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The UK Linguistics Olympiad 2020

Round 1



Problem 1. Double Dutch (5 marks)

Dutch, which is closely related to English, is spoken in The Netherlands and in part of Belgium. Here are some Dutch words and phrases in different grammatical forms, with their English translations.



ik heet	<i>I am called</i>	heten	<i>to be called</i>
ik huur	<i>I rent</i>	huren	<i>to rent</i>
een nek	<i>a neck</i>	nekken	<i>necks</i>
een heer	<i>a man</i>	heren	<i>men</i>
ik gok	<i>I bet</i>	gokken	<i>to bet</i>
ik leef	<i>I live</i>	leven	<i>to live</i>
een lip	<i>a lip</i>	lippen	<i>lips</i>
ik maak	<i>I make</i>	maken	<i>to make</i>
ik geef	<i>I give</i>	geven	<i>to give</i>
ik woon	<i>I live</i>	(1)	<i>to live</i>
een haar	<i>a hair</i>	(2)	<i>hairs</i>
(3)	<i>an ear</i>	oren	<i>ears</i>
een uur	<i>an hour</i>	(4)	<i>hours</i>
(5)	<i>an address</i>	adressen	<i>addresses</i>
(6)	<i>I erase</i>	gommen	<i>to erase</i>
(7)	<i>a raven</i>	raven	<i>ravens</i>
ik stap	<i>I step</i>	(8)	<i>to step</i>

Q1.1. Fill in the missing words numbered (1) to (8) in the table.

Q1.2. “Rood” means “red” and “vet” means “fat”; and here are some more Dutch phrases:

de wijn is duur	<i>the wine is expensive</i>	de dure wijn	<i>the expensive wine</i>
de motor is stil	<i>the motor is quiet</i>	de stille motor	<i>the quiet motor</i>

How would you say the following in Dutch?

(9)	the red hair
(10)	the fat man

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Solution and marking.

Scoring: (max 18)

- (1-10) 1 point for each correct **word, including een, ik** (max 18)

ik woon	<i>I live</i>	(1) wonen	<i>to live</i>
een haar	<i>a hair</i>	(2) haren	<i>hairs</i>
(3) een oor	<i>an ear</i>	oren	<i>ears</i>
een uur	<i>an hour</i>	(4) uren	<i>hours</i>
(5) een adres	<i>an address</i>	adressen	<i>addresses</i>
(6) ik gom	<i>I erase</i>	gommen	<i>to erase</i>
(7) een raaf	<i>a raven</i>	raven	<i>ravens</i>
ik stap	<i>I step</i>	(8) stappen	<i>to step</i>

(9) de rode haar (/haren, as could be interpreted as singular or plural)	the red hair
(10) de vette heer	the fat man

Commentary

When adding **-en** (plural/infinitive marker) or **-e** (when adjective is between the article and noun) the form of the stem changes according to whether the last vowel of the stem is long (double vowel) or short (single vowel).

Long vowel (-VVC): write VC+suffix.

Short vowel (-VC): write VCC+suffix.

-f changes to **-v-** when adding one of the above suffixes.