

The 1,000 most common Dutch words, with English meanings

The 1,000 words Dutch speakers use most, in order, each with its English meaning and every noun with de or het. The first 100 make up more than half of all the words in everyday Dutch. Read them here, print them, or import them into Anki.

How to learn these words

Learn them in order, a few a day, and not on their own. The first hundred are mostly small words like de, van, zijn and er, which only make sense in a sentence, so learn those from the texts you read. Further down, the list fills up with nouns and verbs, and those you can learn from the list.

- **Learn every noun with de or het.** The article is part of the word: de dag, het huis. The list gives it every time, and the page on de and het has the patterns that help.

- **Say the word in a sentence.** Ik ga naar huis stays with you longer than gaan, to go. The 100 basic phrases for daily life are a good place to start.

- **Repeat on a schedule.** Import the Anki deck: Dutch on the front of each card, English on the back, and Anki brings each word back just before you would forget it.

- **Read at your level.** Every A2 text on this site is written so that at least 9 in 10 of its words are among the 2,000 most common Dutch words or the everyday words further down this page. Start with the free A2 texts.

Words 1 to 100: more than half of all Dutch

These hundred words make up 55 percent of all the words in everyday Dutch: in a text of 300 words, about 165 come from this list. Most of them are small words: articles, pronouns, prepositions and the verbs zijn, hebben, worden and gaan.

1	de	the (with de-words and all plurals)
2	het	the (with het-words, singular only); it
3	van	of; from; by (made or written by)
4	zijn	to be; to have (in the perfect: ik ben gegaan)
5	een	a, an; one (stressed, then written één)
6	en	and
7	in	in, into
8	op	on, at (op school); up (de trap op); used up (het is op)
9	ik	I

10	dat	that (ik denk dat ...; dat huis); who, which (relative, with het-words: het kind dat ...)
11	hebben	to have; (auxiliary) have (ik heb gegeten: I have eaten)
12	te	to (+ infinitive: te doen); too (te groot)
13	voor	for; in front of; before, to (kwart voor drie)
14	je	you (informal); your; yourself (je wast je)
15	met	with; by (met de trein); speaking (phone: met Anna)
16	niet	not (but "no" or "not a" before a noun: geen)
17	die	that, those (de-words, plurals); who, which (relative, with de-words and plurals)
18	worden	to become, to get; to be (passive: het wordt gemaakt)
19	als	if; when (one moment in the past: toen); as, like
20	er	there; (with a number) of them; (er is, er zijn) there is, there are
21	kunnen	can, to be able to; could (kon); to be possible (dat kan)
22	maar	but; only, just (maar twee); go ahead (kom maar binnen)
23	om	at (om 3 uur); around (om de hoek); (om ... te) in order to
24	aan	on (aan de muur, de tv is aan); to (aan Piet); at (aan tafel)
25	veel	many, much, a lot (of)
26	hij	he; it (for de-words)
27	ook	also, too, as well; either (ook niet: not either)
28	ze	she, they; her, them (unstressed forms)
29	door	through; by (gemaakt door); because of (a door is de deur)
30	gaan	to go; to be going to (future: ik ga eten)
31	naar	to (naar huis); towards; at (kijken naar: to look at)
32	uit	out (of); from (uit Spanje); off, over (het licht is uit)
33	zijn	his; its
34	dan	then (next, in that case); than (groter dan)
35	bij	at (bij de bakker, bij oma); near, by; with (bij mij)
36	dit	this (with het-words); these (dit zijn: these are)
37	we	we (unstressed form of wij)
38	wat	what; something, some, a bit (wat water); how (wat mooi!)
39	al	already; all (al het geld); even if (al regent het)
40	over	about (een boek over ...); over, across; in (over een uur); past (kwart over drie)
41	zullen	will, shall (future); would (zou)
42	nog	still; yet (nog niet: not yet); more, another (nog een)
43	deze	this, these (with de-words and plurals)
44	goed	good, fine; well; right, correct
45	moeten	must, to have to (not have to: niet hoeven); should (zou moeten)
46	komen	to come; to get (somewhere); to be due to (komen door)
47	ons	us; our (with het-words: ons huis; otherwise onze)
48	u	you (polite, singular and plural)
49	doen	to do; to put (in de tas doen); to act (doen alsof: pretend)
50	maken	to make; to repair, to fix; to do (huiswerk maken)
51	willen	to want (ik wil: I want, not I will); would like (zou willen)
52	mijn	my
53	zien	to see; to watch (een film zien)
54	één	one (the number; unstressed een: a, an)
55	zo	so, such; like this, like that; in a moment (ik kom zo)
56	geen	no, not a, not any (geen tijd: no time)

57	wel	(contrast with niet) do, indeed; probably; quite (wel leuk)
58	tot	until, till; to, up to (van 9 tot 5); (tot ziens) see you
59	nu	now; now that (nu je hier bent)
60	het jaar	year
61	haar	her (zie je haar?; haar boek: her book); (het haar) hair
62	ander	other; different; (een ander) someone else
63	vinden	to find; to think, to like (ik vind het leuk: I like it)
64	zeggen	to say; to tell (but tell a story: vertellen)
65	de mens	person, human being; (de mensen) people
66	me	me, myself (unstressed: hij ziet me; ik was me)
67	hoe	how (hoe gaat het?: how are you?; hoe laat: what time)
68	na	after (na het eten: after dinner)
69	waar	where; true (dat is waar)
70	heel	very (heel mooi); whole (de hele dag); intact, unbroken
71	staan	to stand; to be, to say (het staat in de krant); to suit
72	nieuw	new
73	weten	to know (a fact; a person: kennen)
74	geven	to give; to care (geven om); never mind (het geeft niet)
75	zich	himself, herself, itself, themselves (reflexive)
76	krijgen	to get, to receive; to have (een baby krijgen)
77	groot	big, large; tall; great
78	laten	to let; to leave; to have done (laten maken; laten zien: show)
79	de dag	day; (dag!) hello, bye
80	twee	two
81	hier	here
82	dus	so, therefore
83	tegen	against; to (zeggen tegen: to say to); towards, around (time)
84	echt	real, genuine; really (echt mooi)
85	houden	to hold, to keep; (houden van) to love, to like
86	alleen	only, just; alone
87	denken	to think; (denken aan) to think of, to remember
88	mij	me (stressed); (van mij) mine
89	onder	under, below; among (onder vrienden)
90	hun	their; (to) them (not "they": that is zij)
91	zitten	to sit; to be (het zit in de tas); to be ...ing (zit te lezen)
92	laat	late (hoe laat is het?: what time is it?)
93	nemen	to take; to have (food, drink: ik neem koffie)
94	jij	you (informal singular, stressed)
95	de tijd	time (but "three times": drie keer); tense (grammar)
96	wij	we (stressed)
97	blijven	to stay, to remain; to keep (doing: blijven lopen)
98	de man	man; husband
99	eens	once, one day; just (kijk eens); (het eens zijn) to agree
100	weer	again; back (weer thuis)

Words 101 to 300

With the first 300 words you know about 65 percent of what you read and hear. Here come

the first everyday nouns, de vrouw, het kind and het huis, and the verbs of daily life: werken, wonen, kopen.

