

Dutch

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Words to Know

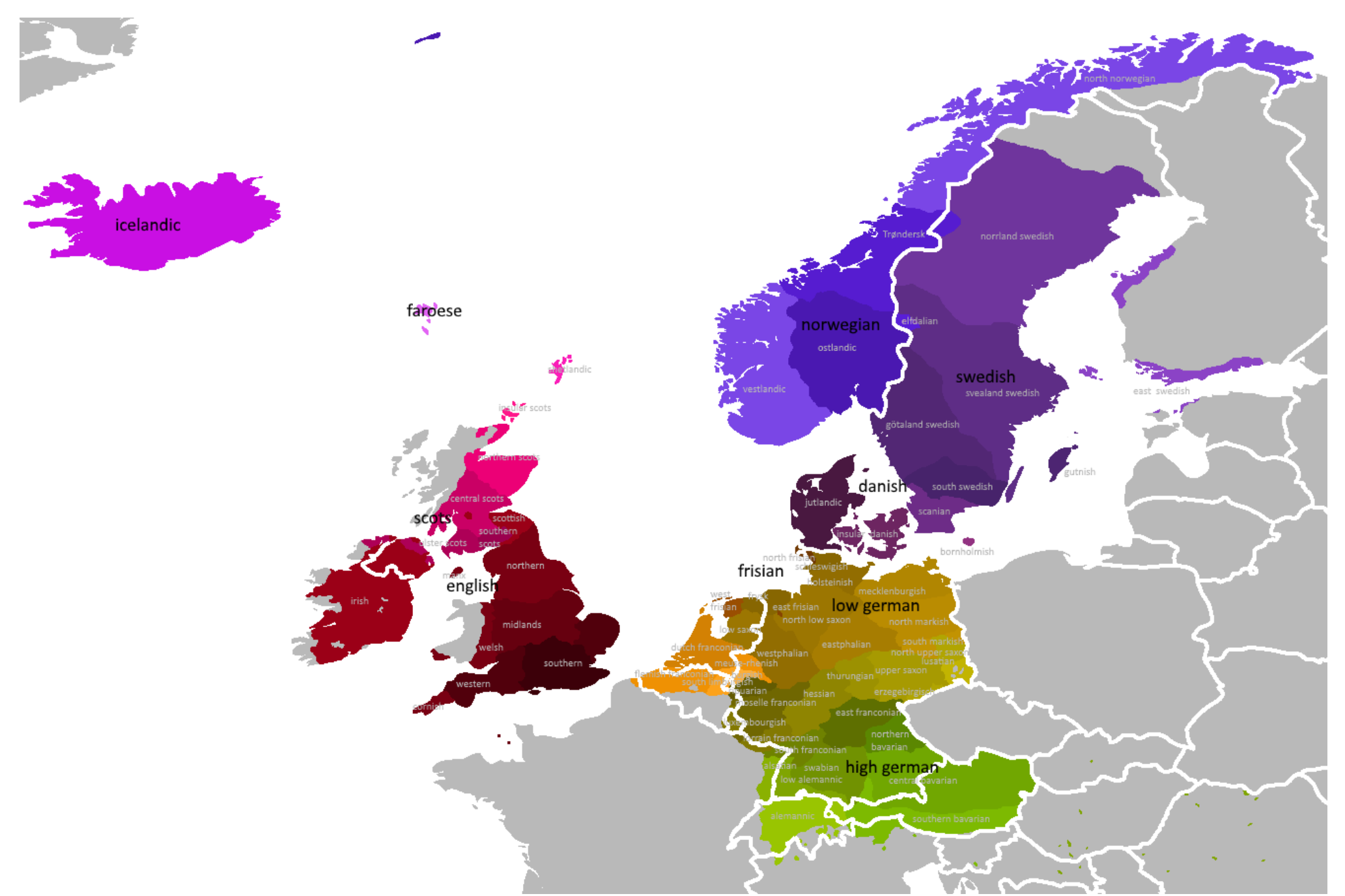


Finite verb: verbs that may be inflected for the person and number of the subject.

Non-finite verb: verbs which cannot be inflected for the person and number.

Infinitive: in Dutch grammar, a non-finite verb form which is the dictionary form of the verb as well as the complement of auxiliaries

Auxiliary verb: In Dutch grammar, a finite verb which accompanies an infinitive to impart meaning to the infinite verb



Information

Dutch is a West Germanic language spoken mostly in The Netherlands and is closely related to standard German, English, and Afrikaans. Being closely related, Dutch shares many words and grammatical features with English, but is for the most part not mutually intelligible.

Problem set

- 1 Je moet hier het kruispunt oversteken
- 2 Je steekt hier het kruispunt over
- 3 Zal ik me even voorstellen?
- 4 Hanna stelt Karin voor aan Alan
- 5 Wanneer zullen ze aankomen
- 6 Ze komen altijd te laat aan



- You have to cross the crossroads here
- You cross the crossroads here
- Shall I introduce myself?
- Hanna introduces Karin to Alan
- When shall he arrive?
- He always arrives late

Questions



1 Is the finite verbal form easily discernible from the non finite form?

2 if so, what is the change and when is it used?

3. Are English separable verbs (go under) similar to the Dutch situation? In what way does English differ?

***hint for the second part of question 3: think about how English treats prefixed prepositions ie the verb undergo**



word formation

form either the infinitive or the finite verb based on the sentence

1 Hij nodigt jou uit.

2 Het schip zal veraf ondergaan

3 Jij dringt mij aan



Answers

1 Yes, they are very distinct

2 the prefix on the infinitive moves to towards the end of the sentence

3 Yes, English verbs can have a similar separable verbs such as get up and go under, but the verb changes meaning entirely when the preposition is used as a prefix ie go under vs undergo



Want to learn more?

<https://web.archive.org/web/20060624072143/http://www.ucl.ac.uk/dutch/grammatica/index.htm>

The Internet archive's snapshot of Lageland's grammar is an excellent resource for beginner Dutch speakers that categorizes Dutch's grammar into bite sized lessons with examples. Duolingo also offers a Dutch course for all skill levels