch. It just means date of birth.

There is another word if you celebrate your birthday and that is jarig. **Jarig** comes from **jaar** and it is a logical word, because it happens every year.

If you say: **ik ben jarig** (I am yearish) then it means: it is my birthday. **De jarige** is a person that has a birthday.



There are two other words you can use for de jarige.

De jarige Job for a man & **De jarige Jet** for a woman!

There is also the gender neutral option: **het feestvarken** (feast pig)

11 Holland is so refreshing!

Fris in Dutch means fresh, in the sense that something is refreshing. Sometimes it also means chilly or a bit cold. If you say: *het is fris* it means that it is cold or chilly.

Have you notice that Dutch people are often lazy bastards? In stead of saying **het is fris**, they prefer to pronounce it like **'t is fris**. That is why you may also hear things like **'tiskoud (het is koud)** & **'tisheet (het is heet)**



Een fris or **een frisje** can also stand for softdrink in Dutch



12 The biggest fake Dutch experience ever

What do you notice if you look at this picture? It says Dutch Bistrô, but if you look closely enough, there is nothing Dutch to discover.

First of all everything seems to be in English and they do not even serve bitterballen. Some tourists may believe that they got the real experience there, but Dutch people know much better of course :)

And... if you like it really really Dutch, it would be a great idea not to use the French word bistrô either. The best thing to do is to go for **eethuisje** then!



13 How to make your bread more lekker!

If you say in Dutch **ik werk voor mijn brood** (I work for my bread) then it means that you work for a living. But... would a living only exist of dry bread? Of course not!

If you have **brood**, then what you need to do is **beleggen**. **Beleggen** comes from **leggen** and it means that you lay things on your bread such as **kaas** or **hagelslag**. That will make your bread a lot richer!

If you understand that **beleggen** will make bread a lot richer, then it is easy to understand that beleggen in Dutch means **investeren**. If you do it the right way, you will have much more on your bread!



De belegger = de investeerder (investor)
De belegging = de investering (investment)

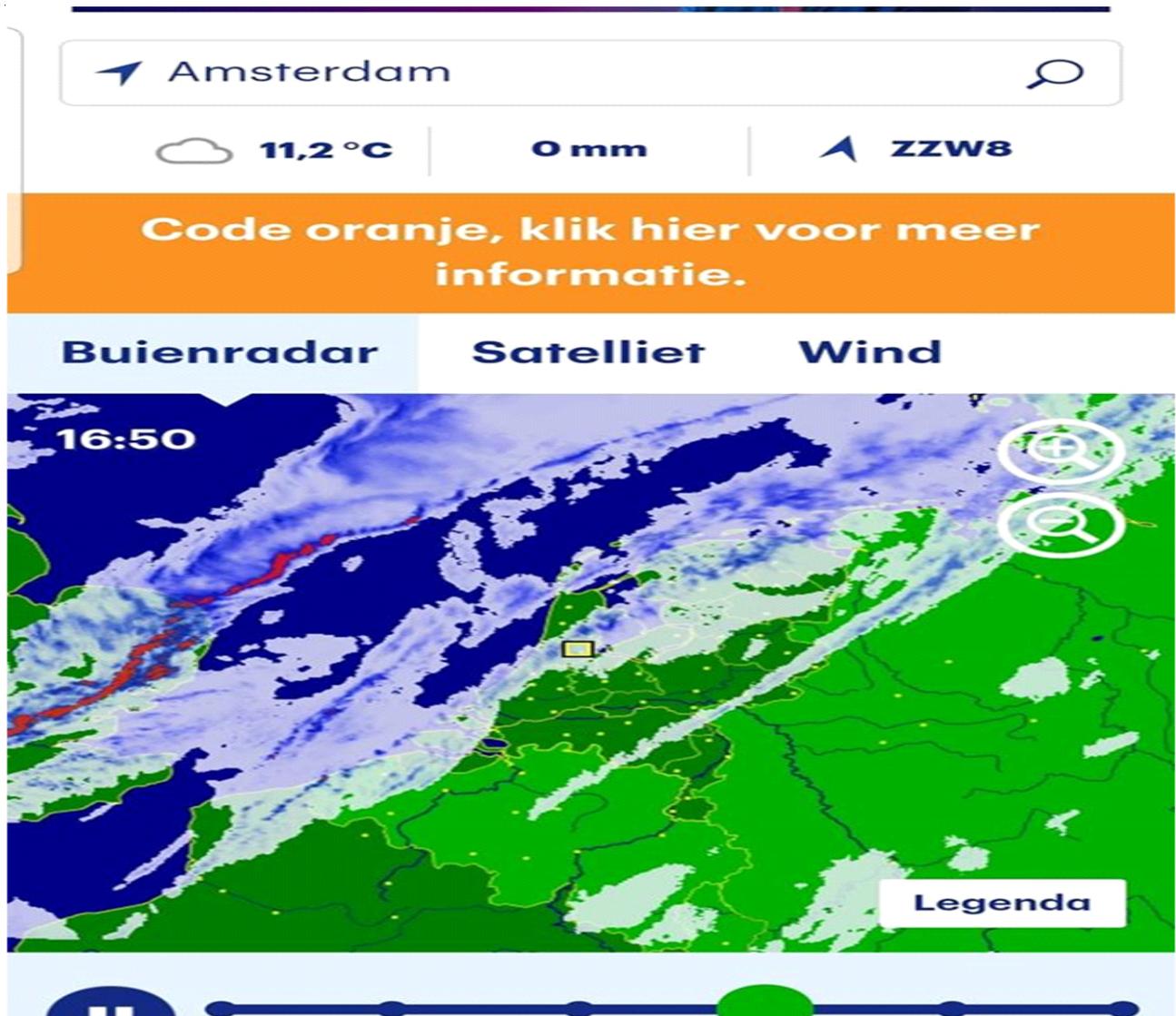
Hagelslag is een typisch Nederlands broodbeleg



