



## Especially for children who want to learn Dutch.

Some children are so insecure about communicating in Dutch that they speak very softly or unclearly or sometimes don't even dare to speak at all.

When a child speaks unclearly, the other Dutch skills (such as vocabulary, sentence structure and morphology) are not recognizable because people simply can't understand what the child is saying.

### The Dutch Sounds

There are some Dutch sounds and sound combinations that are especially difficult to pronounce for children who are learning Dutch as a second language. The difficult sounds may differ according to the child's first language.

The correct use of word stress, sentence stress, intonation and rhythm help increase speech intelligibility.

Multilingual children sometimes don't hear the difference between certain Dutch sounds because the sounds don't exist in their first language. You can keep repeating the sounds in Dutch, but it won't help. There is a special strategy for this.

Using incorrect breathing when speaking can also cause problems in speech. Some children are not used to using long words or sentences in their first language. Their breath runs "out" when they are halfway through a word or sentence in Dutch.

Sometimes long words or sentence constructions cannot be remembered and therefore cannot be pronounced properly. This can cause them to have difficulties in learning new words and sentences.

### Practice speech games and speak more clearly

TinyEYE offers an online program with speech games in which children learn to produce sounds correctly.

### How does it work?

During the live online sessions, the TinyEYE speech therapist works with special tailor-made games to increase speech intelligibility.

### Unlimited and free homework module

Children can practice speech games unlimitedly by logging into the online homework backpack. They can practice independently or with their parents. The speech therapist also leaves instructional videos and personal messages in the backpack.

### Costs

Payment goes directly through the Dutch health insurance companies.

### More information?

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