Basics of Dutch

Class Objective:

I will be able to learn the basics of Dutch.

Concept A: Introduction

- Dutch language is also called Netherlandic.
- It is the national language of the Netherlands and, with French and German, one of the three official languages of Belgium.
- Although speakers of English usually call the language of the Netherlands "Dutch" and the language of Belgium "Flemish", they are actually the same language.
- Many words in English are similar to words in Dutch:
 - ❖ Appel apple
 - ❖ Banaan banana
 - ❖ Blauw blue
 - Peer pear
 - Rood red

Concept B: Alphabet in Dutch

- The Dutch alphabet consists of 26 letters, 21 consonants, and 5 vowels.
- Pronunciation of the Dutch alphabet is not the same as the English alphabet.

Dutch alphabet	English sound	Pronunciation example
Аа	aa	short (a) long (aa)
Bb	bee	similar to English
Сс	see	either s or k, e.g. sirkel
D d	dee	similar to English

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