



Pronunciation Guide

Vowels

a	Short like in 'cat', long like in 'father'.
e	Similar to 'e' in 'bed', sometimes silent at the end of words.
i	Like 'ee' in 'see'.
o	Short like in 'hot', long like in 'hope'.
u	Similar to the French 'u'.
ui	A unique sound, try to pronounce 'ow' and 'ee' together.

Consonants

g	A guttural sound, like clearing your throat (voiced).
ch	Similar to 'g', but unvoiced.
v	Pronounced as 'f'.
w	Pronounced as 'v'.
j	Pronounced like 'y' in 'yes'.

Diphthongs

ei/ij	Pronounced like 'eye'.
au/ou	Pronounced like 'ow' in 'cow'.
oe	Pronounced like 'oo' in 'food'.
ie	Pronounced like 'ee' in 'see', but longer.

Basic Grammar

Word Order

Dutch follows Subject-Verb-Object (SVO) order in main clauses, but often uses Subject-Object-Verb (SOV) order in subordinate clauses.
Example: Ik eet een appel. (I eat an apple.) - SVO Ik weet dat hij een appel eet. (I know that he an apple eats.) - SOV in subordinate clause.

Articles

de	The (common gender nouns). Example: de man (the man)
het	The (neuter gender nouns). Example: het huis (the house)
een	A/An. Example: een vrouw (a woman)

Plural Formation

Plurals are often formed by adding -en, -s, or -eren to the singular noun. Some nouns have irregular plural forms.
Examples: Huis (house) - Huizen (houses) Auto (car) - Auto's (cars) Kind (child) - Kinderen (children)

Verb Conjugation (Present Tense)

Ik	-e (Example: Ik werk - I work)
Je/U	-t (Example: Je werkt - You work)
Hij/Zij/Het	-t (Example: Hij werkt - He works)
Wij/Jullie/Zij	-en (Example: Wij werken - We work)

Common Phrases

Greetings & Introductions

Hallo	Hello
Goedemorgen	Good morning
Goedenmiddag	Good afternoon
Goedenavond	Good evening
Goedenacht	Good night
Hoe gaat het?	How are you?
Het gaat goed	I'm fine
Mijn naam is...	My name is...
Aangenaam	Pleased to meet you

Basic Interactions

Alstublieft	Please/Here you go
Dank u wel/Bedankt	Thank you very much/Thanks
Graag gedaan	You're welcome
Ja	Yes
Nee	No
Sorry	Sorry
Excuseer mij	Excuse me

Asking for Directions

Waar is...?	Where is...?
Hoe kom ik bij...?	How do I get to...?
Links	Left
Rechts	Right
Rechtdoor	Straight ahead

Essential Vocabulary

Basic Words

Man	Man
Vrouw	Woman
Kind	Child
Huis	House
Auto	Car
Water	Water
Eten	Food

Numbers

Een	One
Twee	Two
Drie	Three
Vier	Four
Vijf	Five
Zes	Six
Zeven	Seven
Acht	Eight
Negen	Nine
Tien	Ten

Days of the Week

Maandag	Monday
Dinsdag	Tuesday
Woensdag	Wednesday
Donderdag	Thursday
Vrijdag	Friday
Zaterdag	Saturday
Zondag	Sunday