

# A Beautiful Day



Each morning is the start of a new and beautiful day. Every new day is full of chances and possibilities. What are the things you want to do today? Are there people you want to meet? Today is a beautiful day to make a list of things that you want to do in your life.

Today could also be a day full of surprises! What would you do if your dog could send you a text message? Would you pick up a hitchhiker? Then you'd better watch out!

## This Is What You Will Do

This file is about days that are special, in one way or another. You will read about, and listen to examples of these special days. You will use this as inspiration to write and talk about your own ideas.

## This Is What You Will Need

You will need:

- a dictionary;
- a lot of creativity.

## This Is What You Will Learn

You will learn:

- how to use **question words**;
- how to use **could, should** and **would**;
- the difference between **want** and **would like**.

## ERK

Je werkt in deze module vooral aan de volgende onderdelen:

- spreken op A2-niveau: je kunt je mening over iemand geven en de mening van iemand anders begrijpen;
- lezen op B1-niveau: je kunt de beschrijving van gebeurtenissen, gevoelens en wensen in persoonlijke brieven begrijpen;
- luisteren A2-niveau: je kunt een korte uitleg begrijpen;
- schrijven op A2-niveau: je kunt in eenvoudig Engels over een gebeurtenis of ervaring schrijven.

## A

## A Good Start and an Exciting Day

## 1 Let's Start

Read **A Very Good Morning!** Answer the questions in Dutch.

1 Wat is heel belangrijk volgens de tekst?

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2 Wat is het voordeel van een positieve ochtend?

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3 Wat kan nog meer helpen om de dag goed te beginnen?

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## A Very Good Morning!

A good start to a day is very important. If you have a positive morning, then you will have a nice day. Other people's tips about a good start can help you a great deal. I asked a few of my friends for advice. Here are some of their best tips. Read one every morning and you will have a beautiful day.

→ 'What is your advice Jim?'

**Jim:** 'Smile, and be nice, until ten o'clock in the morning and the rest of the day will take care of itself.'

→ 'Which part of the day is important to you Mary?'

**Mary:** 'Morning is an important time of day, because how you spend your morning can often tell you what kind of day you are going to have.'

→ 'How do you start your day Petra?'

**Petra:** 'An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.'

→ 'When do you get up Jon?'

**Jon:** 'I get up early, because when you think life is too short, you have to wake up earlier.'

→ 'What do you tell yourself Rachid?'

**Rachid:** 'I get up every morning and tell myself "I can do this".'

→ 'Who do you want to make jealous Amy?'

**Amy:** 'The moment my eyes open, I want to make the sun jealous with a bright smile. Make the sun jealous or stay in bed.'

→ 'What is your message Alex?'

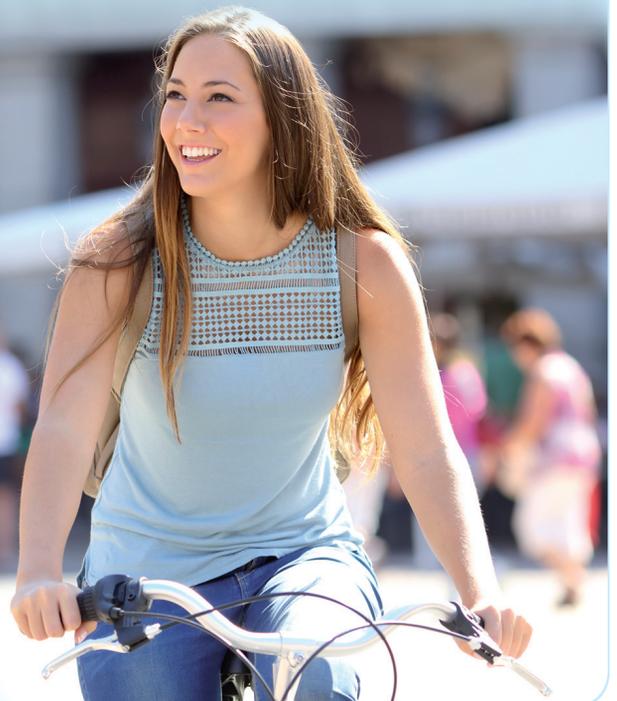
**Alex:** 'Thank God every morning when you get up, that you have something to do that day. Something which must be done, whether you like it or not.'

→ 'Why are you up so early every morning Nesrin?'

**Nesrin:** 'One way to success is to have lunch at the time of day most people have breakfast.'

→ 'How do you manage to live without an alarm, Jody?'

