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***Welcome to TTO!***



***Getting Started in TTO***





**A**

## Welcome to TTO!

Dear student,  
You have chosen to do TTO. That's great! Learning a second language is fun. Soon you will be able to communicate with people from all over the world.

Don't worry if you make mistakes! Take a look at the video to start with.



Video 1.1: Learning English



TTO has existed for about thirty years in the Netherlands.

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TTO is about learning English. TTO stands for *tweetalig onderwijs*, which in English means 'bilingual education'. 'Bi' means 'two' and 'lingual' means 'language'. So what does 'bilingual' mean?

You are not the only one doing TTO; in your class there might be twenty-five TTO pupils. In the Netherlands, there are about 36,000 students in TTO secondary education. Bilingual education is offered (*aangeboden*) in many other countries as well.

# Task

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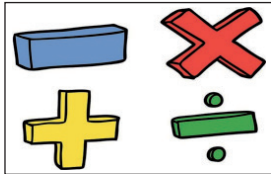
In TTO, 30% to 70% of the lessons is in English. Do you already know the English names of the subjects (*vakken*) you will learn in English? Do the assignment (*opdracht*) to find out!

Write the names of the subjects onto the pictures.

Choose from: *Geography – History – English – Maths – Biology – Music*



*Biology*



*Maths*



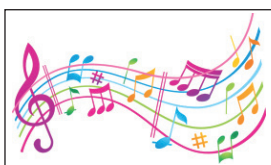
*English*



*History*



*Geography*



*Music*





## B

### Learning English

In TTO you will learn to communicate well in English. So you will learn to do all these things using English: chat (*praten*) with your classmates, play games in English, write letters and stories, give presentations, etc.

You will also go on excursions to English speaking countries and go on exchange programmes (*uitwisselingsprogramma's*) around the world. So, you will be able to practise (*oefenen*) your English in real situations and have conversations (*gesprekken*) with people in other countries!



## Task

## 2

Over to you! Answer the following questions. You may choose more than one answer.

**1** I chose TTO because ...

- ☐ English is a language which is used in many countries
- ☐ I like the sound of English
- ☐ My best friend chose TTO
- ☐ After school, I want to study abroad (*in het buitenland*)
- ☐ Other

**2** What helped you make your choice?

- ☐ In TTO you go on excursions to English speaking countries
- ☐ I went to an open day at a TTO school
- ☐ I joined in (*woonde bij*) some mini-lessons at a TTO school
- ☐ I can understand many English-speaking films
- ☐ Other

**3** One day, I would like to ...

- ☐ Study abroad
- ☐ Travel the world
- ☐ Live and work in an English-speaking country
- ☐ Become a TV journalist
- ☐ Other

# D

## Learning so much more!

TTO is about so much more than just learning English! By doing TTO, you will become a *Global Citizen* (*wereldburger*). A what ...? Well, let's explain!

Living in the Netherlands means you are a Dutch citizen (*burger*). You go to a Dutch school, you may go to a Dutch sports club, you may be part of a club that cares for the environment (*milieu*), etc.

A Global Citizen is a citizen of the globe (*aardbol*), a citizen of the world. Doing TTO means you learn about things that concern (*bezighouden*) people all over the world, such as:

- the environment
- security (*veiligheid*)
- human rights (*mensenrechten*)
- working together
- migration
- globalisation
- etc.



# E

## Finding out how people live their lives

Becoming a Global Citizen also means that you will find out how people live their lives in other countries. If you learn to communicate well in English, you can speak to people all over the world. Learning English really helps you!

Over 1.5 billion people speak English in nearly 100 countries worldwide. So if you speak English well, you can really talk to a lot of people!





## Task

### 3

What does being a Global Citizen mean? Let's find out!  
Work with a classmate and choose one answer for each sentence (*zin*) below.

- 1 Being a Global Citizen means that you
  - A Fly around the world all the time
  - ☒ B Learn about the different cultures and traditions
  - C Only buy your coffee at Starbucks
  - D Eat Nasi Goreng on Saturdays
- 2 Being a Global Citizen means that you
  - A Have to speak five different languages
  - B Have English parents
  - ☒ C Can communicate easily with English-speaking people
  - D Go on holiday to Spain once a year
- 3 Becoming a Global Citizen means you learn how to
  - ☒ A Share knowledge with students abroad (*in het buitenland*)
  - B Draw a map of the world
  - C Ride a bicycle
  - D Make pizza
- 4 Learning about Global Citizenship means that you
  - A Can have a different passport
  - B Only read Dutch books
  - ☒ C Are interested in what is going on around the world
  - D Only learn about your own country

# Task

## 4

Becoming a Global Citizen is about getting to know different countries and cultures as well. What do you already know about different countries and cultures?

Search the words in bold (vet) on the Internet so you can finish the sentences below. You may work together with a classmate!

- 1 **London** is a city in England
- 2 You can find **bagpipes** in Scotland
- 3 **Ice-hockey** is the most popular sport in Canada
- 4 **Dublin** is a city in Ireland
- 5 **Kangaroo** is an animal that lives in Australia



*A man playing bagpipes*

### CHALLENGE

- 6 Can you write down an answer to the question below?  
You may work together with a classmate.

What is an English breakfast?

*An English breakfast is a breakfast  
that consists of (bestaat uit)  
bacon, fried egg, sausage,  
mushrooms, baked beans, toast  
and grilled tomatoes.*



*An English breakfast*



## Task 5

There are many different traditions in the world. Who celebrates (*viert*) the traditions below? Match up the words on the left with the words on the right.

- |                  |   |                       |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 Christmas      | → | A Muslims             |
| 2 Hanukkah       | → | B Dutch Christians    |
| 3 Sugar Festival | → | C All Christians      |
| 4 Easter         | → | D Jewish              |
| 5 Thanksgiving   | → | E All Christians      |
| 6 Saint Nicholas | → | F American Christians |
| 7 Diwali         | → | G Hindus              |



**F**

## Learn about yourself

### CHALLENGE

By learning about other people and different cultures, you learn about yourself too. And to learn about other people and yourself, you have to be interested in the lives of other people and their cultures. For example: it's important to be open minded, so that you can have a pleasant conversation when you meet someone new. Can you think of anything else that is important?



## Task

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### CHALLENGE

Over to you! Answer the following questions. You may choose more than one answer.

Below there is a list of personal characteristics. Which ones do you think are the best characteristics to have for a global citizen?

- ☒ Open minded
- ☐ Selfish
- ☐ Nosy
- ☒ Willing to learn
- ☒ Creative
- ☐ Telling people exactly what to do
- ☒ Good at making suggestions
- ☒ Self-assured
- ☐ Always trying to win a discussion
- ☐ Sticking to your own rules



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