101	daar	there (stressed; unstressed: er)
102	toch	anyway, still, yet; after all; right? (je komt toch?)
103	volgen	to follow; to take (a course: een cursus volgen)
104	kijken	to look (kijken naar: to look at); to watch (tv kijken)
105	zoals	like, such as; as (zoals je weet)
106	mogen	may, to be allowed to; to like (ik mag hem: I like him)
107	iets	something, anything; a bit (iets groter)
108	omdat	because (the verb goes to the end)
109	toen	when (one moment in the past); then (at that time)
110	de vrouw	woman; wife
111	zij	she; they (stressed forms)
112	werken	to work; to function
113	lang	long; tall (a person); a long time (lang wachten)
114	hem	him; it (for de-words)
115	jullie	you (plural, informal); your (plural)
116	tijdens	during
117	jou	you (informal object: ik zie jou); (van jou) yours
118	wie	who; whoever
119	gewoon	normal, ordinary, usual; just, simply
120	het kind	child, kid
121	tussen	between; among
122	altijd	always
123	het leven	life
124	gebruiken	to use; to take (medicine, drugs)
125	ja	yes
126	mooi	beautiful, pretty; nice, fine; (mooi zo!) good!
127	waarom	why
128	het uur	hour; o'clock (om drie uur: at three o'clock)
129	liggen	to lie (down; to tell a lie: liegen); to be (located)
130	drie	three
131	even	just, a moment (wacht even); just as (even oud als)
132	alles	everything, all
133	terug	back; ago (informal: een jaar terug)
134	beginnen	to begin, to start
135	de vraag	question; request; demand
136	via	via, through; by (via e-mail)
137	af	off; finished, done (het is af); down (de trap af)
138	zonder	without
139	de plaats	place, spot; town; (in plaats van) instead of
140	snel	fast, quick; quickly; soon (tot snel!)
141	oud	old; former (oud-collega)
142	het deel	part, share; volume (of a book series)
143	de foto	photo, picture
144	het land	country; land, field
145	de keer	time, occasion (twee keer: twice; de eerste keer)
146	steeds	all the time; more and more (steeds beter); still (nog steeds)

147	net	just (ik ben net thuis); just like (net als); neat, decent
148	het werk	work, job; (a) work (of art)
149	ver	far, distant
150	eigen	own (mijn eigen kamer)
151	iemand	someone, somebody; anyone
152	iedereen	everyone, everybody; anyone
153	horen	to hear; to belong (horen bij); ought to (dat hoort zo)
154	de naam	name
155	brengen	to bring; to take (ik breng je naar huis)
156	mee	with, along (ga je mee?: are you coming along?)
157	binnen	inside, indoors; within (binnen een uur); in (kom binnen!)
158	elk	each, every (elk jaar; with de-words: elke)
159	erg	very (erg leuk); bad, awful (niet erg: no problem)
160	klein	small, little; short (a person)
161	weinig	little, not much; few, not many
162	het huis	house; home (naar huis: home; at home: thuis)
163	vragen	to ask; to ask for (vragen om); to invite
164	leuk	nice, fun; cute; (ik vind het leuk) I like it
165	de week	week
166	nooit	never
167	het aantal	number, amount (een aantal: a number of, several)
168	zelf	myself, yourself etc. (emphasis: ik doe het zelf)
169	lijken	to seem; to look like (lijken op)
170	de stad	city, town
171	samen	together
172	nodig	needed, necessary; (nodig hebben) to need
173	spelen	to play; to act (a role); to be set (het speelt in Parijs)
174	zetten	to put, to set; to make (koffie, thee zetten)
175	elkaar	each other, one another
176	belangrijk	important
177	vanaf	from, starting (vanaf maandag: from Monday on)
178	lezen	to read
179	toe	to, towards (naar mij toe); shut, closed; (tot nu toe) so far
180	want	because, for (normal word order; to want: willen)
181	lopen	to walk (to run fast: rennen); to run, to go (het loopt goed)
182	zeker	sure, certain; certainly; probably (je bent zeker moe)
183	allemaal	all (we allemaal: all of us); all of it, everything
184	het probleem	problem
185	helpen	to help; to serve (in a shop: wordt u al geholpen?)
186	schrijven	to write
187	vallen	to fall; (vallen op iemand) to fancy someone
188	verschillend	different; various
189	stellen	to put, to place; to ask (een vraag stellen); to state
190	misschien	maybe, perhaps
191	volgens	according to (volgens mij: I think)
192	hoog	high; tall (a building, a tree)
193	vaak	often
194	wanneer	when (question: wanneer kom je?); when, whenever, if
195	graag	gladly (ik lees graag: I like reading); yes please (ja, graag)
196	kennen	to know (a person, a place; a fact: weten)

197	niets	nothing, not anything
198	vandaag	today
199	enkel	single (een enkel woord); a few (enkele); only
200	per	per, a (twee keer per week); by (per post); as of (per 1 mei)
201	noemen	to call, to name; to mention (to phone: bellen)
202	natuurlijk	of course, naturally; natural
203	zelfs	even (zelfs ik: even I; Dutch even is "just")
204	de vriend	friend; boyfriend (a woman: vriendin)
205	proberen	to try; to try out
206	het paar	pair, couple; (een paar) a few, a couple of
207	bestaan	to exist; (bestaan uit) to consist of
208	nee	no
209	welk	which, what (welk boek; with de-words: welke)
210	halen	to get, to fetch; to catch (de trein); to pass (een examen)
211	de wereld	world
212	de hand	hand
213	het meisje	girl
214	de maand	month
215	het geld	money
216	de film	film, movie
217	helemaal	completely, totally; (helemaal niet) not at all; all the way
218	zoeken	to look for, to search (for)
219	voelen	to feel (zich goed voelen: to feel well)
220	bekend	known, well-known, famous; familiar
221	vooral	especially, mainly, above all
222	de website	website
223	eten	to eat; (het eten) food, meal, dinner
224	de zaak	matter, affair; business, shop; (court) case
225	de weg	road, way; route (de weg vragen: to ask the way)
226	vertellen	to tell (a story, news, the truth)
227	gebeuren	to happen
228	de familie	relatives, (extended) family (parents and kids: gezin)
229	achter	behind; at the back (achter in de bus)
230	sinds	since; for (sinds een jaar: for a year now)
231	het moment	moment (op dit moment: at the moment)
232	het ding	thing
233	de manier	way, manner (op deze manier: this way)
234	bijna	almost, nearly
235	rond	around (rond acht uur, rond de tafel); round
236	de groep	group; class, year (primary school: groep 5)
237	het boek	book
238	mogelijk	possible; possibly (zo snel mogelijk: as soon as possible)
239	leren	to learn; to teach (iemand iets leren)
240	de auto	car
241	de zorg	care, health care; worry (zich zorgen maken: to worry)
242	spreken	to speak, to talk; to talk to, to meet (iemand spreken)
243	enig	some, any (enige tijd); only (enig kind: only child)
244	online	online
245	het gebruik	use, usage; custom, practice
246	de/het soort	kind, sort, type; (de) species

