



# Dutch prepositions



## 100+ compound verbs with prepositions

Most of these compound verbs are separable. In Dutch, we call them “scheidbare werkwoorden.” If you want to learn more about how separable verbs work, you can watch [this video](#).

Some verbs on the list are NOT separable! These are still compound verbs (“samengestelde werkwoorden”) because they consist of a root + a preposition, but they do not separate. I have marked these with an **asterisk (\*)**. If you want to learn more about these verbs, you can watch [this video](#).

Lastly, in the [A2 - Dutch for Intermediates Course](#) and in the [Big Fat Dutch Verbs Course](#), you can practice more with the verbs below. I've included a list of frequent **verbs for beginners** (A1/A2) and frequent verbs **for intermediates** (A2/B1), with *example sentences* and lots of *exercises*!

- **in**ademen (to breathe in/inhale)
- **in**pakken (to pack/wrap)
- **in**doen (to put in)
- **in**schenken (to pour in)
- **in**schrijven (to register/enroll)
- **in**leveren (to hand in/submit)
- **in**voeren (to import + to enter)
- **in**werken (to train someone + to get used to)
  
- **op**staan (to get up)
- **op**tillen (to lift up)
- **op**eten (to eat up)
- **op**ruimen (to tidy/clean up)
- **op**bellen (to call up)
- **op**zoeken (to look up & to visit)
- **op**schrijven (to write down)
- **op**letten (to pay attention)
  
- **om**draaien (to turn around/over)
- **om**vallen (to fall over)
- **om**gooien (to knock over)
- **om**lopen (to take a detour)
- **om**schrijven\* (to describe)
- **om**gaan (met) (to deal with/handle/associate with)
- **om**helzen\* (to hug/embrace)
- **om**ringen\* (met) (to surround (oneself) with)
  
- **onder**strepen\* (to underline & to emphasize)
- **onder**tekenen\* (to sign)
- **onder**steunen\* (to support)
- **onder**wijzen\* (to teach/educate)
- **onder**houden\* (to maintain/keep up)
- **onder**schatten\* (to underestimate)





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- **onderscheiden\*** (to distinguish)
- **onderbreken\*** (to interrupt)
  
- **bovenkomen** (to come up/surface)
- **bovenhalen** (to bring up/retrieve)
- **bovenuitsteken** (to stand out)
  
- **aandoen** (to put on & turn on)
- **aantrekken** (to put on)
- **aangeven** (to hand over & indicate)
- **aankomen** (to arrive & gain weight)
- **aanbellen** (to ring the doorbell)
- **aanraken** (to touch)
- **aankijken** (to look at)
- **aanspreken** (to address & talk to)
  
- **uitdoen** (to take off & to turn off)
- **uittrekken** (to take off)
- **uitzetten** (to switch off)
- **uitgaan** (to go out)
- **uitzoeken** (to sort out/figure out)
- **uitrusten** (to rest)
- **uitslapen** (to sleep in/late)
- **uitproberen** (to try out)
  
- **voor**doen (to demonstrate something)
- zich **voor**stellen (to introduce yourself & to imagine)
- **voor**lezen (to read aloud)
- **voor**bereiden (to prepare)
  
- **achter**lopen (to lag/be behind)
- **achter**laten (to leave behind)
- **achter**blijven (to stay behind)
- **achter**halen\* (to find out)
  
- **tegen**komen (to come across/to run into)
- **tegen**houden (to stop/hold back)
- **tegen**vallen (to disappoint)
- **tegen**werken (to oppose/hinder/work against)
  
- **bij**houden (to keep up/keep track of)
- **bij**blijven (to stay/stick with you)
- **bij**wonen (to attend)
- **bij**slapen (to catch up on sleep)
  
- **tussen**komen (to intervene/step in)
- **tussen**voegen (to insert/add between)
- **ertussen**uit gaan (to get away/take a break)



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- **over**steken (to cross)
- **over**blijven (to remain/be left (over))
- **over**stappen (to transfer/change)
- **over**nachten\* (to spend the night/stay overnight)
- **over**drijven\* (to exaggerate)
- **over**geven (to vomit & to surrender)
- **over**leggen\* (to discuss/consult)
- **over**tuigen\* (to convince/persuade)
  
- **door**gaan (to continue/go on)
- **door**lopen (to walk on)
- **door**geven (to pass on/transmit/hand over)
- **door**brenge(n) (to spend time)
- **door**zetten (to persevere/push through)
- **door**werken (to continue working)
- **door**gronden\* (to fathom/understand deeply)
- **door**slikken (to swallow down)
  
- **mee**gaan (to come along/to go with)
- **mee**doen (to join in/participate)
- **mee** nemen (to take along/to bring)
- **mee** rijden (to ride along)
- **mee** maken (to experience/go through)
- **mee** leven (to sympathize/feel for someone)
- **mee** werken (to cooperate/collaborate)
- **mee** vallen (to turn out better than expected)
  
- **toe**staan (to allow/permit)
- **toe**laten (to allow/admit)
- **toe**nemen (to increase/grow)
- **toe**wijzen (to assign/allocate)
  
- **na**denken (to think something over/reflect)
- **na**doen (to imitate/copy)
- **na**spelen (to reenact)
- **na**kijken (to check/correct)