

Introduction to GCSE Dutch

Why study Dutch?

Studying Dutch will help you to communicate in the language, as well as helping you to understand the language in speech and writing. It will benefit you when you come into contact with Dutch-speaking people both at home and abroad. You will learn about the culture of countries where Dutch is spoken and will be able to communicate with young people of your own age in these countries.

You will study Dutch in relation to:

- * Everyday activities;
- * Personal and social life;
- * The world around us;
- * The world of work;
- * The international world.

You will learn the following skills:

- * Listening;
- * Speaking;
- * Reading;
- * Writing.

All four papers are compulsory, each covers the full range of grades from G–A*. No dictionaries are allowed in the examinations.

Assessment:

You will take a paper in each of the four skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Listening (45 minutes + 5 minutes reading time)

You will listen to messages, dialogues, announcements, discussions, narratives, etc, in Dutch on a cassette that has pauses to give you time to write your answers.

Speaking Test (12-15 minutes)

You will do three Role Plays, which get gradually harder. The third one is a narrative role play in which you have to tell a story suggested by a series of pictures. Your teacher will then discuss three topics generally with you in Dutch.

Reading (60 minutes)

The examination paper contains signs, e-mails, faxes, letters, postcards, brochures, articles, narratives, etc, and you have to give mainly multiple-choice answers.

Writing Paper (75 minutes)

You will answer a variety of exercises in Dutch which get gradually harder. The last exercise is an essay, a report or an article of about 150 words. The other extended piece of writing is a letter, fax or e-mail of about 100 words.



Veel plezier en veel succes!

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