247	winnen	to win; to gain (tijd winnen)
248	jong	young
249	het verhaal	story, tale; account
250	de school	school
251	vrij	free (not busy); off (vrije dag: day off); fairly, quite
252	de politie	police
253	het gebied	area, region; field (of study, work)
254	het artikel	article (in a paper, a law); item, product
255	het water	water
256	het lid	member (plural leden; a pot lid is een deksel)
257	buiten	outside, outdoors; out of (buiten adem); except (for)
258	vier	four
259	klaar	ready; finished, done; clear (klare taal)
260	vast	firm, fixed; permanent (vaste baan); surely, probably (adv)
261	leven	to live, to be alive (to live somewhere: wonen)
262	wonen	to live (somewhere), to reside
263	plaatsen	to place, to put; to post (online)
264	betalen	to pay (for)
265	rijden	to drive; to ride (a bike, a horse); to run (trains)
266	wachten	to wait (wachten op: to wait for)
267	het woord	word
268	het idee	idea (geen idee: no idea)
269	nou	well (Nou, ...); now (informal, = nu); so what? (nou en?)
270	men	one, people, they (men zegt: people say); not 'men'
271	echter	however (formal)
272	het onderzoek	research, study; investigation; (medical) examination
273	kiezen	to choose, to pick; to vote (for), to elect
274	kort	short; brief (kort geleden: recently)
275	de video	video
276	anders	different(ly); otherwise, or else; else (iets anders)
277	Nederlands	Dutch (adj; het Nederlands: the Dutch language)
278	het beetje	bit (een beetje: a bit, a little)
279	genoeg	enough
280	slecht	bad, poor; badly (slechts means only)
281	geleden	ago (twee jaar geleden: two years ago)
282	het stuk	piece, bit, part; play (theater); (adj) broken (het is stuk)
283	de partij	party (political; for a celebration: feest); side; game
284	de persoon	person (plural personen)
285	het bedrijf	company, business, firm
286	soms	sometimes; by any chance (in questions)
287	thuis	at home, home (thuiskomen: to come home)
288	ieder	every, each; each one (ieder van ons: each of us)
289	veranderen	to change; to turn into (veranderen in)
290	praten	to talk, to chat (praten over: to talk about)
291	juist	right, correct; exactly, precisely; actually (in contrast)
292	de minuut	minute
293	hen	them (object form, for people: met hen)
294	kopen	to buy
295	betekenen	to mean, to signify (to mean = intend: bedoelen)
296	terwijl	while; whereas

297	open	open
298	eigenlijk	actually, really, in fact; real, actual (adj)
299	de moeder	mother
300	de kans	chance, opportunity; likelihood (de kans is groot)

Words 301 to 500

Five hundred words cover about 70 percent. More nouns now, and the words of the town hall and the news start to appear: *de gemeente*, *begrijpen*.

301	de vader	father
302	lekker	tasty, delicious; nice, lovely (lekker weer: nice weather)
303	vijf	five
304	de gemeente	municipality, town council; (church) congregation
305	de informatie	information
306	waarin	in which (het huis waarin ik woon); in what
307	zorgen	to take care of (zorgen voor); to provide; to make sure
308	Amerikaans	American
309	het geval	case, instance (in dat geval: in that case)
310	vol	full; full of (vol water, vol met); crowded
311	vanuit	from, out of (vanuit huis: from home); from (a viewpoint)
312	duidelijk	clear, obvious; clearly
313	de regio	region, area
314	moeilijk	difficult, hard
315	de jongen	boy; (jongens) guys, boys
316	eerder	earlier, before; sooner; rather (more likely)
317	zeer	very, highly (more formal than heel); to hurt (zeer doen)
318	geloven	to believe (geloven in: to believe in); to think, to suppose
319	ooit	ever; once, at some point; one day (in the future)
320	pas	not until, only (pas morgen); just, recently (pas verhuisd)
321	dragen	to carry; to wear (clothes); to bear
322	dood	dead
323	zoek	missing, lost (zoek zijn); op zoek naar: looking for
324	weg	away; gone (mijn fiets is weg: my bike is gone)
325	stoppen	to stop; to quit (stoppen met roken); to put (in)
326	verliezen	to lose
327	zodat	so that
328	de prijs	price; prize, award
329	leggen	to put, to lay (flat; upright: zetten)
330	sluiten	to close, to shut; to conclude, to make (a deal, peace)
331	bepalen	to determine, to decide; to set (a date, a price)
332	de zoon	son
333	niks	nothing (informal for niets)
334	daarom	that's why, therefore; (as an answer) just because
335	ongeveer	about, approximately, roughly
336	het oog	eye (plural ogen)
337	sterk	strong; good at (sterk in)
338	het begin	beginning, start (in het begin: at first)
339	sommig	some (sommige mensen: some people)

340	niemand	nobody, no one
341	boven	above, over; upstairs (ik ben boven: I'm upstairs)
342	leiden	to lead, to guide; to run, to manage; to lead to (tot)
343	slechts	only, merely (formal; slecht means bad)
344	sturen	to send; to steer
345	de dood	death
346	het miljoen	million
347	het nummer	number (phone, house; in math: getal); song, track
348	de staat	state, nation; condition; in staat zijn: to be able
349	vergeten	to forget
350	hoeven	to need to, to have to (only with niet, geen or alleen: je hoeft niet te komen: you don't have to come)
351	het team	team
352	het plan	plan (van plan zijn: to intend to)
353	de plek	place, spot; mark (blauwe plek: bruise)
354	opnieuw	again, anew (from the start)
355	het hoofd	head; head, chief (leader); uit het hoofd: by heart
356	de/het punt	(het) point (in a talk, a score); (de) full stop, tip
357	geweldig	great, wonderful, fantastic; tremendous
358	naast	next to, beside; besides, in addition to
359	blijken	to turn out, to prove to be (het blijkt dat: it turns out)
360	de muziek	music
361	begrijpen	to understand
362	raken	to hit, to touch, to move; to get (gewond raken: get hurt)
363	waarbij	whereby, in which; with which, at which
364	zowel	both (zowel A als B: both A and B)
365	daarna	after that, afterwards, then
366	precies	exactly, precisely; exact, precise (adj)
367	prachtig	beautiful, wonderful, lovely
368	vorig	last, previous (vorige week: last week)
369	blij	glad, happy (blij met: pleased with)
370	het programma	program (TV, software); schedule
371	de hoop	hope; heap, pile; een hoop: a lot (of)
372	het gevoel	feeling; sense (gevoel voor humor)
373	trekken	to pull; to draw (a line, a card); to travel, to move
374	aflopen	to end, to turn out (goed aflopen); afgelopen: last (week)
375	gratis	free (of charge; free time: vrij)
376	zoveel	so much, so many; as much as (zoveel als)
377	bedanken	to thank (bedanken voor: to thank for); bedankt: thanks
378	het beeld	image, picture; statue; impression (een beeld van)
379	de top	top, peak, summit (also a meeting); Top!: great
380	de wedstrijd	match, game; competition, contest
381	publiceren	to publish
382	beide	both (beide boeken, beide ouders; on its own, for people: beiden)
383	hopen	to hope (hopen op: to hope for)
384	de stem	voice; vote
385	de avond	evening (vanavond: tonight, this evening)
386	slapen	to sleep
387	dezelfde	the same (de-words, plurals; het-words: hetzelfde)
388	bieden	to offer, to provide; to bid (at an auction)