14 Make sure that you choose the right rain shower!

Buienradar is a great tool to use. It shows you where all de **regenbuien** (rain showers) are! And... in Dutch the word **bui** has more than one meaning of course...

Would you agree that the weather sometimes can represent your mood? That is why de **bui** also stands for emotional mood. You can say: **ik heb een goede bui** (I have a good mood) or **ik ben in een goede bui** (I am in a good mood)



Just in case that your mood is not good... this is what you can say:

ik ben niet in een goede bui - ik heb geen goede bui

Or to put it more directly: **ik ben in een slechte bui- ik heb een slechte bui!**

This means that you are in a bad mood :(

Een bui only lasts for a limited time of course. This is true both for rain and emotions!

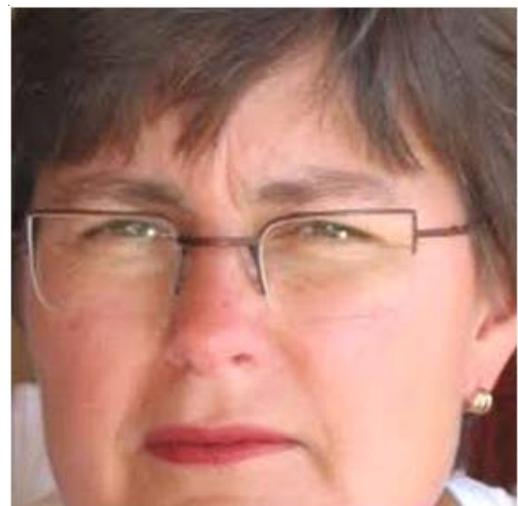
15 Would this harm your first impression?

Any time that you go to a new country, you will meet people with funny names. **Harm** is a normal name in Dutch, but chances are high that you may have some second thoughts about it.

At the same time, some names do not make sense in English. Why would you call your child Bill and not Invoice?



Haar naam is Joke Kok



16 How to stand in the shoes (or clogs) of your customer!

Many people love to complain about the poor quality of Dutch customer service, but... one thing is certain... Dutch people often stand in the shoes of their customers.

Here is a perfect example:

What does **te koop** mean? You might think that it means for sale, but this is not entirely true...

Te koop literally means for buying or for purchase. It means that you can buy it!

So what do think? Do Dutch people stand in the shoes of their customers?



