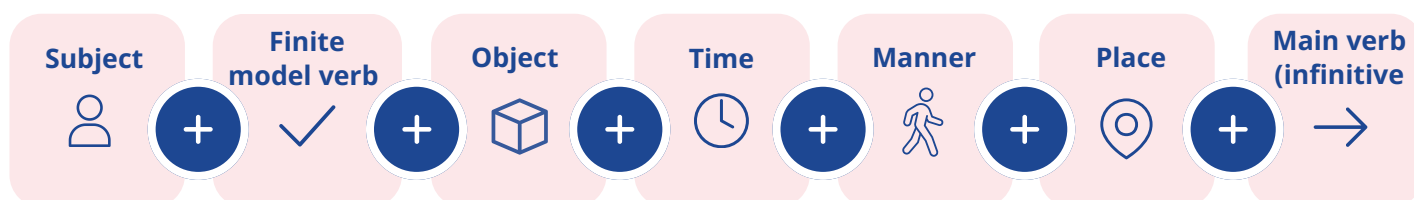


Dutch Main Sentence with a Modal Verb and an Object (Present Tense)



A modal verb is a helping verb such as can, want, or must. In Dutch, the finite modal verb usually comes in position 2, and the main verb goes to the end. The object tells who or what receives the action.

Dutch Main Sentence with an Object (Present Tense)



The finite verb is in position 2. The object receives the action. The other verb form goes to the end.



Subject: who or what the sentence is about.



Finite model verb: the helping verb that changes for person and tense.



Object: the person or thing that receives the action.



Time: Tells when.



Manner: Tells how.



Place: Tells where.



Main verb (infinitive): the action word that stays at the end.

De
prinses

Subject

kan

Finite modal
verb

de kikker

Object

om 12:00 uur
's nachts

Time

zachtjes

Manner

bij de vijver

Place

kussen

Main verb
(infinitive)

☆ Here, “kan” is the finite verb, “de kikker” is the object, and “kussen” goes to the end.