

Why Grammar Helps



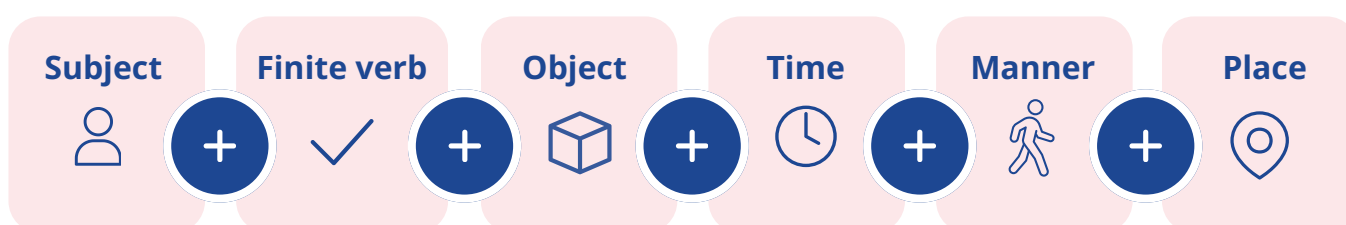
Grammar helps us understand how a sentence works.

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.

Dutch Main Sentence with an Object (Present Tense)



In a normal Dutch main sentence, the finite verb is usually in position 2. The object tells what receives the action.

Subject: who or what the sentence is about.

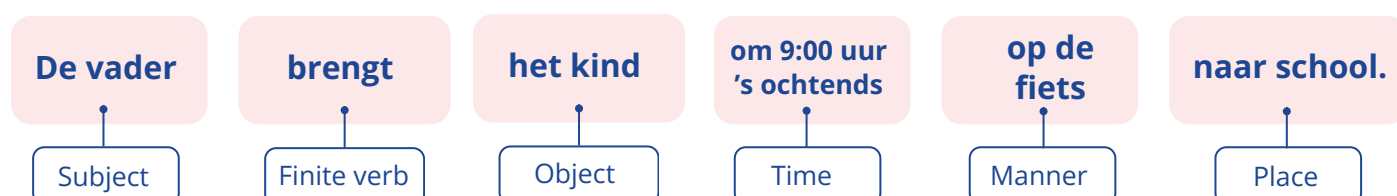
Finite verb: The verb that changes for person and tense.

Object: the person or thing that receives the action.

Time: Tells when.

Manner: Tells how.

Place: Tells where.



☆ Here, 'het kind' is the object. This example is in the present tense and has one verb.