Make sure that you do not confuse these two sentences:

Ik koop schoenen = I buy shoes

Ik verkoop schoenen = I sell shoes



17 Something you can use rain or shine

One thing that you'll often need in Holland is een **paraplu**. It means against the rain and it comes from French, parapluie

Dutch people are often lazy bastards and they love to shorten words... Instead of paraplu they may also use plu. They might say: **ik vergeet mijn plu!** (I forget my umbrella)



If you replace plu with the Spanish word for sun (sol) you get **parasol**. It is more or less the same thing that you can use under all kind of weathers!

18 Meet the most positive animal of the Dutch world!

Een dolfijn is the most positive animal in Dutch that you can think of, because it has the words **dol & fijn**

Dol means out of control and it also means very crazy, in a positive sense

Fijn means really really nice

That is why dolfijn means nice in a crazy way!



If you absolutely love something, you can use dol

Een dolfijn is dol op vis

Ik ben (I am) dol op stroopwafels!



Fijn weekend = have a great weekend

Fijn weer = great weather

19 Today is a perfect day!

Vandaag is today and if vandaag is your favorite day, then you can call yourself lucky!
Is vandaag een perfecte dag of hoop je op morgen?



Vandaag is a typical word that many learners of Dutch write wrong. They often write it: vaandag, but you have to write it vandaag

If you say: **het feest van vandaag**, then it means the party of today!

Van is a preposition and it never changes....

20 The right meaning is closer than you think!

Do you already know the Dutch word **afstand**? If you look closely enough (pun intended), it is easy to guess what it means.

Afstand is literally off-stance. Can you see it now? Afstand means distance of course. Een lange afstand is a long distance and... it is also something that you can feel...you can say: **ik voel een afstand**



21 Where would you rather live?

If you had to live in one of these two streets, then which one would you chose?
Would you go for **Corona** or **Moordsteeg**?

Moord is murder and **steeg** is an alley, a very narrow street.

If you choose for Corona you'll have one advantage: it is easier to pronounce!



Moord can have more meanings in Dutch.

Een moordwapen is a weapon that you use for killing but...

een moordwif can also be a great and fantastic hot chic!

You like this girl so much and you would even be willing to murder for it...

22 Could I order two babies please?

Ooievaar is not the first Dutch word that you may learn and you can see de ooievaar in Amsterdam!

This is something that can help you to remember it: **een mooie ooievaar** (a beautiful stork).

People believe that de ooievaar brings babies and... I come from a small village (Broek op Langedijk) with loads of cabbage fields. No wonder that in my village people also believe that babies come from cabbage!



Here are some useful and practical sentences:

Dag ooievaar mag ik een baby?

Ik wil graag één baby - ik wil graag twee (2) / drie (3) / vier (4) baby's

Een jongen / meisje alsjeblieft (boy / girl)

Ik wil een tweeling (twin)

Mijn adres is

P.S: remember that the delivery takes more or less 9 months and that you cannot return your order once you have received it!

23 Oops! Hard can be really hard in Dutch

What is the first association that you have with the Dutch word **hard**? You'll think of English, right?

In Dutch you can say: **ik werk hard** (I work hard) but then... you can also say: **ik loop hard**. Then it means that you are jogging

De muziek is hard = de muziek is luid. Here it means that the volume is loud, but...if could also be heavy hard rock of course



