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# A2 Reading Exam Summary

A printable strategy guide for the inburgering A2 Lezen exam

**A2**

LEVEL

**Lezen**

SKILL

**25**

QUESTIONS

**65 min**

TIME

## Target score

Aim for 19/25 to pass. 18/25 is close, but keep practicing.

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# Exam Snapshot And Timing

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## What this summary helps you do

- Recognize the text type before reading every word.
- Find the sentence or table cell that supports the answer.
- Avoid small traps around dates, prices, opening hours, and deadlines.
- Use the last minutes to check evidence, not to reread everything.

## 65-minute timing plan

You do not need to read every word slowly. Read with a job: answer the question and find the evidence.

### **0-2 min** Scan the whole exam

Look at how many texts are long, how many have tables, and where the easy detail questions are.

### **2-50 min** Answer steadily

Read the question first, then scan the text for names, dates, prices, places, and instruction words.

### **50-60 min** Return to marked questions

Only change an answer when you find clear evidence in the Dutch text.

### **60-65 min** Final check

Make sure every question has an answer. Guessing is better than leaving a question empty.

# Texts And Question Types

## Texts You Should Recognize Fast

A2 reading questions usually use practical Dutch texts from daily life, work, school, health, travel, and local services.

- E-mails from a boss, colleague, teacher, friend, or organizer.
- Folders from shops, courses, health practices, sport centers, or services.
- Schedules with dates, times, days, routes, departments, or prices.
- Short rules for work, school, illness, appointments, or public events.
- Invitations and announcements that explain what will happen and what someone must do.
- Website information where you need to match a person to the right option.

## Question Types That Come Back Often

Most questions are not about difficult grammar. They test whether you can find the exact detail that answers the question.

- What must this person do?
- Who should they contact?
- When does something start, end, or need to be done?
- Where should someone go or where can they find something?
- How much does something cost?
- Why did someone write this text?
- Which option fits this person best?
- What is true according to the table, roster, or rule?

## Signal words

Circle or mentally mark these words when you see them. They often decide the correct answer.

**voor na vanaf tot uiterlijk alleen niet geen behalve ook daarom als moet mag kan**

# Tables, Prices, And Traps

## Tables, Prices, And Rosters

Many A2 reading questions are table questions. The mistake is usually reading the right row but the wrong column.

- Read the row label and the column label before choosing.
- For prices, check weight, floor, person type, age, and address rules.
- For rosters, match the person, day, department, and shift.
- For opening hours, check closed days and special evening hours.
- For routes, check start date, end date, bus line, stop name, and reason.

### Fast table check

Point to the row first, then to the column. If the question has a person, date, floor, age, weight, or department, use that detail to choose the row.

## Common Traps

A2 traps are small. They often hide in one word: not, only, before, after, from, until, or except.

- Choosing an answer because it sounds logical, even when the text does not say it.
- Confusing the event date with the registration deadline.
- Reading a price for adults when the question asks about a child.
- Missing that a place is closed on one day but open on another day.
- Using outside knowledge instead of the sentence in the text.
- Changing an answer without finding new evidence.

# Exam Example 1: E-mail From Work

This is an original A2 exam example. Use it to practise the answer habit: question first, evidence second.

Context: Nadia gets an e-mail about a staff outing.

## Personeelsuitje naar het museum

Beste collega, op vrijdag 12 juni gaan we met het team naar het stadsmuseum. We verzamelen om 10.00 uur bij de ingang aan het Marktpllein. Daarna krijgen we een rondleiding. Om 12.30 uur eten we samen in het museumcafe.

Wil je mee? Meld je dan uiterlijk maandag 8 juni aan bij Samira. Je hoeft geen lunch mee te nemen, maar neem wel je ov-kaart mee. We reizen samen met de tram vanaf het station.

Kun je niet de hele dag mee? Laat dat dan ook aan Samira weten. Zij maakt dinsdag de definitieve lijst.

### Vraag: Nadia wil mee naar het museum. Wat moet zij doen?

- A maandag bij de ingang staan
- B zich uiterlijk 8 juni aanmelden
- C zelf lunch meenemen

Answer: B. Evidence: Meld je dan uiterlijk maandag 8 juni aan bij Samira.

Strategy: The signal word is uiterlijk. It tells you the last day Nadia can register.

### Vraag: Wat moet Nadia meenemen?

- A haar ov-kaart
- B haar lunch
- C de definitieve lijst

Answer: A. Evidence: Neem wel je ov-kaart mee.

Strategy: The question asks what she must bring, so scan for neem mee.

# Exam Example 2: Opening Hours

This is an original A2 exam example. Use it to practise the answer habit: question first, evidence second.

Context: Amir reads opening hours for a sports center.

## Sportcentrum De Brug

Openingstijden: maandag tot en met donderdag 08.00-22.00 uur. Vrijdag 08.00-18.00 uur. Zaterdag 09.00-13.00 uur. Zondag gesloten.

Abonnementen: Basis kost 18 euro per maand. Met Basis mag u altijd sporten als het centrum open is. Daluren kost 14 euro per maand. Met Daluren mag u alleen op werkdagen voor 17.00 uur sporten.

Wilt u een proefles? Bel dan naar 020 - 441 90 11. Een proefles kan alleen op dinsdag of donderdag.

**Vraag: Amir werkt op vrijdag tot 18.00 uur. Wanneer kan hij sporten?**

- A vrijdagavond
- B zaterdagmorgen
- C zondagmiddag

Answer: B. Evidence: Zaterdag 09.00-13.00 uur.

Strategy: Friday closes at 18.00 and Sunday is closed, so Saturday morning is the supported answer.

**Vraag: Lina heeft een Daluren-abonnement. Wanneer mag zij sporten?**

- A maandag om 16.00 uur
- B woensdag om 20.00 uur
- C zaterdag om 10.00 uur

Answer: A. Evidence: Met Daluren mag u alleen op werkdagen voor 17.00 uur sporten.

Strategy: Match both conditions: weekday and before 17.00.

# Final Checklist

- I read the question before the whole text.
- I know what detail I need: person, time, date, place, price, action, or reason.
- I check the sentence around the possible answer.
- I watch for not, only, before, after, from, until, and except.
- I use the row and column in tables.
- I answer every question before time is finished.
- I review mistakes by writing the evidence sentence.

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