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1. Dutch alphabet

a	ah	j	yay	s	ess
b	bay	k	kah	t	tay
c	say	l	ell	u	ew
d	day	m	emm	v	fay
e	ay	n	enn	w	vay
f	eff	o	oh	x	eeks
g	khay	p	pay	y	ee-grek
h	hah	q	kew	z	zett
i	ee	r	air		

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2. Dutch numbers

0	nul	nuhl		
1	een	ayn	1st	eerste
2	twee	tvay	2nd	tweede
3	drie	dree	3rd	derde
4	vier	feer	4th	vierde
5	vijf	faif	5th	vijfde
6	zes	zehs	6th	zesde
7	zeven	zay-fuh	7th	zevende
8	acht	akht	8th	achtste
9	negen	nay-khuh	9th	negende
10	tien	teen	10th	tiende
11	elf	ehlf	11th	elfde
12	twaal	tvahlf	12th	twaaifde
13	dertien	dayr-teen	13th	dertiende
14	veertien	fayr-teen	14th	veertiende
15	vijftien	faif-teen	15th	vijftiende
16	zestien	zehs-teen	16th	zestiende
17	zeventien	zay-fuh-teen	17th	zeventiende
18	achttien	ahkh-teen	18th	achttiende
19	negentien	nay-khuh-teen	19th	negentiende
20	twintig	tvin-tukh	20th	twintigste
21	eenentwintig	ayn-ehn-tvin-tukh	21st	eenentwintigste
22	tweeëntwintig	tvay-ehn-tvin-tukh	22nd	tweeëntwintigste
23	drieëntwintig	dree-ehn-tvin-tukh	23rd	drieëntwintigste
30	dertig	dayr-tukh	30th	dertigste
40	veertig	fayr-tukh	40th	veertigste
50	vijftig	faif-tukh	50th	vijftigste
60	zestig	zes-tukh	60th	zestigste
70	zeventig	zay-fun-tukh	70th	zeventigste
80	tachtig	takh-tukh	80th	tachtigste
90	negentig	nay-guhn-tukh	90th	negentigste
100	honderd	hohn-dert	100th	honderdste
101	honderdeneen	hohn-dert en un	101st	honderdeneerste
110	honderdtien	hohn-dert teen	110th	honderdtiende

200	tweehonderd	<i>tvay-hohn-dert</i>	200th	tweehonderdste
1,000	duizend	<i>dow-zuhnt</i>	1,000th	duizendste
1,001	duizend en een	<i>dow-zent</i>	1,001st	duizend en eerste
million	een miljoen	<i>meel-yoon</i>	millionth	miljoenste
billion	een miljard	<i>meel-yart</i>	billionth	miljardste

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3. Days of the Week

Monday	maandag	<i>mahn-dahkh</i>
Tuesday	dinsdag	<i>dins-dahkh</i>
Wednesday	woensdag	<i>voons-dahkh</i>
Thursday	donderdag	<i>dohn-der-dahkh</i>
Friday	vrijdag	<i>frai-dahkh</i>
Saturday	zaterdag	<i>zah-ter-dahkh</i>
Sunday	zondag	<i>zohn-dahkh</i>
day	dag	<i>dahkh</i>
morning	ochtend	<i>awkh-tehnt</i>
afternoon	middag	<i>mih-dahkh</i>
evening	avond	<i>ah-fohnt</i>
night	nacht	<i>nahkht</i>
today	vandaag	<i>fahn-dahkh</i>
tomorrow	morgen	<i>mawr-khuh</i>
tonight	deze nacht	
yesterday	gisteren	<i>khih-stuh-ruh</i>
last night	(de) afgelopen nacht	
day after tomorrow	overmorgen	<i>oh-fer-mawr-khuh</i>
day before yesterday	eergisteren	<i>ayr-khih-stuh-ruh</i>
week	week	
last week	afgelopen week	
weekend	weekend	
daily	dagelijks	
weekly	wekelijks	

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4. Months of the Year

January	januari	yah-noo-ah-ree
February	februari	fay-broo-ah-ree
March	maart	mahrt
April	april	ah-pril
May	mei	mai
June	juni	yoo-nee
July	juli	yoo-lee
August	augustus	ow-khus-tus
September	september	sep-tehm-ber
October	oktober	awk-toh-ber
November	november	noh-fehm-ber
December	december	day-sehm-ber
month	maand	mahnt
year	jaar	yahr
last year	het afgelopen jaar	
monthly	maandelijks	mahn-duh-luks
yearly	jaarlijks	yahr-luks

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5. Greetings & Goodbyes

English	Dutch	Pronunciation
Good Morning	Goedemorgen	<i>khoo-duh-mawr-ghuh</i>
Good Day	Goedemiddag	<i>khoo-duh-mih-dahkh</i>
Good Evening	Goedenavond	<i>khoo-duh-nah-fohnt</i>
Good Night	Goedenacht	<i>khoo-duh-nahkht</i>
Hi / Bye	Hoi / Hallo / Daag / Doei	<i>hoy / hah-loh / dahk / doo-ee</i>
Goodbye	Tot ziens	<i>toht zeens</i>
See you later (in the same day)	Tot straks	<i>toht straks</i>
See you soon	Tot zo	<i>toht zoh</i>