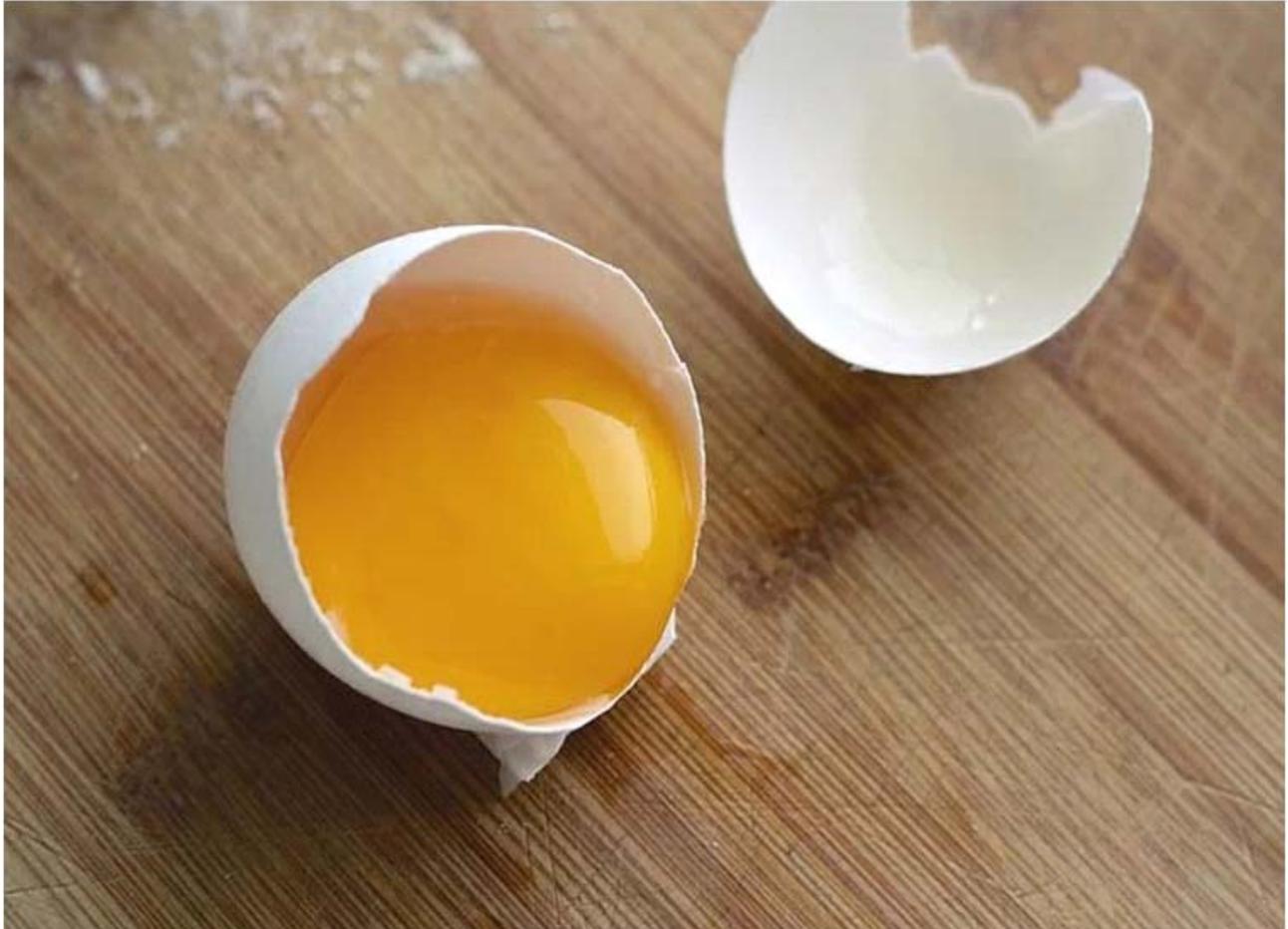
Here are some other sentences that you can use:

Ik ren naar de trein

Ik sprint naar de trein

24 How many vowels can you handle?

One special word in Dutch is **eierdooier** (yolk). Can you see that it has a ridiculous amount of vowels? If Dutch people ask you if Dutch is a difficult language, then make sure that you use eierdooier as an example. People may stand in awe for you, now that you must have supernatural powers in order to learn Dutch :)



You may have seen the word **eieren** (eggs) already.

Eieren (eggs) comes from **het ei** (egg)

A long long time ago there used to be a word *ey* and *eyren* in Old English, but then one day it got replaced by *egg*, which came from Old Norse.

It seems that a long time ago the Vikings did the job of the Easter Bunny ...

25 Why would you call your boat Titanic?

Roestbak is quite a funny name in Dutch for a boat. In English you may call it rust bucket. It is a word that you can give for an old car and obviously also for a boat. The word is not that positive of course, but for a boat is more original than Titanic!



Rust roest is an old expression in Dutch. It says that if you rest you rust. It seems to make sense. If you don't use your bike for years it will turn into rust. The same thing is true for your body! and for your brains. Use it or lose it...



26 Welkom in mijn paleisje

Paleis is palace in Dutch. But... if you see **het Paleis op de Dam** then what would you think? Would it be paleis in your language? Chances are high that in your language it would be a lot bigger! This one looks more like a bungalow, right?

Here is another thing... As you may have noticed, Dutch people love to make things smaller all the time. If they invite you in their home they may say: **welkom in mijn paleisje**. What would make more sense to you? **Welkom in mijn paleisje** or **welkom in mijn paleis**?



