



TAGALOG-FIRST · DUTCH A1

Your A1 Study Garden

A warm, printable companion for Speaking, Reading and Knowledge of Dutch Society—the three parts of the civic integration exam abroad.

Name / Pangalan:

Three skills, one calm plan

The official exam abroad is at Dutch language level A1 and contains three parts. SayDutch practice is original study material, not a copy of the live exam.

1. Spreken

Speaking

Understand simple prompts and give short, clear answers.

2. Lezen

Reading

Recognise common words, signs, forms and very short messages.

3. KNS

Dutch society

Know basic facts about life, values and institutions in the Netherlands.

Simple wins at A1. Maikli at malinaw ang pinakamahalaga. Use a subject + verb + one useful detail: *Ik woon in Manilla. Ik leer Nederlands. Ik ga met de bus.*

A gentle weekly rhythm

DAY	15-MINUTE FOCUS	LITTLE PROOF
Monday	Hear and repeat 10 phrases	Record one introduction
Tuesday	Read signs and form labels	Circle every word you know
Wednesday	KNS topic: home and municipality	Explain 3 facts aloud
Thursday	Numbers, prices, dates and time	Say 5 times without notes
Friday	Short speaking answers	Answer 8 prompts
Weekend	One mixed practice + gentle review	Write 3 wins and 1 next step

Exam-day reminders

- ☐ Listen to the whole prompt before answering.
- ☐ Use the words you know; a short correct answer is valuable.
- ☐ If you make one mistake, continue calmly.
- ☐ Check the current appointment instructions and required documents from DUO/your embassy.

Pronunciation without fear

Dutch sounds can feel unfamiliar to a Tagalog speaker. Aim for clear communication, not a perfect accent.

SOUND	TRY IT	TAGALOG-FRIENDLY CUE
g / ch	goed, graag, acht	Galing sa likod ng lalamunan; huwag pilitin nang masakit.
ui	huis, uit	Start with "a" lips, then round toward "u"; listen and copy.
eu	leuk, keuken	Round the lips gently; between "e" and "u".
uu	uur, duur	Say "i" while rounding the lips.
ij / ei	tijd, klein	Often close to a quick "ay".
sch	school, schrijven	Begin with s, then the Dutch throat sound.
final consonant	heb, hond, huis	Tapusin nang malinaw; huwag laging dagdagan ng vowel.

Shadowing routine: hear one phrase → pause → copy the rhythm → hear it again → record yourself → compare only one sound at a time.

Polite survival phrases

DUTCH	TAGALOG	ENGLISH
Goedemorgen.	Magandang umaga.	Good morning.
Dank u wel.	Maraming salamat po.	Thank you.
Alstublieft.	Pakiusap / Heto po.	Please / Here you are.
Sorry, ik begrijp het niet.	Paumanhin, hindi ko naiintindihan.	Sorry, I do not understand.
Kunt u dat herhalen?	Maaari po bang ulitin?	Could you repeat that?
Kunt u langzamer spreken?	Maaari po bang magsalita nang mas mabagal?	Could you speak more slowly?
Tot ziens.	Hanggang sa muli.	See you.

SPEAKING

Answer frames that travel

Change the words in pink mentally and reuse the frame. Speak every answer twice: once slowly and once naturally.

QUESTION	ANSWER FRAME	TAGALOG MEANING
Hoe heet u?	Ik heet <i>Maria</i> .	Ano ang pangalan ninyo? — Maria ang pangalan ko.
Waar komt u vandaan?	Ik kom uit <i>de Filipijnen</i> .	Saan kayo galing? — Galing ako sa Pilipinas.
Waar woont u?	Ik woon in <i>Manilla</i> .	Saan kayo nakatira? — Nakatira ako sa Maynila.
Bent u getrouwd?	Ja, ik ben getrouwd.	Kasal ba kayo? — Oo, kasal ako.
Wat doet u graag?	Ik <i>tuinier</i> graag.	Ano ang gusto ninyong gawin? — Mahilig akong mag-garden.
Wat eet u 's morgens?	Ik eet <i>brood en fruit</i> .	Ano ang kinakain ninyo sa umaga?
Hoe gaat u naar uw werk?	Ik ga met <i>de bus</i> .	Paano kayo pumupunta sa trabaho?
Hoe laat staat u op?	Ik sta om <i>zeven uur</i> op.	Anong oras kayo bumabangon?

Your turn

1. Vertel kort over uzelf. / Ipakilala nang maikli ang sarili.

2. Vertel over een gewone dag. / Ikuwento ang karaniwang araw.

3. Wat wilt u in Nederland doen? / Ano ang gusto mong gawin sa Netherlands?

Grammar seed: In a normal statement, the verb is often in position 2: *Ik woon in Manilla. Vandaag werk ik thuis.*

Words hiding in daily life

Signs

open / gesloten	bukas / sarado
ingang / uitgang	pasukan / labasan
verboden	bawal
wachten	maghintay
alleen op afspraak	appointment lamang
niet parkeren	bawal pumarada

Forms

voornaam	unang pangalan
achternaam	apelyido
geboortedatum	petsa ng kapanganakan
geboorteplaats	lugar ng kapanganakan
adres	address
handtekening	lagda

Five-step reading habit

1. Read the question first.
2. Underline a name, time, date, price, or place.
3. Scan the text for the same word or a close synonym.
4. Eliminate answers that contradict one clear detail.
5. Read once more before choosing.

Message: "Hallo Ana, de afspraak bij de huisarts is verzet. Kom niet op maandag, maar op woensdag om half elf."

Question: Wanneer is de nieuwe afspraak?

- A.** Maandag 10.30 uur
- B.** Woensdag 10.30 uur
- C.** Woensdag 11.30 uur

Sign: "Bibliotheek gesloten van 12.00 tot 13.00 uur."

Question: Kun je om half één naar binnen?

- A.** Ja
- B.** Nee
- C.** Alleen op afspraak

Remember Dutch time: *half elf* means 10:30—halfway toward eleven.

KNS memory garden

THEME	KEY IDEA	USEFUL DUTCH
Equality	People have equal rights; discrimination is not allowed.	Iedereen is gelijk.
Freedom	People may have their own opinions, beliefs and religion within the law.	Vrijheid van meningsuiting.
Government	The Netherlands is a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy.	De regering / het parlement.
Municipality	Register your address and arrange many local matters with the gemeente.	Ik schrijf mij in bij de gemeente.
Healthcare	For a non-emergency problem, the huisarts is normally the first point of contact.	Ik bel de huisarts.
Emergency	For urgent, life-threatening emergencies, call 112.	Bel 112.
School	Children have a duty to attend school from the legally defined age.	Kinderen gaan naar school.
Work	Employees have rights and duties; income may be taxed.	Ik werk en betaal belasting.
Home	Renters and owners have agreements, costs and responsibilities.	De huur / het huurcontract.
Daily life	Appointments, punctuality, direct communication and cycling are common.	Ik kom op tijd.

Keep facts current. Government procedures and exam details may change. Use the official Naar Nederland package as the source of truth; this sheet is a memory aid.

Teach it back

Without looking above, explain these in one sentence each:

1. Wat doet de gemeente?

2. Wie bel je bij een gewone gezondheidsklacht?

3. Wat betekent gelijkheid?

4. Wanneer bel je 112?