**Jody:** 'Morning comes whether you set the alarm or not.'



## 2 What Do They Mean?

The following words are from the text **A Very Good Morning!** What do they mean? Make the correct combinations.

- |    |                 |   |                     |
|----|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1  | advice          | A | bericht / boodschap |
| 2  | positive        | B | zegen               |
| 3  | message         | C | belangrijk          |
| 4  | important       | D | de wekker           |
| 5  | blessing        | E | positief            |
| 6  | jealous         | F | zorgen voor         |
| 7  | to take care of | G | opstaan             |
| 8  | to get up       | H | soort               |
| 9  | the alarm       | I | advies              |
| 10 | early           | J | vroeg               |
| 11 | kind            | K | doorbrengen         |
| 12 | to spend        | L | jaloers             |

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## 3 Who Is Doing What?

Read **A Very Good Morning!** and answer the questions in Dutch.

- Wie zegt dat de ochtend altijd komt?  
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- Wie vindt een ochtendwandeling heerlijk?  
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- Wat moet je volgens Rachid elke ochtend tegen jezelf zeggen?  
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- Wat is volgens Nesrin een manier om succes te hebben?  
.....
- Wanneer moet je volgens Amy de zon jaloers maken?  
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- Wanneer moet je volgens Jim aardig zijn en een lach op je gezicht hebben?  
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- Waarom is volgens Mary de ochtend een belangrijke tijd van de dag?  
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- Waar moet je volgens Amy blijven als je de zon niet jaloers kan maken?  
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- Hoe maak je volgens Amy de zon jaloers?  
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## 4 What's Your Question?

Read **Question Words**. Fill in the correct word.

Choose from: **What - Where - When - Who - Which - Why - How**.

- 1 ..... sits next to Edward? It's Jonathan.
- 2 ..... does Sander come from? He comes from Stockholm.
- 3 ..... old are her children? I think they are three and five.
- 4 ..... is Stanley's birthday? It's in March.
- 5 ..... much is the shirt? It's only twenty euros.
- 6 ..... is best at playing chess? I'm sure it's Dimitri.
- 7 ..... are you going? I'm going to the cinema.
- 8 ..... do I get to the museum? Turn right at the traffic lights.
- 9 ..... does the supermarket open? It opens at eight o'clock.
- 10 ..... can I get some ice cream? At the snack bar.
- 11 ..... are you going to order? I'm going to order a steak.
- 12 ..... are you going to do this weekend? I don't know.
- 13 ..... has got my history book? I have got it.
- 14 ..... is your name? My name is Bond. James Bond.
- 15 ..... is Helen's party? It's on Friday, at nine o'clock.

## Question Words

**Vraagwoorden**, in het Engels **question words**, gebruik je om iets te vragen.

Bij de tekst **A Very Good Morning!** en bij opdracht 4 begonnen alle vragen met vraagwoorden.

Het Engels kent de volgende vraagwoorden: **what, where, when, who, which, why, how**.

Maar wanneer gebruik je welk vragend voornaamwoord? Let daarvoor vooral op de betekenis:

- what     wat
- where    waar
- when     wanneer
- who      wie
- which    welke
- why      waarom
- how      hoe

Hier zie je een voorbeeld van ieder vraagwoord in een zin.

|              |                        |                        |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>What</b>  | What is going on?      | Wat gebeurt er?        |
| <b>Where</b> | Where is my book?      | Waar is mijn boek?     |
| <b>When</b>  | When do we leave?      | Wanneer vertrekken we? |
| <b>Who</b>   | Who is that singer?    | Wie is die zanger?     |
| <b>Which</b> | Which one do you want? | Welke wil je?          |
| <b>Why</b>   | Why do you say that?   | Waarom zeg je dat?     |
| <b>How</b>   | How do we get there?   | Hoe komen we daar?     |

## 5 Try It Again

Read **Question Words**. Look at the answers given below and make a question that goes with the answer. Start your question with a question word.

Choose from: **what - where - when - who - which - why - how**.

- 1 **How much are these games?**  
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The games cost ten pounds each.
- 2 .....  
You can get a street map at the Tourist Information Centre.
- 3 .....  
My best friend is Peter.
- 4 .....  
I think my first word as a baby was mama.
- 5 .....  
I was born on January the 11th.
- 6 .....  
I was born in Dublin.
- 7 .....  
I'm so happy because I go on a date with Julia.
- 8 .....  
Last Sunday I was at home, watching a movie.
- 9 .....  
You can go to London by train.
- 10 .....  
We can have a picnic in the park. I know a nice place there.
- 11 .....  
Peter lives in Southampton.
- 12 .....  
My new iPhone is white.
- 13 .....  
I collect miniature models of cars.
- 14 .....  
I can help you with maths. I'm good at it.
- 15 .....  
I go to Barcelona on the 5th of July.
- 16 .....  
I walk so slowly because my feet hurt.
- 17 .....  
Your glasses are on the kitchen table.