Koning (king) + **Huis** = **Koningshuis**
House of the King is Royal Family

27 Great words for your Tinder profile!

Lelijk in Dutch is ugly and the text **lelijk maar wel lekker** means ugly but still tasteful. What do you think? Would you use it on your Tinder profile?



Lelijkerd! is also a word that you can use for an ugly person.

Ga weg lelijkerd! = Go away, ugly person!

Hou afstand lelijkerd! = keep a distance, ugly person!

28 How many wines can you put in one glass?

What would you think if you see **30 wijnen per glas**? There are two ways of looking at it. One interpretation could be that you put 30 different wines in one glass!

Here is one practical tip. If you order things in Dutch you can keep it singular. You can say: **twee bier , twee wijn, drie koffie** etc...

If you put it in plural it often means different kinds of. You can say: **ik drink veel wijn** (loads of wine) or **ik drink veel wijnen** (different types of wine). **Bieren** = different types of wine & **koffies** = different types of coffee



Pay attention! If you make things smaller, then you must always add s
Ik wil **twee biertjes, drie wijntjes, vier ijsjes** etc



29 How would you pronounce the name of this street?

How would you pronounce the name of the street? The first tip is that you do not feel intimidated by the length of the word... **Binnengasthuisstraat** looks long, but there is no reason to panic.

First of all **straat** is street. **Binnen** is inside or interior. But then... how would you interpret **gasthuis**? It could be **gas thuis** (gas at home) or **gast huis** (guest house). It refers to **gast-huis** of course....

So here is the trick... once you realize that many long words are built up of smaller words, you'll find it easier to pronounce them and to guess the right meaning!



30 Why translating sucks

Did you already discover that many Dutch words have more than 1 meaning in English? This principle can make translating really difficult! Here is a perfect example: **de duif zit op de bank**. What would you say?

Duif is dove and... it can also be pigeon. And bank could be a place where you put all your money but it is also a bench in the park. And by the way, if you take a bench out of the park and put it in your living room, it would still be the same thing!



Ik heb hier geld op de bank! :)



31 We are not in this together!

Wij means we in English and it is extremely vague! If other people say it to you, you never know whether you are included or not. A Dutch person may say to you: **wij gaan naar het café** and then when you like to join, they say: **nee.... WIJ gaan naar het café!**

That is why WIJ is the trickiest word in any language!



In Dutch there are 2 words for wij, you can also use **we**
Wij is the emphasized form and you use it whenever you compare:
wij & zij (us and them) or **wij en niet jij!** (we and not you)
You can also use we, but make sure that you do not pronounce it the English way,
because **wie** is who!

32 How to say that something is really really small....

Just have a look at the picture here and then you'll see some little birds... the sound that they produce in Dutch is **piep piep piep!**

That is why you can say: piepklein and it means really really small. Nederland is een piepklein land and you can also say: **ik woon (I live) in een piepklein appartement**



Other examples are:

IJskoud

Doodnormaal

Peperduur (as expensive as pepper)

33 How to find the perfect excuse in Dutch!

Finding the right excuse in Dutch is always easy. If you are late simply say: **de brug was open!** This excuse always works :)

A philosophical question of course is: **is de brug dicht (closed) of open?** What would you say? It depends on your perspective, right?



Sorry, **ik ben TE laat** is how you would say: I am late.
Even if you arrive one minute later than scheduled, **te laat** makes perfect sense.
If you say TE laat in Dutch, then it does not always mean that the party is over....

34 You are such a lovey bird!

Vogel is bird in Dutch. But.. it can also refer to people. In English if you like, you could call a woman a bird, but... in Dutch it tends to refer much more to a man!

If you say: **wat doet deze vogel hier?** it means: what is this guy doing here?