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6. Thank you

English	Dutch	Pronunciation
Please	Alstublieft / Alsjeblieft	<i>ahlst-ew-bleeft / ahl-shuh-bleeft</i>
Thank you	Dank u wel / Dank je wel	<i>dahnk-ew-vehl / dahnk-yuh-vehl</i>
Thank you very much	Hartelijk bedankt	<i>hahr-tuh-lik buh-dahnkt</i>
You're welcome (don't mention it)	Graag gedaan	<i>khrahkh khuh-dahn</i>
I'm sorry / Excuse me	Sorry	<i>saw-ree</i>
Pardon me (didn't understand)	Pardon, wat zei u?	<i>pahr-dohn, vat zay ew</i>
Yes / No	Ja / Nee	<i>yah / nay</i>

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7. How are you?

English	Dutch	Pronunciation
How are you? (formal)	Hoe gaat het met u?	<i>hoo khaht ut meht ew</i>
How are you? (informal)	Hoe gaat het?	<i>hoo khaht ut</i>
Fine / Very well	Goed / Heel goed	<i>khoot / hayl khoot</i>
So so / Bad	Het gaat / Slecht	<i>uht khaht / slehkht</i>
I'm tired / sick.	Ik ben moe / ziek	<i>ik ben moo / zeek</i>
I'm hungry / thirsty.	Ik heb honger / dorst	<i>ik heb hohng-ur / dohrst</i>

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8. Social talk

English	Dutch	Pronunciation
What's your name? (formal)	Hoe heet u?	hoo hayt ew
What's your name? (informal)	Hoe heet je?	hoo hayt yuh
My name is (I'm called)...	Ik heet...	ik hayt...
I am...	Ik ben...	ik ben
Nice to meet you.	Aangenaam (kennis te maken)	ahn-guh-nahm (ken-nis tuh mah-kuh)
Mister / Misses / Miss	meneer / mevrouw / meiuffrouw	muh-nayr / muh-frow / muh-vuh-frow
Where are you from? (formal)	Waar komt u vandaan?	vahr kawmt ew fun-dahn
Where are you from? (informal)	Waar kom je vandaan?	vahr kawn yuh fun-dahn
I am from the Netherlands.	Ik kom uit Nederland.	ik kawm owt nay-der-lant
Where do you live? (formal)	Waar woont u?	vahr vohnt ew
Where do you live? (informal)	Waar woon je?	vahr vohn yuh
I live in England.	Ik woon in England.	ik vohn in ah-meh-ree-kah
How old are you?	Hoe oud bent u?	hoo owt bent ew
I am ____ years old.	Ik ben ... jaar (oud).	ik ben ... yahr owt
Do you speak Dutch? (formal)	Spreekt u Nederlands?	spraykt ew nay-der-lahnds

Do you speak English? (informal)	Spreek je Engels?	<i>sprayk yuh ehng-uhs</i>
I [don't] speak...	Ik spreek [geen]...	<i>ik sprayk [khayn]</i>
I don't speak ... very well.	Ik spreek niet zo goed...	<i>ik sprayk neet zoh khoo</i>
I [don't] understand.	Ik begrijp het [niet.]	<i>ik buh-khraip ut neet</i>
I [don't] know.	Ik weet het [niet.]	<i>ik vayt ut [neet]</i>

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9. Shopping

English	Dutch	Pronunciation
How much is it?	Wat kost het?	<i>vat kohst ut</i>
I'd like...	Ik wil graag...	<i>ik vil khrahk</i>
What is this / that?	Wat is dit / dat?	<i>vut iss dit / dut</i>

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10. Good luck & fun

English	Dutch	Pronunciation
Cheers!	Proost!	<i>prohst</i>
Have fun!	Veel plezier!	<i>fayl pleh-zeer</i>
Good luck!	Veel succes!	<i>fayl suk-sehs</i>
Be careful!	Wees voorzichtig!	<i>vays fohr-zikh-tikh</i>
That is great / terrible!	Dat is geweldig / vreselijk!	<i>dat is khuh-vehl-duhkh / fray-zuh-likh</i>
How funny / odd!	Wat vreemd!	<i>vaht fraymt</i>
What a pity!	Wat jammer!	<i>vaht yah-mer</i>

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11. Love & Dating

English	Dutch	Pronunciation
I love you. (informal)	Ik hou van je.	<i>ik how fahn yuh</i>
I love you (all).	Ik hou van jullie.	<i>ik how fahn juh-lee</i>
How funny / odd!	Wat vreemd!	<i>vaht fraymt</i>
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