

# Starter's Guide to Your Dutch Language Course C1.1

Welcome to our Dutch language program! This guide provides all the information you need to get started and make the most of your learning experience with us.

## General

### Language Levels

Our courses are aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Each level requires a different amount of practice hours, increasing as you progress. To go from B2 to **C1 level**, you need approximately **450 hours** of practice. In class, we cover 52 hours, while the remaining hours are dedicated to self-study, and practice. Beside homework, you need to expose yourself to the language in other forms, such as: watching TV shows, talking with others, sending emails and messages, engaging with our Instagram posts, etc.

With a weekly investment of 2 hours of class time, 2 hours of homework, and additional language interactions, you will have a steady routine of practice. At this pace, it would take around 26 weeks to reach C1 level.

Since this is quite a commitment, we've divided our courses into manageable modules of 3 months. All classes are 1 hour long, with an average of 1 hour of homework between sessions. This schedule allows you to comfortably absorb the material and consistently progress towards your language goal. *(A tailored schedule can be discussed.)*

### Course Structure

You will begin with the **C1.1 course**, which consists of **26 hours of classes**. This guides you to **halfway C1 level**. After completing this course, you can smoothly continue with the C1.2 course and achieve C1 proficiency.

## Accessing the Course Materials

### D-Scribe Website

On our website, you can find your course materials with an overview of all lesson plans, homework assignments, and additional resources to guide your learning. While we follow a structured program to ensure you reach your goals, the teacher may personalize the class slightly if desired.

- [Website | D-Scribe](#)

For easy access, you can open the webpage of your course in your phone browser and "Add to Home Screen". This way, you'll always have the course materials at your fingertips.

- [Nederlandse cursus C1.1 | D-Scribe](#)

## Course Book

We use the book **"Nederlands naar Perfectie"**. By the end of this book, you should have a solid C1 level in speaking, listening, writing, and reading Dutch. The book also includes cultural and work-related content. You can purchase the book in the following way:

- Hardcopy Book: Studies show that reading from physical books is preferred over digital content for memory retention. Hence, we recommend the hardcopy for study purposes.
  - In the Netherlands: [Nederlands naar Perfectie | Uitgeverij Coutinho](#)
  - Alternative for abroad: [Nederlands naar Perfectie | Amazon](#)
- E-book: If you prefer digital, you can access it instantly after purchase. Open the e-book via the Bookshelf app on your phone or computer. Nice feature: It contains direct links to the online learning environment.
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    - How to set up your e-book: [Bookshelf | Uitgeverij Coutinho](#)

## Online Learning Environment

Your book comes with an online environment featuring audio, videos, extra exercises, tests, and vocabulary lists. Some of these are part of your homework, but you're always welcome to explore the additional exercises.

- [Online products and activations | Uitgeverij Coutinho](#)

This is how to set it up:

1. Create an account: [Create New Customer Account | Uitgeverij Coutinho](#)
2. Find your 20-digit activation code:
  - Hardcopy Book: on page 2 of the book.
  - E-book: [Activation Code Online Material - Ebook | Uitgeverij Coutinho](#)
3. Go to the provided link, activate your code, reload the page, and explore!

## Quizlet for Vocabulary Practice

Throughout the course, you will learn many new words. Your course book includes a Dutch-English vocabulary list at the end of each chapter. The online environment also has these lists in PDF and Word formats in multiple languages.

For better comprehension, we divided the vocabulary in smaller bits and entered it for you in Quizlet. Quizlet is a great tool to help you master vocabulary through flashcards and interactive games. It is fun and so easy to incorporate into your daily routine. The free version has a daily limit, which should be enough.

- [Vocabulary C1.1 | Quizlet](#)
- [Download App | Quizlet](#)

## Communication and Contact

### Zoom for Classes

All classes are conducted via **Zoom**. The meeting link will be provided by Daphne and is the same for every class. Please reach out if you cannot find it.

For the best experience, join the Zoom meeting from your computer (desktop or browser). If you're traveling, you can still attend via the Zoom app on your phone to avoid missing a class and interrupting your learning process.

### Contact

- **WhatsApp:** Our main communication channel for homework questions, course content inquiries, or notifying absences.
- **Email:** For additional questions or payment concerns, email us at [info@dscribe.online](mailto:info@dscribe.online). Daphne will respond as soon as possible.

### Social media

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We look forward to supporting you on your journey to learning Dutch!