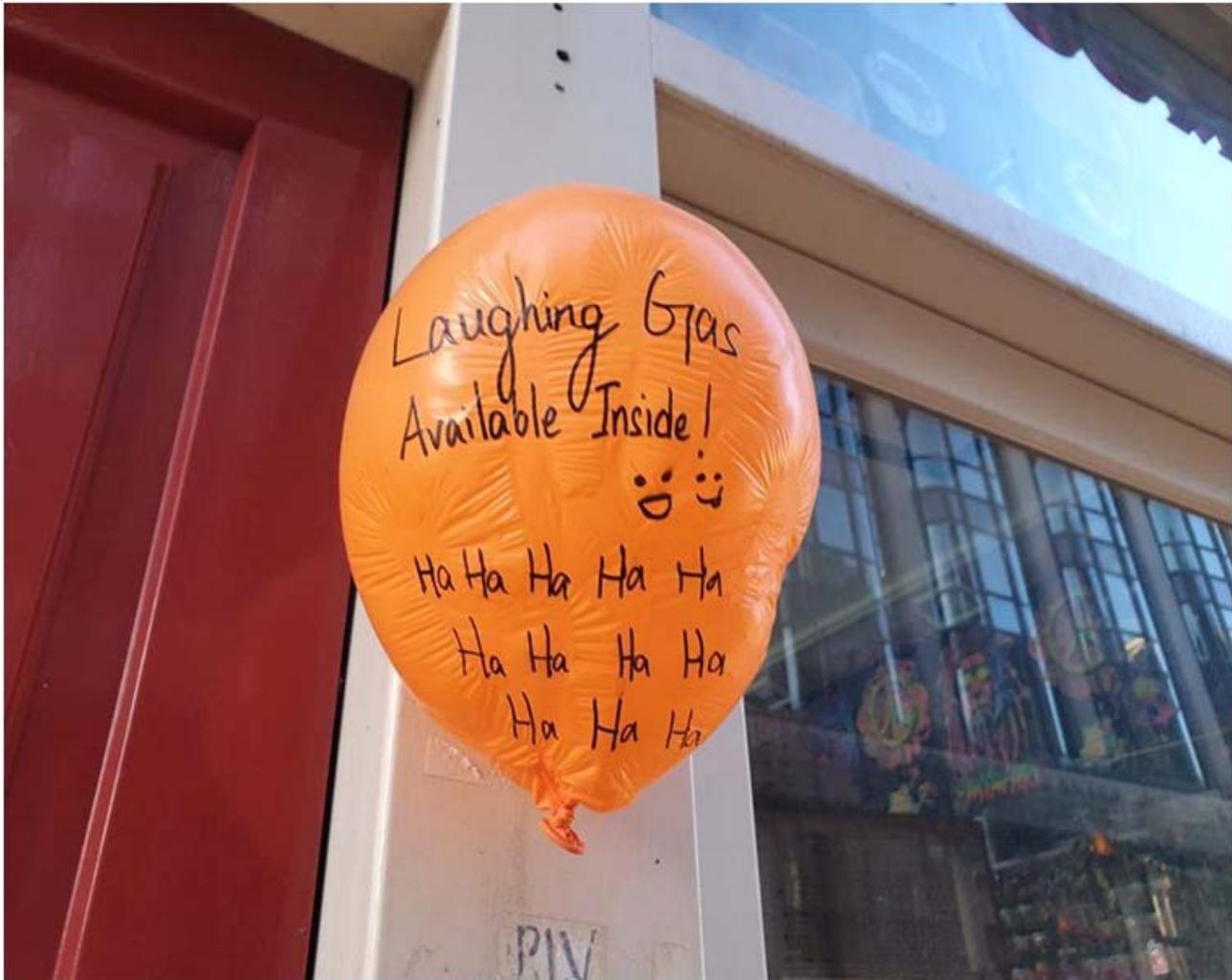
Vogel is also a German word. You may have seen products from A, Vogel. That is Mr. Bird in English!



35 Is this Dutch word really so funny?

Believe it or not, **gas** is a Dutch (or Flemish) word that was coined some centuries ago. A chemist J.B. van Helmont thought that it would be a nice word and found inspiration from the Greek word Kaos which means empty space.

One popular type of gas in Holland is **lachgas** ! The idea is that this gas makes you laugh. The only problem is that in Holland the police will not always think that lachgas is funny...



How would you interpret this sentence?

Ik geef gas!

Literally it means I give gas!

You can use it when you drive in your car and when you start to drive faster.

Therefore it can also mean: I speed things up or I go for it!

36 That one season that really counts

Lente is spring in Dutch and it is easy to relate it to lent in English, it is a period in which you fast in spring!