## 6 Do You Know the Meaning?

Read **Lydia, the Phantom Hitchhiker** on page 8. Try to guess the meaning of the words. Then check a dictionary for the correct translation and see if you guessed the correct translation.

|    | Word          | Your guess | Word from dictionary |
|----|---------------|------------|----------------------|
| 1  | railway       | .....      | .....                |
| 2  | evening dress | .....      | .....                |
| 3  | passing       | .....      | .....                |
| 4  | to seem       | .....      | .....                |
| 5  | back seat     | .....      | .....                |
| 6  | phantom       | .....      | .....                |
| 7  | quiet         | .....      | .....                |
| 8  | no longer     | .....      | .....                |
| 9  | surprised     | .....      | .....                |
| 10 | to explain    | .....      | .....                |
| 11 | sad           | .....      | .....                |
| 12 | car accident  | .....      | .....                |
| 13 | safe          | .....      | .....                |

## 7 This Can't Be True

Read **Lydia, the Phantom Hitchhiker** once more. Choose **true** or **false**.

|    |   |                     |
|----|---|---------------------|
| 1  | De vrienden van Lydia zouden haar thuis ophalen.                    | <b>True / False</b> |
| 2  | De chauffeur was onderweg naar huis.                                | <b>True / False</b> |
| 3  | Vreemde dingen gebeuren zelfs op mooie dagen.                       | <b>True / False</b> |
| 4  | De weg waar automobilisten Lydia zien is vlak bij een tunnel.       | <b>True / False</b> |
| 5  | Lydia vlucht wanneer ze auto's ziet.                                | <b>True / False</b> |
| 6  | Lydia raakt in paniek wanneer ze auto's ziet.                       | <b>True / False</b> |
| 7  | Lydia gaat naast de chauffeur van de auto zitten.                   | <b>True / False</b> |
| 8  | Lydia vertelt dat ze naar de bioscoop is geweest.                   | <b>True / False</b> |
| 9  | Lydia en de chauffeur praten veel met elkaar.                       | <b>True / False</b> |
| 10 | De chauffeur hoeft niet zo ver te rijden om Lydia thuis te brengen. | <b>True / False</b> |
| 11 | De chauffeur brengt Lydia helemaal naar huis.                       | <b>True / False</b> |
| 12 | Lydia gaf de chauffeur een verkeerd adres.                          | <b>True / False</b> |
| 13 | De oude vrouw heeft nog nooit van Lydia gehoord.                    | <b>True / False</b> |
| 14 | De oude vrouw denkt dat Lydia nog steeds thuis probeert te komen.   | <b>True / False</b> |
| 15 | Als je zelf langs de tunnel rijdt, kun je Lydia misschien zien.     | <b>True / False</b> |

## Lydia, the Phantom Hitchhiker

Here is a story about Lydia. One morning she woke up very excited because she was going to a dance. She was going to meet her friends there, and she prepared herself for a beautiful day.

This is also the story of a friendly driver. After a good day at work and a nice dinner with friends, he was on his way home. He was in a very good mood. It was raining but he didn't mind at all.

**But strange things do happen ... even on beautiful days. Are you ready to read on?**

There is a road in Jamestown that's near an old railway tunnel. On many rainy nights, some drivers see a young woman in a white evening dress standing by the side of the road. She always tries to stop any passing car. She seems to be in panic.

One night a friendly driver stops to give her a lift. The lady in the white dress climbs into the back seat of the car. Her name is Lydia. She tells the driver that she's just been to a dance and now she's trying to get home. She gives the driver an address not too far away. After that she doesn't say much to the driver. She seems to be in a world of her own. It is very quiet in the car.

When they arrive at the girl's house, the friendly driver opens the door of the car for her. Then he sees that the girl is no longer in the car! She's gone!

The man is very surprised. He goes to the door and rings the bell. An old woman answers the door. The man explains that he's picked up a young lady. He tells the old woman that the name of the girl is Lydia. He explains that the girl gave him this address, but she's no longer in the car. He just wants to know if she's safe and that everything is all right.

The man sees a sad smile on the old woman's face. The woman walks into the house and comes back with a picture. It's a photograph of the young woman the man drove to the house.

