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# INTRODUCTION

## **A book and a free course online**

There are two possibilities, and in both cases you will be surprised!

### **The first possibility:**

You want to learn Dutch, so you go to a bookshop and open this *Taalthis* book. You are shocked! Where is the CD with all the spoken text? No CD means no sound, right? How on earth are you supposed to learn that strange language full of gggg's if you cannot check the pronunciation of the dialogues in the book?

Well, you can. No other Dutch language book in the world has an elaborate website like *Taalthis*. Go to the website (no password needed, no registering, nothing!) [www.taalthuis.com](http://www.taalthuis.com) and you will find not only a teacher on video pronounces all the dialogues from the book, but also a large amount of exercises and interesting tips about learning Dutch and living in the Netherlands. You will find additional material for all the ten lessons in this book. Moreover: there is a complete free extra course for advanced students – yes advanced! – because that is what you will be after you have learned the ten lessons in this book and on the website!

### **The second possibility:**

You have started to work with the website [www.taalthuis.com](http://www.taalthuis.com) and you like this website so much that you have decided to order the book; this way you can learn Dutch even when no computer is at hand. Maybe you think the book is more or less a copy of the website. It is not! Although the book of course contains the same dialogues as the website, the grammar and conversation topics are offered to you in a different way: every subject that is mentioned on the website, is explained to you in the book from a different angle, and with new exercises. Lots of exercises. This way the book complements the website lessons, and the extra exercises help you remember the words and phrases more easily.

### **Make use of the chat room to practice your Dutch language skills**

The book also gives you exercises and suggestions for making conversation with other students. If you do not know any other students who are learning Dutch (for instance because you study all by yourself) you can find other students in the chat room on the website. Since the website is global there are always – day and night – a dozen or more students online chatting away in Dutch. They will be happy to practice in virtual life the dialogue you have just learned from the book and the website.

Go ahead and learn Dutch as fast as you can. And please let us know what you think of our *Taalthis* method on the website.

Sjoerd de Vos  
Marcel Heerink

# READ BEFORE USE

This book is for supplementary use only. Before each lesson you should look at the elaborate website [www.taalthuis.com](http://www.taalthuis.com) first. Listen a few times to the text on the website before you start reading the book. While doing the exercises and reading the texts in the book, you should regularly go back to the website and listen to the texts again. That way you can check your own pronunciation. The exercises sometimes require a sparring partner for a lively conversation. If there is no one available to make Dutch conversation with you, try the chat room at the website. That way you can at least make conversation in writing.

# LES 1 WAT IS DIT?

## 1.1 Text - Dit is een pen



Wat is dit?

Dit is een pen.

Is de pen zwart?

Ja, de pen is zwart.

What is this?

This is a pen.

Is the pen black?

Yes, the pen is black.

Wat is dit?

Dit is een boek.

Is het boek rood?

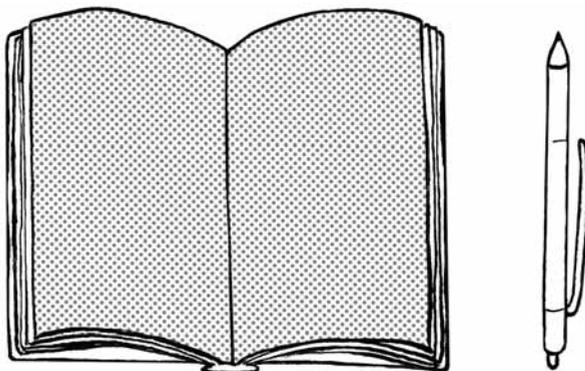
Nee, het boek is groen.

What is this?

This is a book.

Is the book red?

No, the book is green.



### 1 Say out loud and add the missing words.

Wat is \_\_\_\_\_?

Dit is \_\_\_\_\_ pen.

Is \_\_\_\_\_ pen zwart?

Ja, de pen is \_\_\_\_\_

Wat is \_\_\_\_\_?

Dit is \_\_\_\_\_ boek.

Is \_\_\_\_\_ boek rood?

Nee, het boek is \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 Write down the answer to the question. Check your answers on p. 88. Read the answers and questions out loud (if possible in dialogue with another student).

Is de pen rood?

Nee, \_\_\_\_\_ (black)

Is het boek zwart?

Nee, \_\_\_\_\_ (green)

Is de pen zwart?

Ja, \_\_\_\_\_

Is het boek groen?

Ja, \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Try to speak Dutch by yourself.

Pick up your pen or your book and ask yourself Dutch questions like:

- Is de pen rood? Nee, \_\_\_\_\_

You can also do this exercise in combination with another student or with someone from the chat room at the website.

### 4 de - het - een

*the = de or het*

de	plural always: de
de man	de mannen
de vrouw	de vrouwen
de pen	de pennen

het	plural always: de
het kind	de kinderen
het boek	de boeken

*a = een (no plural)*

een	plural
een pen	pennen
een boek	boeken

### 5 Fill out *de* or *het*.

- \_\_\_\_\_ vrouw      the woman  
\_\_\_\_\_ vrouwen      the women  
\_\_\_\_\_ man      the man  
\_\_\_\_\_ mannen      the men  
\_\_\_\_\_ boek      the book  
\_\_\_\_\_ boeken      the books  
\_\_\_\_\_ tafel      the table  
\_\_\_\_\_ tafels      the tables  
\_\_\_\_\_ huis      the house  
\_\_\_\_\_ huizen      the houses