389	bekijken	to look at, to view, to watch; to examine, to consider
390	eerst	first, at first (eerst eten: eat first)
391	de ouders	parents (singular de ouder; ouder also means older)
392	de organisatie	organization
393	het bericht	message, text; report, news item
394	de vorm	shape, form; fitness (in vorm: in good form)
395	het nieuws	news (singular: het nieuws is goed)
396	algemeen	general (in het algemeen: in general); common, public
397	het recht	a right (recht op: right to); law, justice; straight (adj)
398	de dank	thanks, gratitude (dank je: thank you)
399	zwart	black
400	bezig	busy (bezig met: working on, doing)
401	langs	along; past (langs de kerk); by (langskomen: to drop by)
402	de reden	reason (om die reden: for that reason)
403	de kant	side; direction, way (deze kant op: this way); lace
404	hard	hard; fast (hard rijden); loud (hard praten)
405	de oorlog	war
406	slaan	to hit, to beat, to strike
407	de hulp	help, aid, assistance
408	nadat	after (+ clause; before a noun: na)
409	missen	to miss (a train, a person); to lack, to do without
410	direct	immediately, right away; direct (adj)
411	bijvoorbeeld	for example (bijv.)
412	de dochter	daughter
413	de kleur	color
414	vroeg	early; (also: asked, past of vragen)
415	gelukkig	happy; luckily, fortunately
416	verwachten	to expect
417	sociaal	social
418	het einde	end (also het eind; aan het einde: at the end)
419	vormen	to form, to shape; to make up (een team vormen)
420	de media	(the) media (singular het medium: medium)
421	officieel	official; officially
422	het spel	game; play, playing (sport, acting); deck (of cards)
423	genieten	to enjoy (genieten van: to enjoy something)
424	de actie	action; campaign; special offer (in a shop)
425	de kaart	card (also ticket; menu in a restaurant); map
426	bellen	to call, to phone; to ring (the doorbell)
427	speciaal	special; specially, especially
428	volledig	complete, full; completely, fully
429	bereiken	to reach; to achieve (a goal)
430	het lichaam	body
431	de heer	gentleman; Mr (de heer De Vries); (de Heer) the Lord
432	bedoelen	to mean, to intend (a person; a word means: betekenen)
433	laag	low; (de laag) layer
434	overlijden	to die, to pass away (formal; overleden: deceased)
435	veilig	safe, secure
436	zwaar	heavy; hard, tough; serious, severe
437	het feit	fact (in feite: in fact)
438	fijn	nice, pleasant (fijn weekend!); fine (thin, delicate)

439	morgen	tomorrow; (de morgen) morning
440	het project	project
441	voorkomen	to prevent (voorkOMen); to occur, to happen (VOORkomen)
442	vanwege	because of, due to
443	waardoor	as a result of which, so that; through which
444	de rol	role, part; roll (of paper, tape)
445	de provincie	province
446	tien	ten
447	de minister	minister (in a government)
448	de tv	TV, television
449	het contact	contact (contact opnemen: to get in touch)
450	verdienen	to earn (money); to deserve
451	de nacht	night (vannacht: tonight or last night)
452	waarschijnlijk	probably; likely, probable
453	voordat	before (+ clause; before a noun: voor)
454	ontvangen	to receive; to welcome (guests)
455	half	half; half drie: half past two (2:30)
456	uiteindelijk	in the end, eventually; final, ultimate
457	de stap	step
458	het gevolg	consequence, result (als gevolg van: due to)
459	het hart	heart
460	het resultaat	result
461	openen	to open (in speech also: opendoen, openmaken)
462	het antwoord	answer, reply
463	persoonlijk	personal; personally, in person
464	de aandacht	attention
465	de geschiedenis	history; story, affair
466	vervolgens	then, next, subsequently
467	hetzelfde	the same (het-words, and alone: dat is hetzelfde)
468	het onderwijs	education, teaching
469	bouwen	to build
470	de buurt	neighborhood; area (in de buurt: nearby)
471	richten	to aim, to point, to direct; zich richten op: to focus on
472	de orde	order (in orde: all right); an order you place: bestelling
473	de telefoon	phone, telephone
474	de reactie	reaction, response; reply, comment (online)
475	de broer	brother
476	gelijk	equal, the same; right (gelijk hebben: be right); right away
477	verkopen	to sell
478	organiseren	to organize
479	heerlijk	delicious; lovely, wonderful
480	het onderdeel	part, component; section
481	de site	site, website
482	het dorp	village
483	de ontwikkeling	development
484	de dienst	service; shift, duty (in dienst: employed); favor
485	de leeftijd	age
486	zes	six
487	het gebouw	building
488	beschermen	to protect (tegen: against)

489	de wet	law (a law, an act; law as a field: het recht)
490	ervan	of it, from it, about it (ik hou ervan: I love it)
491	meteen	immediately, right away, at once
492	normaal	normal; normally, usually
493	de zin	sentence; sense, meaning; zin hebben in: to feel like
494	duren	to last, to take (het duurt een uur: it takes an hour)
495	de liefde	love
496	het voorbeeld	example; role model
497	de fout	mistake, error; fault; (adj) wrong
498	wijzen	to point (naar: at); to point out, to indicate (wijzen op)
499	ontstaan	to arise, to come about, to develop
500	de toekomst	future

Words 501 to 1,000

With all 1,000 you know about three in four of the words in everyday Dutch, from de straat and de deur to de kamer and de krant. The rest of a text is names, numbers and thousands of rarer words, which is why a text at your level still comes with a glossary.

501	het eiland	island
502	internationaal	international
503	de inwoner	inhabitant, resident
504	huidig	current, present
505	het feest	party, celebration; feast, festival
506	bang	afraid, scared (bang voor: afraid of)
507	het seizoen	season
508	oké	OK, okay
509	heen	away, there (direction); (heen en weer) back and forth
510	de tekst	text; lyrics (of a song)
511	politiek	political
512	de bron	source; spring, well
513	bijzonder	special, unusual; especially, particularly
514	de straat	street
515	gek	crazy, mad; strange, odd; (gek op) crazy about
516	de lijst	list; (picture) frame
517	de president	president
518	enorm	enormous, huge; (adverb) extremely
519	de grond	ground, soil; floor (op de grond); land
520	lief	sweet, kind, nice; dear (in letters: Lieve Anna)
521	pakken	to take, to grab; to catch (a bus, a train); to pack
522	de rest	rest, remainder (taking a rest is rust)
523	het succes	success; (succes!) good luck!
524	actief	active
525	de jarige	birthday boy or girl; (een 30-jarige) a 30-year-old
526	zichzelf	himself, herself, itself, themselves, oneself
527	de baan	job; track, lane; court (tennisbaan: tennis court)
528	het bezoek	visit; visitors, guests (bezoek krijgen)
529	voormalig	former, ex-
530	de link	link (on the web), connection

