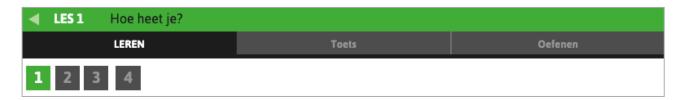
## How to use the book and the online material

The basic idea behind the Delft method is to have classes that are almost completely devoted to conversation on specific topics; students prepare for these classes by studying texts. This means that you have to learn the texts very well. You may wonder: what does knowing a text very well mean? Your assignment is as follows: read the text while simultaneously listening to it and repeat what you hear. Do this as many times as necessary, until you have understood the meaning of all the words in their context and remembered them. You should furthermore know how to pronounce all these words, and, above all else, you must be able to understand the spoken text. Then you will be able to talk about the subjects in the texts in Dutch.

How exactly do you learn the texts? All the materials you need are in the textbook, together with the online materials (pc or app for smartphone), or otherwise in the online materials. The best way to achieve your study goal is by learning the text step by step. The menu of the online materials below illustrates how you have to proceed.

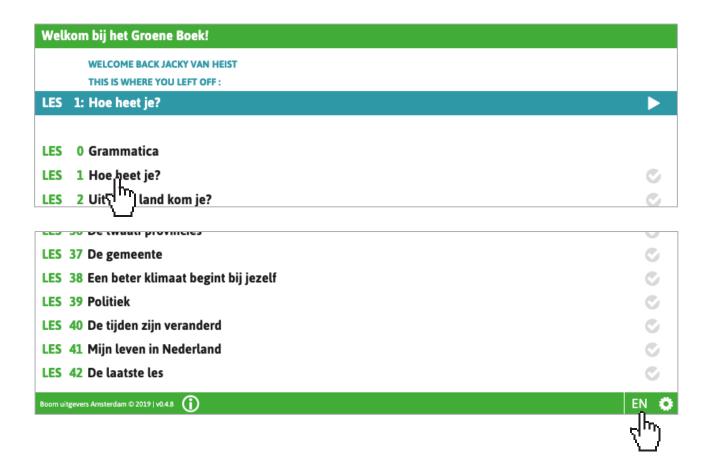


The tabs given in this menu show the steps that you have to take. First, you go to tab 1 'Leren', aided listening with less help in the following steps (step 1-4). Subsequently, you go to step 5 alongside the tab 'Toets', a gap filling text like in the text book plus a listening test. Finally, when you are sure you know the text well, and only then, move to step 6, where there is an exercise alongside the tab 'Oefenen'.

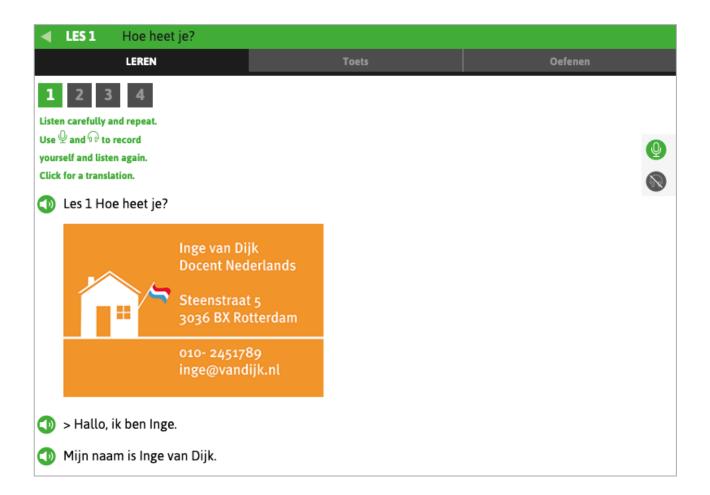
Let us now explain these steps in more detail.

## How to study online

First: select a lesson and a supportive language.







- Step 1: Click on next to every sentence. Listen, read and look up the translations by clicking on a word. Try to repeat the sentences out loud. You can click on up to record your pronunciation and on to listen back. Compare your pronunciation with the audio from the lesson. Do this several times. It's important to perfect each step before you proceed.
- Step 2: Listen to the text as a whole by clicking on 2. Do you understand everything or do you still need some translations? If so; go back to step 1. Repeating step 1 and step 2 is always helpful! This way you get really familiar with the new words, the way sentences are build and with the pronunciation in Dutch.
- Step 3: Click on a next to the consecutive numbers. You can't see the text ... Do you still understand what's being said? Repeat out loud as well and record your pronunciation. If this is too difficult you should go back to step 1 and step 2 and study some more before you go any further. The words from this lesson will come back later. It's important that you really understand the text word for word.
- Step 4: Click on 4 to listen to the whole text without any help: no visible text, no breaks and no translations. This shouldn't be a problem.

Step 5: Toets

Test yourself! Do you really understand the whole text and do you know it by heart? The test is a dictation based on the text you've studied so hard. To pass this test you have to score 80% or more.

Step 6: Oefenen

Make the exercise and get important feedback.

Note: Be aware that steps 1-4 have to be taken repeatedly, not so much with the intention of learning the text by heart but rather to remember words and groups of words and the way they are used. It requires close attention to all aspects of the text. This means that you need about 2-3 hours to learn each text.

Wordlists other than the English one given in this book may be freely downloaded from www.delftsemethode.nl.

Each chapter of the text book provides questions and speaking assignments related to the studied text. This will help you to practise speaking.

## Some good advice

- Do not fill in the gaps in the book or write translations in the text.
- · Do not learn words from a list, but in context.
- Understanding is not enough. Pay attention to form: put the text under the microscope!
- · Study actively: USE the words, make your own sentences.
- · Don't be afraid to speak or to make mistakes.