



ORIGINAL A1 PRACTICE SET

Paper Bloom Exam

Reading, Knowledge of Dutch Society and guided speaking practice—with a separate answer sheet and key.

Name / Pangalan:

Date / Petsa:

Instructions

Reading

15 questions

Suggested: 25 minutes

KNS

10 questions

Suggested: 15 minutes

Speaking

8 prompts

Suggested: 10 minutes

How to use this paper: Work without a dictionary. Mark one answer for each multiple-choice question. For speaking, ask a partner to read each prompt, or cover the answer frame and record yourself.

Self-score

SECTION	YOUR SCORE	PRACTICE SIGNAL
Reading / 15		12–15: strong; 9–11: review; below 9: rebuild vocabulary
KNS / 10		8–10: strong; 6–7: review; below 6: revisit the official film
Speaking / 16		Use the simple two-point rubric on page 6

These bands are motivational study signals, not official pass marks. Only DUO determines official results.

Before you begin

- ☐ Put your phone away except when recording speaking.
- ☐ Use a quiet space and a timer.
- ☐ Do not stop after one difficult question.
- ☐ Write one improvement goal after checking the key.

SECTION A

Lezen · Reading 1–8

1. **Sign:** "Vandaag gesloten." Wat betekent dit?
 - A. Open today
 - B. Closed today
 - C. Busy today
2. **Message:** "De bus naar Utrecht vertrekt om 14.20 uur." Wanneer vertrekt de bus?
 - A. 2:20 pm
 - B. 4:20 pm
 - C. 2:02 pm
3. **Form:** "Achternaam: ____" Wat schrijf je hier?
 - A. Your first name
 - B. Your surname
 - C. Your address
4. **Shop:** "Twee broden voor €5." Hoeveel kosten twee broden?
 - A. €2
 - B. €5
 - C. €10
5. **Text:** "Lina werkt op maandag niet." Wanneer is Lina vrij?
 - A. Monday
 - B. Tuesday
 - C. Friday
6. **Door:** "Ingang aan de andere kant." Waar is de ingang?
 - A. On the other side
 - B. Upstairs
 - C. Here
7. **Clinic:** "Alleen op afspraak." Wanneer kun je komen?
 - A. Any time
 - B. Only with an appointment
 - C. Only on Monday
8. **Message:** "Ik kom een kwartier later." What will the person do?
 - A. Arrive 15 minutes late
 - B. Leave 15 minutes early
 - C. Cancel

SECTION A

Lezen · Reading 9–15

9. **Library:** "Open: 09.00–17.00. Pauze: 12.30–13.00." Kun je om kwart voor één naar binnen?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Only on Friday
10. **Text:** "Neem de medicijnen na het eten." Wanneer neem je ze?
- A. Before eating
 - B. After eating
 - C. During the night
11. **Station:** "Spoor 4 gewijzigd naar spoor 7." Waar vertrekt de trein?
- A. Platform 4
 - B. Platform 7
 - C. Platform 47
12. **Invitation:** "Feest op zaterdag 3 mei vanaf 19.00 uur." Wanneer begint het feest?
- A. Saturday at 7 pm
 - B. Sunday at 3 pm
 - C. Saturday at 9 pm
13. **Notice:** "Niet parkeren voor de garage." Wat mag niet?
- A. Walking
 - B. Cycling
 - C. Parking
14. **Email:** "Beste mevrouw Cruz, uw les begint volgende week woensdag." Wanneer begint de les?
- A. This Wednesday
 - B. Next Wednesday
 - C. Next weekend
15. **Weather:** "Morgen veel regen. Neem een paraplu mee." Wat moet je meenemen?
- A. An umbrella
 - B. A bicycle
 - C. A book

Stop. Check that questions 1–15 each have one mark on the answer sheet. Then continue to KNS.

SECTION B

KNS · Dutch society 16–25

16. You move to a Dutch municipality. Where do you normally register your address?
- A.** At the gemeente
 - B.** At the supermarket
 - C.** At the library
17. You have a non-emergency health complaint. Who is normally the first professional contact?
- A.** The mayor
 - B.** The huisarts
 - C.** The teacher
18. Which number is used for a life-threatening emergency?
- A.** 112
 - B.** 911
 - C.** 100
19. Which statement fits Dutch equality principles?
- A.** Only men may choose work
 - B.** Men and women have equal rights
 - C.** Only married adults vote
20. Where do children usually learn reading and mathematics?
- A.** At school
 - B.** At the gemeente
 - C.** At the pharmacy
21. What is belasting?
- A.** Tax
 - B.** Rent
 - C.** Insurance card
22. What does a huurcontract describe?
- A.** A rental agreement
 - B.** A work break
 - C.** A bus route
23. What is a common way to travel short distances in the Netherlands?
- A.** By bicycle
 - B.** By airplane
 - C.** By boat only
24. Can people in the Netherlands choose their own religion within the law?
- A.** Yes
 - B.** No

SECTION C

Spreeken · Speaking 26–33

Read or hear the prompt. Answer in Dutch. Give yourself 0, 1 or 2 points.

26. Hoe heet u en waar komt u vandaan?

27. Waar woont u nu?

28. Wat doet u graag in uw vrije tijd?

29. Hoe gaat u meestal naar uw werk?

30. Wat eet u graag als ontbijt?

31. Vertel kort over uw familie.

32. U begrijpt een vraag niet. Wat zegt u?

33. U wilt koffie bestellen. Wat zegt u?

Simple two-point rubric

2 points	A relevant, understandable short sentence with a suitable verb.
1 point	The meaning is partly clear, but the answer is incomplete or difficult.
0 points	No answer, or the answer does not address the prompt.

This rubric is for self-study only and is not DUO's official scoring model.

Mark one flower

1 A · B · C	2 A · B · C	3 A · B · C	4 A · B · C	5 A · B · C
6 A · B · C	7 A · B · C	8 A · B · C	9 A · B · C	10 A · B · C
11 A · B · C	12 A · B · C	13 A · B · C	14 A · B · C	15 A · B · C
16 A · B · C	17 A · B · C	18 A · B · C	19 A · B · C	20 A · B · C
21 A · B · C	22 A · B · C	23 A · B · C	24 A · B · C	25 A · B · C

Speaking score

26	0 · 1 · 2	27	0 · 1 · 2	28	0 · 1 · 2	29	0 · 1 · 2
30	0 · 1 · 2	31	0 · 1 · 2	32	0 · 1 · 2	33	0 · 1 · 2

My reflection

Three things that bloomed:

One thing I will water next:

ANSWER KEY

Check and learn

READING	ANSWER	KNS	ANSWER
1	B	16	A
2	A	17	B
3	B	18	A
4	B	19	B
5	A	20	A
6	A	21	A
7	B	22	A
8	A	23	A
9	B	24	A
10	B	25	A
11	B		
12	A		
13	C		
14	B		
15	A		

Example speaking answers

26	Ik heet _____ en ik kom uit _____.
27	Ik woon nu in _____.
28	Ik tuinier en lees graag.
29	Ik ga meestal met de bus.
30	Ik eet graag brood en fruit.
31	Ik ben getrouwd en ik heb één broer.
32	Sorry, kunt u dat herhalen?
33	Ik wil graag koffie, alstublieft.