531	de meter	meter (unit of length); meter (gas, water)
532	nationaal	national
533	het doel	aim, goal, purpose; target; goal (in sports)
534	de club	club
535	de kop	cup, mug (een kop koffie); head (informal); headline
536	alsof	as if, as though
537	de basis	basis, base, foundation (op basis van: based on)
538	overal	everywhere; (with a preposition) everything
539	waarvan	of which, of whom, from which; (question) of what
540	extra	extra, additional
541	leveren	to deliver, to supply, to provide
542	sterven	to die
543	aanwezig	present (not absent), there
544	de taal	language
545	los	loose; separate, single; (los van) apart from
546	ervoor	for it, for that; in front of it; before (that)
547	hoeveel	how much, how many
548	heten	to be called (Ik heet Anna: my name is Anna)
549	het gesprek	conversation, talk; (phone) call; interview
550	de omgeving	surroundings, area, neighborhood; environment, setting
551	het centrum	center; town center, city center
552	de vriendin	(female) friend; girlfriend (mijn vriendin)
553	besluiten	to decide; to conclude, to end
554	ontwikkelen	to develop
555	welkom	welcome
556	het eind	end; (een eind) a distance, a long way
557	het bed	bed
558	makkelijk	easy; comfortable (makkelijke schoenen)
559	de hond	dog
560	melden	to report, to announce; (zich melden) to report (to)
561	voeren	to conduct, to carry on (talks, a war); to feed; to lead
562	de relatie	relationship; relation
563	verdwijnen	to disappear, to vanish
564	het belang	importance; interest (in het belang van); stake
565	daarmee	with that, with it; by doing so
566	vanavond	tonight, this evening
567	het dier	animal
568	de kracht	strength, power, force
569	druk	busy (ik heb het druk); crowded; noisy, lively
570	kosten	to cost; to take (time, effort: het kost tijd)
571	links	left, on the left, to the left; left-wing
572	de band	band (music); tire; bond, tie (een sterke band)
573	kloppen	to be right (dat klopt); to knock; to beat (heart)
574	divers	various, diverse
575	de pagina	page
576	delen	to share; to divide
577	verschijnen	to appear; to be published, to come out
578	opnemen	to answer (the phone); to record; to take in, to include; to withdraw (money); (contact opnemen) to get in touch
579	hoewel	although, though

580	waarmee	with which, by which; (question) with what
581	waarop	on which, on what; (time) when (de dag waarop)
582	best	best; quite, pretty (best leuk); fine, OK (dat is best)
583	tonen	to show, to display
584	de dame	lady (dames en heren: ladies and gentlemen)
585	de speler	player
586	inderdaad	indeed, that's right, exactly
587	jezelf	yourself (informal); oneself
588	warm	warm; hot (weather, food, drinks)
589	de regel	rule; line (of text); (in de regel) as a rule
590	de euro	euro
591	geboren worden	to be born (ik ben geboren: I was born)
592	de ervaring	experience
593	de serie	series; (TV) series, show
594	lukken	to succeed, to work out (het lukt me: I manage)
595	de titel	title
596	openbaar	public (openbaar vervoer: public transportation)
597	ontdekken	to discover, to find out
598	de deur	door
599	erop	on it, onto it, on them; (erop wachten) for it
600	helaas	unfortunately, sadly
601	waaronder	including, among which; under which
602	het leger	army
603	Europees	European
604	verlaten	to leave (a place, a person); to abandon
605	vermoorden	to murder, to kill
606	vertrekken	to leave, to depart (de trein vertrekt)
607	draaien	to turn, to spin; to run (a machine); to show (a film)
608	ruim	spacious, roomy; (with a number) well over, more than
609	de versie	version
610	rood	red
611	de regering	government (the cabinet); reign
612	het ziekenhuis	hospital
613	inmiddels	by now, meanwhile, in the meantime
614	betrekken	to involve (betrekken bij); to move into (a house)
615	bevatten	to contain; to comprehend, to grasp
616	de overheid	government, (public) authorities, the state
617	het systeem	system
618	de keuze	choice; selection, option
619	het licht	light
620	het slachtoffer	victim; casualty
621	drinken	to drink
622	Duits	German (not Dutch: that is Nederlands)
623	de situatie	situation
624	eerlijk	honest; fair; (eerlijk gezegd) to be honest
625	het middel	means, way; remedy, product (middel tegen griep); waist
626	de kerk	church
627	meestal	usually, mostly
628	de pijn	pain, ache (pijn doen: to hurt)
629	het verschil	difference

630	voorbij	over, finished; past, beyond (voorbij de kerk)
631	trouwen	to get married, to marry (trouwen met iemand)
632	hangen	to hang
633	reageren	to react, to respond; to reply
634	de periode	period (of time)
635	meerdere	several, multiple
636	hoor	(at sentence end) really, you know; (nee hoor) not at all
637	het gezicht	face; sight, view
638	starten	to start (a car, a race, a business), to launch
639	verkeerd	wrong (de verkeerde trein: the wrong train)
640	de/het blog	blog
641	gisteren	yesterday
642	wit	white
643	perfect	perfect
644	vangen	to catch
645	groeien	to grow (get bigger; growing plants: kweken)
646	schieten	to shoot (a gun, a ball); to dart, to rush
647	doden	to kill (de doden: the dead)
648	de activiteit	activity
649	passen	to fit, to match (bij); to try on; (passen op) to look after
650	de moord	murder
651	interessant	interesting
652	dicht	closed, shut; close (dicht bij: near); dense, thick
653	de richting	direction; (richting Utrecht) towards, heading for
654	vliegen	to fly
655	het wapen	weapon; coat of arms
656	rustig	quiet, calm, peaceful; (rustig aan!) take it easy
657	dagelijks	daily, everyday
658	uitvoeren	to carry out, to perform, to execute; to export
659	bovendien	moreover, besides, what's more
660	eindelijk	finally, at last (in the end: uiteindelijk)
661	ergens	somewhere; (with a preposition) something; somehow
662	de mogelijkheid	possibility, option, opportunity
663	de brief	letter (in the mail)
664	totaal	total; totally, completely (totaal anders)
665	roepen	to call (out), to shout (on the phone: bellen)
666	gooien	to throw
667	de reis	trip, travel; (op reis) traveling, away
668	de hoogte	height; level; (op de hoogte) informed, up to date
669	tegenwoordig	nowadays, these days; present, current
670	de bus	bus; tin, can; mailbox
671	de ruimte	space, room; (outer) space
672	lokaal	local (het lokaal: classroom, room)
673	trots	proud (trots op: proud of); pride
674	wakker	awake (wakker worden: to wake up)
675	de oplossing	solution, answer
676	de cultuur	culture
677	de koning	king
678	daarnaast	in addition, also, besides; next to it
679	ondanks	despite, in spite of

680	de waarde	value, worth
681	de eeuw	century; (eeuwen) ages
682	de universiteit	university
683	beschikbaar	available
684	het schip	ship
685	betreffen	to concern; (wat ... betreft) as for, regarding
686	verwijderen	to remove, to delete
687	de politiek	politics; policy
688	de verkiezing	election
689	de les	lesson, class
690	luisteren	to listen (luisteren naar: to listen to)
691	de winkel	shop, store
692	Spaans	Spanish
693	de mail	email (een mail sturen: to send an email)
694	de student	student (college, university; at school: leerling)
695	het net	net (also in sports); network (rail, power, internet)
696	het weer	weather
697	zeven	seven
698	de helft	half (de helft van: half of)
699	de lijn	line; route (bus, tram line); (aan de lijn doen) to diet
700	de rust	rest; peace, quiet, calm; half-time (sports)
701	de energie	energy
702	sorry	sorry
703	de druk	pressure; (of a book) printing, edition
704	de functie	function; position, post (job)
705	vechten	to fight
706	de bank	bank; sofa, couch; bench
707	zich bevinden	to be (located), to be situated (formal)
708	de medewerker	employee, staff member; contributor
709	het gezin	family (parents and children; relatives: familie)
710	de controle	check, inspection; control (onder controle)
711	bezoeken	to visit; to attend (a meeting, a school)
712	ontmoeten	to meet (someone)
713	dankzij	thanks to
714	liever	rather, preferably (liever hebben: to prefer)
715	de grens	border; limit
716	dienen	to serve; to serve as (dienen als); must (dienen te, formal)
717	de kennis	knowledge; acquaintance (a person)
718	het hotel	hotel
719	boos	angry, cross (boos op: angry with)
720	de markt	market; market square
721	diep	deep
722	de meid	girl, lass (informal); (dated) maid
723	de aanval	attack; (illness) fit, seizure
724	lachen	to laugh; (lach eens!) to smile
725	de collega	colleague
726	de invloed	influence
727	zingen	to sing
728	centraal	central
729	geheel	whole, entire; completely (geheel nieuw)

