

Vocabulary exercises to help learn words for different animals.

Learning vocabulary is a big part of learning a language. The more Dutch words you learn, the better you can communicate your needs, ideas, thoughts and feelings to other people in Dutch. Vocabulary is essential for understanding too. In fact, learning new words is one of the biggest things you can do to improve your reading and listening.

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zoo - de dierentuin

Animals



animals

de dieren



elephant

de olifant



kangaroo

de kangoeroe



rhino
de neushoorn



gorilla
de gorilla



bear

de beer



camel

de kameel



ostrich

de struisvogel



lion
de leeuw



monkey
de aap



flamingo
de flamingo



parrot
de papegaai



polar bear
de ijsbeer



penguin
de pinguïn



shark
de haai



peacock

de pauw



snake

de slang

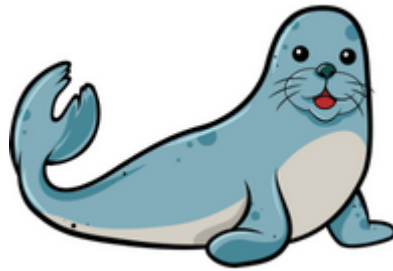


crocodile

de krokodil



zookeeper
de dierenverzorger



seal
de zeehond



jaguar
de jaguar



pony
de pony



leopard
de/het luipaard



hippo

het nijlpaard



giraffe

de giraffe



eagle

de adelaar



boar

het wild zwijn



fish

de vis



turtle

de schildpad



walrus

de walrus





fox
de vos



gazelle
de gazelle



frog
de kikker



moose
de eland



hare
de haas



owl
de uil



swan
de zwaan



animal feed

het dierenvoer



bird

de vogel



deer

het hert



goat
de geit



donkey
de ezel



sheep
het schaap



dog

de hond



horse

het paard



cat

de kat



rabbit
het konijn



duck
de eend



wolf
de wolf



squirrel
de eekhoorn



hedgehog
de egel



chicken
de kip



cock
de haan



pigeon

de duif



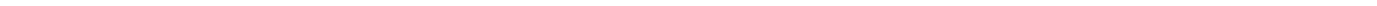
jellyfish

de kwal



mouse

de muis



cow
de koe



goose
de gans



bull
de stier



eagle
de adelaar



pig

het varken



rat

de rat



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what can you do to build your Dutch vocabulary quickly and effectively? Here are five tips for better vocabulary learning.

1. Write down new words

It's a really good idea to write down useful new vocabulary. The act of writing the words helps you remember them better. Plus, lots of people learn better when they see things written on paper, rather than just hearing them. You can add a

translation in your language, a definition in Dutch, a note on pronunciation or even a drawing! The more different links you make between the word and its meaning, the better.

2. Revise new vocabulary regularly So, you've got a Dutch notebook full of useful vocabulary to remember. But did you know that if you don't look again at the new words and phrases you've studied, you only remember on average 20–25 per cent of it? That's a shocking waste of time and effort! The good news is that if you look at your notes again after an hour, again the next day and once more after a few days, you can make sure that 100 per cent of what you learn goes into your long-term memory. So make five minutes each day to revise your Dutch vocabulary. The more you look backwards, the faster you go forwards!

3. Read in Dutch

They say the best way to learn a language is by immersion – spending time completely surrounded by that language. Well, reading is like immersion through your imagination! Reading is amazing for your Dutch in general. But it's particularly good for learning new vocabulary. That's because understanding a new word as part of a story makes it much more memorable than trying to learn a list of words out of context.

4. Learn from context

Speaking of context, let's talk more about that. Literally, 'context' means the text that comes before and after a particular word. It also refers to the situation in which a word is used. Context is your friend when you're learning new vocabulary! It helps you guess the meaning of words you don't know, it shows you how a word is used in a sentence, and it helps you remember the word for longer. This means learning vocabulary by reading and listening is more effective than trying to study word lists. It also means that it's better to make a note of how a word is used in a sentence, rather than just the word on its own. For example, instead of 'to make up = to invent', try learning, 'He'd totally made the story up!'. You've got useful information there – about the meaning, the types of things people 'make up' and the word order.

5. Use it or lose it!

Following the 'use it or lose it' principle, using words is the best way to make sure you don't forget them. So try using new vocabulary as soon as you can when you're speaking or writing in Dutch. Have you noticed that you often need to use the same words and phrases when you're communicating in Dutch? It's really worth the effort to practice the most common and the most useful words for you. Researchers have found that you need to see or hear a word on average ten times to remember it. But when you're actively making an effort with a word – for example, you ask the person you're talking to how to say something – you learn it much faster. So, get out there! Try to get as much exposure to Dutch as you can. And take every opportunity to communicate in Dutch with other people. Caroline



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