

## Starter's Guide to Your Dutch Language Course A1.2

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 reach **A1 level**, you need approximately **90 hours** of practice. In class, we cover 40 hours, while the remaining  $\pm 50$  hours are dedicated to self-study. This includes homework and exposure to the language in other forms, such as: watching TV shows, talking with others, actively thinking in Dutch, texting in WhatsApp, engaging with our Instagram posts, etc.

With a weekly amount of 2 hours of class time and 2 hours of homework, you will have 4 hours of practice each week. At this pace, it would take around 20 weeks to reach A1 level.

Since this is quite a commitment, we've divided our courses into manageable modules of 2-3 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 are going to follow the **A1.2 course**, which consists of **18 hours of classes**. This guides you to a solid **A1 level**. After completing this course, you can seamlessly continue with the A2.1 course and be on your way to A2 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 A1.2 | D-Scribe](#)

## Course Book

We use the book **"Taaltalent deel 1"**. By the end of this book, you should have a solid A1 level in speaking, listening, writing, and reading Dutch. The book also includes cultural and work-related content. If you haven't purchased the book yet, you can order it 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.
  - Order in the Netherlands: [Taaltalent deel 1 | Uitgeverij Coutinho](#)
  - Alternative for abroad: [Taaltalent deel 1 | 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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## 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](#)

If you didn't follow our A1.1 course, 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.

- [Invite Vocabulary A1.2 | 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 remains 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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- [D-Scribe | LinkedIn](#)

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