730	de trein	train
731	de gast	guest; (informal) guy, dude
732	de val	fall; trap
733	positief	positive
734	de voet	foot (te voet: on foot)
735	de schuld	fault, blame, guilt; debt
736	het plezier	fun, pleasure; (veel plezier) have fun
737	de raad	advice; council, board (gemeenteraad)
738	verklaren	to explain, to account for; to declare, to state
739	groen	green
740	snappen	to get, to understand (informal)
741	uitbreiden	to expand, to extend, to enlarge
742	de winnaar	winner
743	breken	to break
744	de opdracht	task, assignment; order, instruction; commission
745	de kamer	room; chamber (Tweede Kamer: lower house of parliament)
746	de slag	blow, stroke; battle; (aan de slag gaan) to get to work
747	het onderwerp	subject, topic
748	de lucht	air; sky; smell, odor
749	vreemd	strange, odd; foreign (een vreemde taal)
750	de gedachte	thought, idea
751	het product	product
752	financieel	financial
753	klinken	to sound (dat klinkt goed); to clink glasses, to toast
754	serius	serious; seriously
755	daarvan	of that, of it; from that
756	de economie	economy; economics
757	populair	popular
758	dik	thick; fat; (dikke vrienden) close friends
759	de strijd	struggle, fight, battle; contest, competition
760	de locatie	location, site
761	beperken	to limit, to restrict; to reduce
762	stil	quiet, silent; still (not moving)
763	Brits	British
764	het huwelijk	marriage; wedding
765	de samenwerking	cooperation, collaboration, working together
766	ziek	sick, ill
767	historisch	historical, historic
768	de baby	baby
769	de deelnemer	participant
770	de kilometer	kilometer
771	de start	start, beginning
772	fantastisch	fantastic, great, wonderful
773	het midden	middle, center
774	gedurende	during, for (a period of time)
775	de zon	sun; sunshine
776	de vakantie	vacation, holiday
777	blauw	blue
778	het vertrouwen	trust, confidence
779	de stand	state, position; score; (tot stand komen) to come about

780	de app	app; (informal) text message, WhatsApp message
781	de last	trouble, bother (last hebben van: to suffer from); burden
782	steken	to stab, to sting; to put, to stick (in, into)
783	de maat	size; measure; (informal) mate, buddy
784	het geslacht	sex, gender (also in grammar); family, lineage
785	de mening	opinion, view
786	beschrijven	to describe
787	Frans	French
788	tellen	to count; to have, to number (de stad telt 5000 inwoners)
789	het lied	song
790	behalve	except, apart from; besides (behalve ... ook)
791	eraan	on it, to it, of it; (ik kom eraan) I'm coming
792	regelen	to arrange, to organize, to sort out; to regulate
793	de schrijver	writer, author
794	het publiek	audience; the public
795	de/het voetbal	(het) soccer, football (the game); (de) the ball
796	de radio	radio
797	prima	fine, great; (as a reply) fine, OK, all right
798	de zus	sister
799	redden	to save, to rescue; (het redden) to manage, to cope
800	de klant	customer, client
801	het model	model; design, style
802	het procent	percent
803	de advocaat	lawyer; advocaat (Dutch egg liqueur)
804	de macht	power; control, authority
805	het geluk	luck; happiness; (veel geluk!) good luck
806	de koffie	coffee
807	de moeite	effort, trouble; difficulty (moeite hebben met)
808	de burgemeester	mayor
809	de afstand	distance; (afstand doen van) to give up
810	reizen	to travel
811	de test	test
812	de boom	tree
813	het niveau	level; standard
814	de woning	home, house, apartment; (formal) dwelling
815	herinneren	to remember (zich herinneren); to remind (of: aan)
816	de aarde	earth (the planet); soil, ground
817	tevens	also, as well (formal); at the same time
818	de waarheid	truth
819	het gat	hole; gap
820	duizend	a thousand, thousand (1,000)
821	het bewijs	proof, evidence; certificate (rijbewijs: driver's license)
822	terecht	rightly, justified; found again (de sleutel is terecht)
823	militair	military; (de militair) soldier, service member
824	het volk	a people, nation; (informal) people, crowd
825	de rivier	river
826	het proces	process; trial, lawsuit
827	de brand	fire, blaze (not "brand": het merk)
828	vervangen	to replace; to stand in for, to substitute
829	de positie	position

830	economisch	economic; economical, thrifty
831	mobiel	mobile; (de mobiel) cell phone, mobile phone
832	het interview	interview
833	de zomer	summer
834	erbij	with it, too, in addition; (erbij zijn) to be there, present
835	de bevolking	population
836	mezelf	myself
837	de burger	citizen; civilian; burger (food)
838	keren	to turn, to turn around; to turn back
839	slim	clever, smart (not "slim": slank)
840	het park	park
841	vieren	to celebrate
842	de vlucht	flight (by plane); escape, fleeing
843	aanbieden	to offer; to present, to hand over
844	veroorzaken	to cause
845	rijk	rich, wealthy; (het rijk) empire; (het Rijk) the state
846	digitaal	digital
847	het bestuur	board, management; government, administration
848	verantwoordelijk	responsible (for: voor)
849	de bijdrage	contribution
850	doordat	because, as a result of (a cause, not a reason)
851	namelijk	you see, because (explaining why: ik ben namelijk ziek); namely
852	het kantoor	office
853	behandelen	to treat (also medically); to deal with, to handle
854	grappig	funny
855	eenvoudig	simple, easy; plain, modest
856	de gang	hallway; (aan de gang) going on; (ga je gang) go ahead
857	het weekend	weekend
858	het risico	risk
859	kwijt	lost, gone (ik ben het kwijt: I've lost it); rid of
860	het stuur	steering wheel; handlebars (bike)
861	de generaal	general (army officer)
862	verdenken	to suspect (of: van)
863	de kunst	art; skill, trick (dat is geen kunst: that's easy)
864	het netwerk	network
865	de/het bal	(de) ball (to play with); (het) ball, formal dance
866	de afspraak	appointment; agreement, arrangement; date
867	de ochtend	morning
868	modern	modern
869	rechts	on the right, to the right; right-wing
870	het overzicht	overview, summary
871	de mond	mouth
872	absoluut	absolute; absolutely (absoluut niet: not at all)
873	verzamelen	to collect, to gather
874	de opleiding	education, training; course, study program
875	tekenen	to draw; to sign (a document)
876	het type	type, kind; model; (informal) character (een raar type)
877	bestellen	to order (food, goods, a taxi)
878	vlak	flat, level; (vlak bij) close to; (vlak voor) just before
879	baseren	to base (on: op); (gebaseerd op) based on

