



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 Maria en ik kom uit de Filipijnen.
27	Ik woon nu in Manilla.
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.