Here is one funny thing. Have you ever noticed that people tend to count de lente when they talk about their age? You'll hear things like: **ik ben 25 lentes jong**. People use it for all ages though, some people might even say: **ik ben 80 lentes jong**?

What would you say? Does **80 lentes** make sense or should you say **80 winters instead**? One thing is certain... if you survived 80 winters, you must be very strong!



37 Tijd voor de blowerij!

Blowerij is a great Dutch word. Blowen in Dutch means that you smoke weed and blowerij makes perfect sense.

Here are some other examples:

Wassen (to wash) - **Wasserij** (a place where you can wash)

Brouwen (to brew) - **Brouwerij** (Heineken is een bierbrouwerij)

Stomen - **Stomerij** This is a place where they steam your clothes, in Dutch you would call it dry cleaners....



Blowen is specifiek voor wiet!



Extra tip: gras is alleen voor koeien, konijnen en geiten!
In Dutch **gras** is only for cows, rabbits and goats!



38 Why in Holland they distrust happy people!

How would you interpret **de man is glad**? Probably you would assume that the man is happy, right? In Dutch this would not necessarily be the case. The thing is that glad has another in Dutch. **IJs is glad** in Dutch.... So glad means slippery and sometimes also smooth...

De man is glad means that he really knows how to talk in a very charming way so that people like and trust him, but... often such as man does not have good intentions... he is just misleading you. Many politicians can be glad and also people that are good at sales. One term that you could use in English is smooth operator!

Blij would be the Dutch word to use if you like to say that you feel happy.



IJs glad is very very slippery in Dutch. You can say: de straat is ijs glad. Another funny expression is **spek glad**, as slippery as bacon....

Can you guess what **vorst** means? If you **replace v with f** it will be a lot easier, then you get Forst. Now shuffle the letters a bit and it will be frost! This is a trick that often works in Dutch!



39 Let's burst that bubble!

Een bubbel in Dutch can both be positive and negative. If you have invested a lot of your money in Bitcoin for example, then you would not like the idea of een **bitcoinbubbel**. In Dutch you can create any bubble that you like **huizenbubbel** would be a bubble for houses and of course you also have **expatbubbel**

In Dutch you could say: **ik zit in mijn eigen bubbel** (I am inside my own bubble) and many people would see it as a very pleasant experience. **Het is gezellig in mijn bubbel**, I have that cosy and warm feeling is what many people love to think...

But... living in a bubble can also be quite limiting. It does not allow you to experience what is there in the real world and although there could be risks and dangers there, it is also a place where we can really live life to the fullest.

Kom uit je bubbel! (come out of your bubble) could be a great piece of advice. Sure... it might feel scary at first, but... once again it is the only place where real life really is and you never know... you might like it there... If you don't, you can always go back right?



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Vuurwerk literally is work) but of course it can also be the plural of work)

How you look at vuurwerk depends on your language. If you speak Spanish you would see it as fuegos artificiales, artificial fires and Japanese really has a very poetic take on it. They call it hanabi flowerfire...



Vuurwerk is also something that you can find in **een relatie** or in **een discussie**
The idea is that vuurwerk makes things very spectacular!

Something about me...

My name is Albert Both and many people know me as Meneer Dutch Brainwash. I love **niksen** (the Dutch art of doing nothing), languages and fun!

I strongly believe that learning and speaking other languages somehow makes life more beautiful and interesting . This is even true for Dutch :)

I have to admit that I did not like my own language for a long time. I got traumatized at school and I was always bad at Dutch Grammar. But now - surprise surprise - I can explain with great clarity how Dutch *really* works and I combine it with bad jokes and naughty humor! I have been doing this for 17 years now...

If there is one thing that I discovered about speaking other languages during all these years, then it would be this: everything starts with a great energy. Then if you combine it with some absolute clarity and some practice, great things can happen! I have experienced it many times for myself and I have seen it again and again with loads and loads of different people.

By the way, feel free to send me an email if you like to albert@talencoach.nl. Then you can ask me anything that you like!



Extra resources



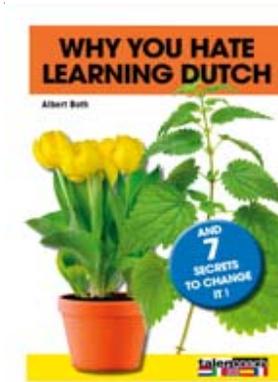
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