

Why Grammar Helps



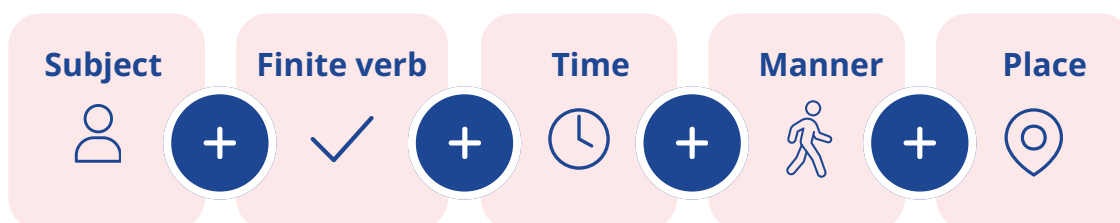
Grammar helps us understand how a sentence works.

It shows:

- who does the action,
- what the action is,
- and when, how, and where it happens.

Reading a little grammar is useful because it helps you understand patterns, read better, and make your own sentences more clearly.

Simple Dutch Main Sentence Pattern (Present Tense)



In a normal Dutch main sentence, the finite verb is usually in position 2.

- Subject:** who or what the sentence is about.
- Finite verb:** The verb that changes for person and tense.
- Time:** Tells when.
- Manner:** Tells how.
- Place:** Tells where.



☆ This example is in the present tense and has one verb.