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English test 2009

The Netherlands and Katje the Windmill Cat

The Netherlands Practice Questions

A On which page can you find information about dikes?

 page 5 page 6 page 8 page 9

B Why is it helpful to have a contents page in this booklet?

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The Netherlands

(page 4)

1 Why is it helpful to have a map on page 4?

to show you what the Dutch people are like

to tell you about the weather

to tell you what language people speak

to show you where the Netherlands is

2 What is the weather like in the Netherlands? Tick **2**.

dry

cold

hot

wet

windy

(page 5)

3 On page 5 it says, *...when water from rivers or the sea rushed onto the land and into streets and houses.*

Why has the word **rushed** been used to describe the water?

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The Netherlands

(pages 6 and 7)

4 Why are dikes built?

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5 What can cause dikes to break?

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6 Why don't people in the Netherlands have to worry so much about being flooded now?

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(page 8)

7 How can the power of the wind be useful? Tick **2**.

for building dikes

for making electricity

for growing wheat

for protecting land

for grinding grain



The Netherlands

(page 9)

8

The sentences below tell you how windmills are used to grind grain. One sentence is missing. Fill in the missing sentence.

Grain from wheat is placed between the millstones.



The millstones turn when the sails of the windmill turn.



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The flour is used for making bread.

9

Which windmills can you visit on Windmill Day?

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The Netherlands

(page II)

- 10 Use the glossary. Match each word to the explanation.
One has been done for you.

flour	• when land is covered with water
flood	• crush something into a powder
sail	• used to make bread and other foods
grind	• turns when the wind blows

(question about the whole booklet)

- 11 Think about the Netherlands **in the past**.
Tick ✓ or cross ✗ these sentences to show whether they are true or not. One has been done for you.

In the past	✓ or ✗
Windmills only made electricity.	
Dikes never broke.	
There were thousands of windmills.	
People didn't worry about flooding.	✗
The land often flooded.	



Katje the Windmill Cat

In the next part of this booklet there are questions about the story, **Katje the Windmill Cat**.

Wait until your teacher reads you some of the story and tells you to answer these questions.





Katje the Windmill Cat

(page 4)

12 When did Katje stop having such an easy life?

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13 Why did Katje leave a trail of white paw-prints?

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(page 5)

14 Nico and Lena were going to have a baby. What did Nico say or do that tells you this?

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15 What did Katje think was more fun than chasing mice?

chasing seagulls

sleeping on a soft pillow

playing with Anneke

rescuing Anneke



Katje the Windmill Cat

(page 6)

16 Why didn't Lena like Katje playing with Anneke?

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17 Why did Katje move into the windmill?

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18 Why did Katje only come into the house when everyone was sleeping?

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(page 7)

19 How did Nico know the storm was coming?

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Katje the Windmill Cat

20 Which word in the text makes the wind sound like an animal? (page 7)

howled

purred

gathered

rubbed

21 Why did the sea flood the village? (page 8)

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22 Which words show you that the water was moving quickly? (page 9)
Tick **2**.

whirled

climbed

stood

swirled

wheel

23 How did Katje stop Anneke from falling out of the cradle?

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Katje the Windmill Cat

(page 10)

24

How do you know that Lena liked Katje at the end of the story?

She let her bring dust into the house.

She hugged Anneke.

She made a soft quilt for her.

She brought Katje breakfast.

25

Why did Katje remember to lick her paws before going into the house?

because she liked eating flour

because she wanted to please Lena

because it was night time

because she had a busy life



Katje the Windmill Cat

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(question about the whole story)

Put these events in the right order by numbering them from 1-5.
The first one has been done for you.

Katje moves into the windmill.

Anneke is born.

Katje is allowed to sleep in the cradle.

Lena moves into the house. **1**

Katje keeps Anneke safe during the storm.

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27

How did the villagers try to make sure they were never flooded again?

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28

How do you know the villagers wanted to remember the baby?

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