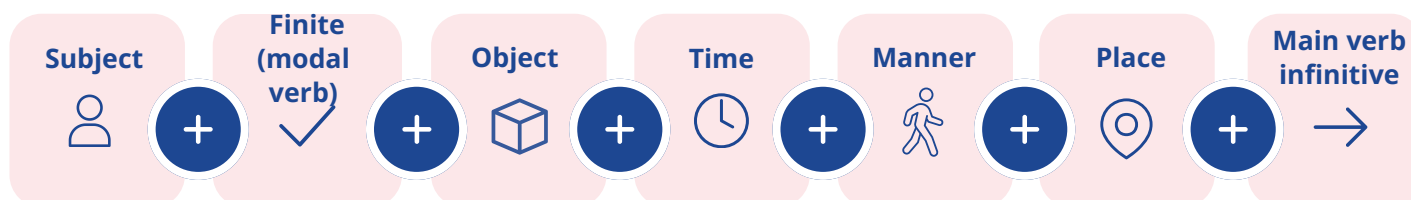


Dutch Main Sentence with a Modal Verb and an Object (Present Tense)



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 (modal 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 vader

kan

het kind

om 9:00 uur
's morgens

op de
fiets

naar school

brengen.

Subject

Finite modal
verb

Object

Time

Manner

Place

Main verb
(infinitive)

☆ Here, "kan" is the finite verb, "het kind" is the object, and "brengen" (action - infinitive) is placed at the end.