880	blijkbaar	apparently, evidently
881	het respect	respect
882	de leerling	pupil, (school) student; apprentice
883	verbeteren	to improve; to correct
884	regelmatig	regular; regularly, often
885	acht	eight; (in acht nemen) to take into account
886	de plaat	sheet, plate (metal, glass); record (vinyl); picture
887	gezond	healthy; sound (gezond verstand: common sense)
888	jaarlijks	annual, yearly; every year
889	verbinden	to connect, to link; to put through (phone); to bandage
890	de boodschap	message; (boodschappen) groceries, shopping
891	de leider	leader
892	de agent	police officer; agent, representative
893	de schade	damage; harm, loss
894	de toegang	access; entrance, admission
895	bedenken	to think up, to come up with; to consider, to bear in mind
896	de veiligheid	safety; security
897	het verband	connection, link; bandage; (in verband met) because of
898	midden	in the middle (of) (midden in de stad); (het midden) the middle, center
899	durven	to dare
900	de soldaat	soldier
901	de loop	course (in de loop van: during); (op de loop) on the run
902	lastig	difficult, tricky; annoying, awkward
903	het cijfer	figure, number, digit; grade, mark (at school)
904	gevaarlijk	dangerous
905	de krant	newspaper, paper
906	de verandering	change
907	het evenement	event (festival, concert, match)
908	bevestigen	to confirm; to attach, to fix (to: aan)
909	de sport	sport, sports
910	lijden	to suffer (from: aan, onder)
911	het spoor	track, trace; railroad, railway; platform (spoor 5)
912	de ster	star
913	stemmen	to vote (for: op); to tune (an instrument)
914	de ziekte	illness, disease
915	de grap	joke
916	de taak	task, job, duty
917	de beweging	movement, motion; exercise (lichaamsbeweging)
918	de tip	tip, hint; tip-off (a gratuity is de fooi)
919	daarbij	with it, with that; in addition, besides
920	daarvoor	for that, for it; before that; in front of it
921	hierdoor	because of this, as a result; through here
922	hieronder	below (in a text); under this, underneath
923	hoi	hi, hello (informal)
924	nergens	nowhere; (with a preposition) nothing (nergens over)
925	Russisch	Russian
926	straks	later, soon, in a bit (tot straks: see you later)
927	wegens	because of, due to, owing to
928	zomaar	just like that, for no reason; just

929	de vrijheid	freedom, liberty
930	de droom	dream
931	honderd	a hundred, hundred (100)
932	het teken	sign, signal; symbol, mark
933	het been	leg (plural benen); bone (plural beenderen)
934	slagen	to pass (an exam); to succeed, to manage
935	het voorstel	proposal, suggestion
936	de directeur	director, manager; principal, head teacher
937	het vuur	fire, flame (heb je vuur? do you have a light?)
938	stelen	to steal
939	gelden	to apply, to be valid (for: voor); to be considered (als)
940	de mama	mom, mum, mommy
941	degene	the one (degene die: the one who); (degenen) those
942	medisch	medical
943	de partner	partner
944	de eigenaar	owner
945	de wijk	neighborhood, district (of a town)
946	de rij	row, line; queue (in de rij staan: to stand in line)
947	koud	cold
948	waard	worth (het is de moeite waard: it's worth it)
949	voorzien	to provide (with: van); to foresee, to anticipate
950	de inzet	effort, commitment; stake (in a bet); use, deployment
951	hiermee	with this, by this
952	het station	(train) station
953	arm	poor; (de arm) arm
954	volwassen	adult, grown-up; mature
955	de steen	stone; brick, rock
956	de afbeelding	picture, image, illustration
957	het internet	internet
958	steunen	to support, to back; to lean (on: op)
959	Belgisch	Belgian
960	onderzoeken	to investigate, to examine; to research, to study
961	de patiënt	patient (a person a doctor treats)
962	breed	wide, broad
963	oplossen	to solve; to dissolve
964	de arts	doctor, physician (not "the arts")
965	toevoegen	to add (to: aan)
966	de tafel	table
967	compleet	complete; completely, totally
968	de achtergrond	background
969	gewond	injured, wounded
970	aangezien	since, as, seeing that
971	het beleid	policy; management; (met beleid) carefully, with tact
972	de bouw	construction, building (work); build (of a body)
973	eruit	out (of it); (eruitzien) to look (appearance)
974	technisch	technical
975	bewijzen	to prove; (een dienst bewijzen) to do a favor
976	behoren	to belong (to: tot, bij), to be among; ought to (formal)
977	de schoen	shoe
978	de muur	wall

979	vestigen	to establish, to set (a record); (zich vestigen) to settle
980	de natuur	nature
981	tijdelijk	temporary; temporarily
982	aardig	nice, kind; quite, fairly (aardig wat: quite a lot)
983	de gezondheid	health; (after a sneeze) bless you!
984	onafhankelijk	independent (of: van)
985	de politicus	politician (plural: politici)
986	wensen	to wish; to want, to desire
987	de wens	wish, desire; (beste wensen) best wishes
988	geel	yellow
989	de/het stof	(de) fabric, material, substance; (het) dust
990	het gevaar	danger, risk
991	stappen	to step, to walk; (gaan stappen) to go out (for drinks)
992	het gedrag	behavior, conduct
993	zover	so far, that far; (het is zover) the moment has come
994	aankomen	to arrive; to gain weight; to touch (niet aankomen!)
995	dergelijk	such, similar (en dergelijke: and so on, etc.)
996	het advies	advice; recommendation
997	de schat	treasure; darling, sweetheart
998	de rechter	judge (in court); (in compounds) right (de rechterhand)
999	controleren	to check, to inspect (not "to control": beheersen)
1000	de rug	back (of the body), not "rug" (het kleed)

The next 1,500 words, from 1,001 to 2,500, are the new words of the step from A2 to B1. They are on the Dutch B1 vocabulary list, by theme.

Everyday words by topic

A frequency list has one blind spot: the words of a learner's first weeks. Dutch speakers write and say *de kaas*, *de fiets*, *de dokter* and *twaalf* less often than *het probleem* or *de regering*, so those words are not even in the 1,000. Here are 258 everyday words by topic: numbers, days and months, colors, family, the body, food, the house, clothes, the weather, the town, money, greetings and things. 96 of them are also in the 1,000 above.

Numbers

nul	zero (0)
een	a, an; one (stressed, then written één)
twee	two
drie	three
vier	four
vijf	five
zes	six
zeven	seven
acht	eight; (in acht nemen) to take into account
negen	nine (9)
tien	ten
elf	eleven (11)

twaalf	twelve (12)
dertien	thirteen (13)
veertien	fourteen (14)
vijftien	fifteen (15)
zestien	sixteen (16)
zeventien	seventeen (17)
achttien	eighteen (18)
negentien	nineteen (19)
twintig	twenty (20)
dertig	thirty (30)
veertig	forty (40)
vijftig	fifty (50)
zestig	sixty (60)
zeventig	seventy (70)
tachtig	eighty (80)
negentig	ninety (90)
honderd	a hundred, hundred (100)
duizend	a thousand, thousand (1,000)

