

Definite Articles

Class Objective:

I will be able to learn and use definite articles in Dutch.

Concept A: Introduction

Unlike English, which has only one definite article "the", Dutch has 2 definite articles in singular:

- De (masculine and feminine singular), de man (the man) – de vrouw (the woman)
- Het (neuter singular) het boek (the book) – het meisje (the girl)

In plural only de is used : de mannen (the men) – de vrouwen (the women) – de boeken (the books) – de meisjes (the girls)

Concept B: Rules to use definite articles

- Plural nouns always take the article **de**, regardless of their gender.

Singular	Plural
De man	De mannen (the men)
Het kind	De kinderen (the children)
Het boek	De boeken (the books)
Het koekje	De koekjes (the cookies)

- Singular diminutive nouns (verkleinwoorden) take the article **het**.

Het koekje (the cookie)
Het huisje (the little house)
Het kindje (the little child)

- Infinitives take the article **het**

Het lopen (to walk)
Het lezen (to read)
Het spelen (to play)

- Nouns that refer to persons take the article **de**.

De man (man)
De vrouw (woman)
De vriend (friend)

Exception: het kind (child)

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