

Meeting people

What does somebody say when he wants to know where you are from?

Where are you from? = Waar kom je vandaan? I am from England. = Ik kom uit Engeland. I am English. = Ik ben Engels.

Where is he / she from? = Waar komt hij / zij vandaan? He / She is from Turkey. = Hij / zij komt uit Turkije. He / She is Turkish. = Hij / zij is Turks.

Where are they from? = Waar komen zij vandaan? They are from Poland. = Zij komen uit Polen. They are Polish. = Zij zijn Pools.

Where are you from, Tom and Wouter? = Waar komen jullie vandaan, Tom en Wouter? We are from The Netherlands. = Wij komen uit Nederland. We are Dutch. = Wij zijn Nederlands.

What do you ask when you meet somebody?

What is your name? = Hoe heet je?
How are you? = Hoe gaat het met je?
I'm fine. How are you? = Met mij gaat het goed. Hoe gaat het met jou?
How old are you? = Hoe oud ben je?
Where do you live? = Waar woon je?

How do you answer?

My name is ... = Ik heet ...
I am ... years old. = Ik ben ... jaar.
I live in ... = Ik woon in ...



Food

A waiter may ask you what you would like to eat.

What would you like (to have)? = Wat wil je hebben?

I would like (to have) an orange juice = Ik wil graag sinaasappelsap.

Would you like (to have) a ham sandwich? = Wil je een broodje ham? Yes, please = Ja, graag. No, thank you = Nee, dank je wel.

In English you normally say you **have** something for breakfast. To have breakfast = ontbijten

How to use to do

Today:

Do you like ...? Yes, I/we do. Does she/he/it like ...?

Yes she/he/it does.

Do we like ...? No, we don't.

Yesterday:

Did you like ... yesterday? Yes, I/we did.

Did she/he/it like ... yesterday?

No she/he/it didn't.

Did we like ...? No, we didn't.



Spare time

Somebody may ask you what you do in your spare time.

What are your hobbies? = Wat zijn je hobby's?
My hobbies are playing football and playing the keyboard. = Mijn hobby's zijn voetballen en keyboard spelen.
What is your favourite hobby? = Wat is je lievelingshobby?
My favourite hobby is playing tennis. = Mijn lievelingshobby is tennissen.

When you want to do something together, you may ask:

What do you want to do? = Wat zullen we doen?

I want to play hockey. = Ik wil hockeyen.

Do you want to walk the dog? = Zullen we de hond uitlaten?

Yes, I do. / No, I don't. = Ja, ik wil wel. / Nee, ik wil niet.

Can I ask you a question? = Mag ik je wat vragen?

Yes, you can. / No, you can't. = Ja, dat mag je. / Nee, dat mag je niet.

How do you say it?

Can you swim? = Kun je zwemmen? Yes, I can swim. / No, I can't swim. = Ja, ik kan zwemmen. / Nee, ik kan niet zwemmen. Can we play on the computer? = Kunnen we op de computer?

Asking a question with: What? How? Who?

Tom's favourite game is Bomber Man. Susan's hair is fifty centimetres long. Peter paints a picture. What is Tom's favourite game? How long is Susan's hair? Who paints a picture?



Asking the way

Ask for the way

Excuse me, Sir / Madam, can you tell

me the way to ...?

Excuse me, could you tell me where

the ... is please?

Answers:

Sure.

Of course.

I'm sorry. I can't help you. I'm a stranger

here myself.

If you want to say something about a building or a place, you can say:

It is tall.

It is exciting.

If you compare this with another building or place, you can say:

It is taller than that building.

when it is a short word.

It is more exciting than that place.

when it is a longer word.

If there is no other building or place as tall as this one, you can say:

It is the tallest building.

when it is a short word.

It is the most exciting place.

when it is a longer word.

How to explain the way:

go straight on

turn left / right

take the first / second / third street / turning on the right / left

you come to ...

How to use to go

Today:

Yesterday:

I go shopping.

I went shopping.

you go shopping.

you went shopping.

he / she goes shopping.

he / she went shopping.

How to use it

I have a car.

It goes very fast.

It went very fast.

You use it when the thing you are talking about is not a person.

Health and school

When you feel a terrible pain inside your head, you can say: I have a headache. = Ik heb hoofdpijn.

He / she has a headache. = Hij / zij heeft hoofdpijn.

When you have a pain in your leg, you can say: His / her leg hurts. = Zijn / haar been doet pijn.

The nurse says:You say:Say it shorter:Your leg is broken.I have broken my leg.I've broken my leg.Your shoulder is twisted.I have twisted my shoulder.I've twisted my shoulder.You hurt your head.I have hurt my head.I've hurt my head.

My leg hurts because I fell off my bike.
Your feet hurt when you walk too much.
His heartbeat is high because he has done too much running.
Her arm is broken and she is taken to hospital.

Home

Somebody may ask you something about your house.

Where is the bedroom? = Waar is de slaapkamer?
The bedroom is upstairs. = De slaapkamer is boven.
Is there a double bed? = Is er een tweepersoonsbed?
Yes, there is. / No, there isn't (a double bed). = Er is wel / geen tweepersoonsbed.
Has the house got a garage? = Heeft het huis een garage?
Yes, the house has got / hasn't got a garage. = Het huis heeft wel / geen garage.

Does it belong to me?

It's my house. = Het is mijn huis. It's your house. = Het is jouw huis. It's his house. = Het is zijn huis. It's her house. = Het is haar huis. It's our house. = Het is ons huis. It's your house. = Het is jullie huis. It's their house. = Het is hun huis.

What do you say when you tell somebody about your house?

We have our own swimming pool. We don't have a large front garden.