Days, months and time

maandag	Monday
dinsdag	Tuesday
woensdag	Wednesday
donderdag	Thursday
vrijdag	Friday
zaterdag	Saturday
zondag	Sunday
het weekend	weekend
januari	January
februari	February
maart	March
april	April
mei	May
juni	June
juli	July
augustus	August
september	September
oktober	October
november	November
december	December
de ochtend	morning
de middag	afternoon; (tussen de middag) at lunchtime
de avond	evening (vanavond: tonight, this evening)
de nacht	night (vannacht: tonight or last night)
het uur	hour; o'clock (om drie uur: at three o'clock)
de minuut	minute
het kwartier	quarter of an hour, 15 minutes
de seconde	second (of time; second in order: tweede)
de week	week
de maand	month

het jaar	year
de dag	day; (dag!) hello, bye
vandaag	today
de morgen	morning ('s morgens: in the morning; morgen: tomorrow)
gisteren	yesterday
straks	later, soon, in a bit (tot straks: see you later)
de lente	spring (season; also: het voorjaar)
de zomer	summer
de herfst	fall, autumn
de winter	winter

Colors

rood	red
blauw	blue
geel	yellow
groen	green
zwart	black
wit	white
grijs	gray
bruin	brown; tanned
oranje	orange (color; the fruit: de sinaasappel)
paars	purple
roze	pink (a rose: de roos)
de kleur	color

People

de vader	father
de moeder	mother
de ouders	parents (de ouder: one parent)
de broer	brother
de zus	sister
de zoon	son
de dochter	daughter
het kind	child, kid
de baby	baby
de opa	grandpa, grandfather
de oma	grandma, grandmother
de familie	relatives, (extended) family (parents and kids: gezin)
het gezin	family (parents and children; relatives: familie)
de oom	uncle
de tante	aunt
de buurman	neighbor (a man); (de burens) the neighbors
de buurvrouw	neighbor (a woman)
de vriend	friend; boyfriend (a woman: vriendin)
de vriendin	(female) friend; girlfriend (mijn vriendin)
de collega	colleague

Body and health

het hoofd	head; head, chief (leader); uit het hoofd: by heart
het haar	hair
het oog	eye (plural ogen)

het oor	ear
de neus	nose
de mond	mouth
de tand	tooth
de keel	throat (keelpijn: sore throat)
de arm	arm
de hand	hand
de vinger	finger
het been	leg (plural benen); bone (plural beenderen)
de voet	foot (te voet: on foot)
de buik	belly, stomach, tummy (the organ: de maag)
de rug	back (of the body), not "rug" (het kleed)
het hart	heart
het lichaam	body
de dokter	doctor
de huisarts	family doctor, GP
ziek	sick, ill
de pijn	pain, ache (pijn doen: to hurt)
de koorts	fever, temperature
de apotheek	pharmacy (prescription medicine; drogist: drugstore)
het medicijn	medicine, medication
het ziekenhuis	hospital
gezond	healthy; sound (gezond verstand: common sense)
verkouden	having a cold; (verkouden zijn) to have a cold
hoesten	to cough
de tandarts	dentist

Food and drink

het brood	bread; (een brood) a loaf
de kaas	cheese
de melk	milk
de koffie	coffee
de thee	tea
het water	water
het sap	juice; sap (of a plant)
het ei	egg (plural: eieren)
de boter	butter
de suiker	sugar
het zout	salt; (as adjective) salty
het vlees	meat; flesh
de kip	chicken; hen
de vis	fish
de rijst	rice
de aardappel	potato
de groente	vegetables (as a mass word); a vegetable
het fruit	fruit
de appel	apple
de banaan	banana
de tomaat	tomato
de ui	onion

de soep	soup
de taart	cake, tart, pie (de cake: plain pound cake)
het koekje	cookie, biscuit
het ontbijt	breakfast
de lunch	lunch
de honger	hunger; (honger hebben) to be hungry
de dorst	thirst; (dorst hebben) to be thirsty
de boterham	slice of bread (with a topping), sandwich

House

het huis	house; home (naar huis: home; at home: thuis)
de kamer	room; chamber (Tweede Kamer: lower house of parliament)
de keuken	kitchen; cuisine
de badkamer	bathroom (often without the toilet)
de slaapkamer	bedroom
de woonkamer	living room
het toilet	toilet, restroom (also: de wc)
de deur	door
het raam	window
de tafel	table
de stoel	chair
het bed	bed
de kast	cupboard, cabinet; closet, wardrobe
de bank	bank; sofa, couch; bench
de lamp	lamp, light; light bulb
de trap	stairs, staircase; kick (a trap: de val)
de tuin	garden, yard
de vloer	floor (a story of a building: de verdieping)
de muur	wall
het dak	roof
de sleutel	key; wrench
de flat	apartment, flat; apartment building

Clothes

de jas	coat, jacket
de broek	pants, trousers (singular: een broek)
de trui	sweater, jumper
het shirt	T-shirt, top (a dress shirt: het overhemd)
de jurk	dress
de rok	skirt
de schoen	shoe
de sok	sock
de tas	bag, handbag
de kleren	clothes
de kleding	clothing, clothes

Weather

het weer	weather
de zon	sun; sunshine
de regen	rain
regenen	to rain (het regent: it is raining)

de sneeuw	snow
de wind	wind
de wolk	cloud
koud	cold
warm	warm; hot (weather, food, drinks)
heet	hot, very warm (but ik heet: my name is)
nat	wet
droog	dry

Town, shops and travel

de winkel	shop, store
de supermarkt	supermarket
de markt	market; market square
de bakker	baker; bakery
de slager	butcher; butcher shop
de post	mail, post; post office
het station	(train) station
de bus	bus; tin, can; mailbox
de trein	train
de tram	tram, streetcar
de fiets	bike, bicycle
de auto	car
de straat	street
de stad	city, town
het dorp	village
de school	school
het park	park

Money

de euro	euro
de cent	cent; (geen cent) not a penny
het geld	money
de prijs	price; prize, award
de duur	duration, length (op den duur: eventually; adj.: expensive)
goedkoop	cheap, inexpensive
betalen	to pay (for)
kopen	to buy
de kilo	kilo, kilogram (een pond: half a kilo)
de/het gram	gram
de liter	liter

Greetings

hallo	hello, hi (neutral, fine with anyone)
doei	bye (informal)
goedemorgen	good morning (until about noon)
goedemiddag	good afternoon (from noon to about 6 pm)
goedenavond	good evening (a greeting, not at bedtime)
welterusten	good night, sleep well (at bedtime)
bedankt	thanks, thank you (fine with anyone; also: dank je wel, dank u wel)
alsjeblieft	please; here you are (informal)
alstublieft	please; here you are (formal)

sorry	sorry
Things	
het glas	glass
het bord	plate; board, sign
het kopje	cup; (een kopje thee) a cup of tea
de lepel	spoon
de vork	fork
het mes	knife
de fles	bottle
de telefoon	phone, telephone
de computer	computer
de brief	letter (in the mail)
de hond	dog
de kat	cat
de bloem	flower; (in baking) flour
de boom	tree

Where the list comes from

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What are the most common Dutch words?

The ten most common are de, het, van, zijn, een, en, in, op, ik and dat: the, of, to be, a, and, in, on, I and that. Together they make up about a quarter of all the words in everyday Dutch.

How many Dutch words do I need to know?

The first 1,000 cover about three in four of the words you meet in everyday Dutch. The 2,000 most common words together with the everyday words cover at least nine in ten of the words in every A2 text on this site, so 1,000 is a good first goal and 2,000 the next.

Should I learn de or het with every noun?

Yes. The article is part of the word, and it changes the words around it: de grote stad, het grote huis, but een groot huis. About seven in ten nouns take de. The page on de and het has

the patterns and 200 common het-words.

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