

## Consonants

Letter	Example	Approximate pronunciation
b	boom	Like <b>b</b> in book (often pronounced like <b>p</b> at the end of a word)
c	cent, computer	Like <b>s</b> before e or i, otherwise like <b>k</b>
d	deur	Like <b>d</b> in dog (often pronounced like <b>t</b> at the end of a word)
f	fiets	Like <b>f</b> in fish
g	goed	Similar to <b>ch</b> in loch, but slightly stronger
h	huis	Like <b>h</b> in house
k	kat	Like <b>k</b> in kite
l	lamp	Like <b>l</b> in lamp
m	man	Like <b>m</b> in man
n	neus	Like <b>n</b> in nose
p	pen	Like <b>p</b> in pen
r	raam	Usually rolled or tapped more strongly than in English
s	stoel	Like <b>s</b> in see
t	tafel	Like <b>t</b> in table
v	vogel	Somewhere between English <b>v</b> and <b>f</b> ; often sounds closer to <b>f</b>
w	water	like <b>w</b> in vowel
x	xylofoon	like <b>x</b> in box
z	zon	like <b>z</b> in zoo

## Vowels

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a	man, namen	Like <b>a</b> in father, or <b>aa</b> in maan bread
e	pet, lezen, de	Like <b>e</b> in bed or <b>ay</b> in say; unstressed <b>e</b> is often pronounced like the <b>a</b> in about (schwa /ə/)
i	vis	Like <b>i</b> in sit
o	pot, lopen	Like <b>o</b> in hot, or <b>o</b> as in go
u	put, uren	Like <b>u</b> in number, or <b>u</b> as in Munich

## Common Letter Combinations

Combination	Example	Approximate pronunciation
aa	maan	Like <b>aa</b> in maan bread
au	auto	Like <b>ow</b> in cow
ch	school	Similar to <b>ch</b> in loch, but slightly stronger
ee	meer	Like <b>ay</b> in say
ei	trein	Similar to <b>ej</b>
eu	leuk	A sound not found in English; similar to the French <b>eu</b> in deux
ie	dieren	Like <b>ee</b> in see
ij	blij	Similar to <b>ej</b>
oe	boek	Like <b>oo</b> in food
oo	boom	Like <b>o</b> in go,
ou	hout	Like <b>ow</b> in cow
ui	huis	A unique Dutch sound with no direct English equivalent
uu	duur	Similar to <b>u</b> as in Munich
qu	quiz	Like <b>qu</b> in quick