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Dutch Language Institute

The knowledge institute for the Dutch
language

The *Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal* or Dutch Language Institute is an academic but at the same time easily accessible institute that studies all aspects of the Dutch language, including its vocabulary, grammar and linguistic variation. The institute collects new Dutch words, updates important reference works such as the *Algemene Nederlandse Spraakkunst*, the main standard work on Dutch grammar, and creates terminology lists to make professional jargons accessible.

The institute also takes a central position in the Dutch-speaking world (the Netherlands, Flanders, the Caribbean and Suriname) as a developer, keeper and distributor of corpora, lexica, dictionaries and grammars. With these sustainable language resources, all results of scholarly methods, the Dutch Language Institute provides the necessary building blocks of a reliable digital infrastructure and the study of Dutch.

Historical Dutch

Dutch is one of the best described languages in the world. Do you want to know how the meaning of *vrede* ('peace') has developed during the Middle Ages? You will find it in our dictionaries of Old and (Early) Middle Dutch. The world-famous *Woordenboek der Nederlandsche Taal* (Dictionary of the Dutch Language - WNT) covers the subsequent period and shows for example how we came to use a term like *bebouwde kom* ('urban area') in the 19th century.

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Contemporary Dutch

Compared to a printed dictionary, you can provide much more information about words and their context online. That is what the steadily growing *Algemeen Nederlands Woordenboek* (General Dutch Dictionary - ANW), the modern counterpart of the *Woordenboek der Nederlandsche Taal*, does. Neologisms from 2000 onwards can be found in the *Woordenboek van Nieuwe Woorden* (Dictionary of New Words - WNW). These online dictionaries of contemporary Dutch – ANW and WNW – are updated daily.

anw.ivdnt.org

neologismen.ivdnt.org

Corpora & lexica

For scientific research and for creating dictionaries and software, you need large collections of written and spoken language: *corpora*. Structured datasets with words and linguistic information are called *lexica*. The Dutch Language Institute manages many of these corpora and lexica, from very old to modern Dutch. We also create the *Corpus Hedendaags Nederlands* (Corpus of Contemporary Dutch - CHN): a growing text collection of more than three million texts from newspapers, magazines, news broadcasts, blogs, websites and novels, supplemented with linguistic information such as part of speech and lemma.

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Dutch dialects

We make online dialect dictionaries available in two different applications: the *Dictionary of the Southern Dutch Dialects* (DSDD) and the *elektronische Woordenbank van de Nederlandse Dialecten* (Electronic Vocabulary of the Dutch Dialects – eWND). In the long term, we aim to offer a dialect platform for the entire Dutch language area.

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Grammar of Dutch

How are sentences formed in Dutch? You can find that in the grammar of our language: the *Algemene Nederlandse Spraakkunst* (e-ANS). This standard work has been transformed into a user-friendly digital edition and has also been partly updated. In addition, we manage *Taalportaal* (or Language Portal), an interactive knowledge base about Dutch, Frisian and Afrikaans. It provides access to a comprehensive and authoritative scientific grammar for these three languages, in English. Ultimately, the e-ANS, the Language Portal and other related grammar resources will be merged into one umbrella portal.

e-ans.ivdnt.org

taalportaal.org

Terminology

In many fields, such as education, healthcare, the legal world and science, it is necessary to use and understand specialized terms. Our *Expertisecentrum Nederlandstalige Terminologie* (Centre of Expertise for Dutch Terminology - ENT) offers information and assistance with term lists, definitions and translations. In addition, we are working on several terminology projects, with a focus on four domains: government, healthcare, law and science.

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International network

The Dutch Language Institute is part of an international network and represents Dutch in cross-border projects. We have been part of EFNIL (European Federation of National Institutions for Language) since 2017: a platform for collaboration between language policy authorities and language institutes within the European Union. In addition we are chair of the IMPACT Centre of Competence: a non-profit organization with the mission to make the digitisation of historical material better, faster and cheaper. Furthermore, we participate in the European Language Data Space: a platform and a marketplace for the collection, creation, sharing and re-use of multilingual and multimodal language data. This will make the necessary data available, both in terms of quality and quantity, to support the creation and deployment of Large Language Models (LLMs) and other AI-based language technology services for a range of businesses.

efnil.org
digitisation.eu

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Language technology & CLARIN

For scientists and companies we offer an extensive catalogue of Dutch language resources, data and tools for linguistic research and language and speech technology. Within the European CLARIN (Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure) project, we play a role as a technical centre (CLARIN-B) and knowledge centre (CLARIN-K), providing training in and advice on matters such as research infrastructure.

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