'Lydia was my daughter,' the old woman says, 'She died in a car accident by that tunnel in 1923. You're not the first one who sees her. And I'm quite sure that you will not be the last. On rainy nights, she comes back as a ghost. And then she tries to stop drivers. I think she still doesn't understand what happened to her. I believe she's still trying to get home.'

That's why the tunnel near Jamestown is called Lydia's Bridge. Drive past it on a rainy night and you may see Lydia, too.

Lydia's Bridge is on the US-70 A or High Point Road, just south of Jamestown.



## 8 That's the Question

Read the text **Lydia, the Phantom Hitchhiker** and **Question Words**. Make the correct combinations. All the questions start with question words.

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| <p>1 Where does the driver see Lydia?</p> <p>2 What does Lydia wear?</p> <p>3 Where does Lydia want to go?</p> <p>4 What does the man see when he opens the door of the car?</p> <p>5 Who opens the door of Lydia's home?</p> <p>6 What does the old lady show the man?</p> <p>7 Why does the driver want to talk to the old lady?</p> <p>8 When did Lydia die in a car accident?</p> <p>9 What is the name of the tunnel near Jamestown?</p> <p>10 Where is Lydia's Bridge?</p> | <p>A He wants to know if Lydia is safe and that everything is all right.</p> <p>B Lydia died in a car accident in 1923.</p> <p>C Lydia wants to go home.</p> <p>D Lydia's Bridge is on the US-70 A or High Point Road.</p> <p>E He sees her on a road in Jamestown that's near an old railway tunnel.</p> <p>F The name of the tunnel is Lydia's Bridge.</p> <p>G Lydia wears a white dress.</p> <p>H Lydia's mother opens the door.</p> <p>I The old lady shows a picture of Lydia.</p> <p>J He sees that Lydia has gone. She's no longer in the car.</p> |
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## 9 I Need Your Advice

In the text **Lydia, the Phantom Hitchhiker** you read '**But strange things do happen ... even on beautiful days.**'

Below are three interesting lines. Which one do you like best? Explain why. Answer the question in Dutch.

- A Never stop believing in hope, because miracles happen every day.
- B Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.
- C It's just a bad day, not a bad life.

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## 10

## What Would You Say?

Read the situations. Also study the **Phrases You Can Use**. What phrase would be a good reaction in each situation.

- 1 Je bent in Engeland. Daar ga je eindelijk met het meisje van je dromen naar de bioscoop. Een paar dagen geleden wist je niet hoe je haar mee uit moest vragen. De Engelse mensen bij wie je logeert vragen: 'You didn't know how to ask her. Now you have a date! What happened?' Jij antwoordt:  
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- 2 Een Amerikaans meisje ziet er erg gelukkig uit. Ze loopt de hele dag al te stralen. Jij vraagt: 'Why are you smiling all day?' Zij antwoordt:  
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- 3 Je bent met een vriend op fantastische scootervakantie in Schotland. Helaas gaat de scooter van je vriend kapot. Een Schotse boer helpt jullie door het juiste gereedschap te brengen. Jij zegt tegen je vriend:  
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- 4 Je hebt zin in een leuk bijbaantje en daarom solliciteer je als pizzabezorger. Tijdens het sollicitatiegesprek vraagt je Engelse baas: 'When were you born?' Geef antwoord op deze vraag en vertel jouw echte geboortedatum:  
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- 5 Je bent heel blij met je nieuwe baan als pizzabezorger en je begint aan je eerste werkdag. Dat je bij onbekende mensen moet aanbellen vind je wel lastig. Je vraagt je Engelse baas of hij hiervoor een tip heeft. Hij antwoordt:  
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- 6 Tijdens Engels krijg je veel huiswerk op. Je leraar ziet dat je het erg veel vindt en dat je het écht niet leuk vindt. Hij zegt: 'You really have to do it ...'  
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- 7 Tijdens een reis door Amerika sta je elke ochtend vroeg op. Je ontbijt dan met vers fruit en daarna ga je hardlopen. Een Amerikaan ziet dat en vraagt: 'Why are you doing this?' Jij zegt:  
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- 8 Je logeert in Canada bij je opa en oma. Je staat al om 7 uur op, maar als je in de keuken komt, staat je oma al vrolijk het ontbijt te maken. Je vraagt heel verbaasd:  
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- 9 Na een heerlijk ontbijt vraagt je oma of je even wilt helpen met de afwas. Ze zegt: 'Doing the dishes may not be a nice job but ...'  
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- 10 Je staat bij het lokaal waar je zo meteen naar binnen moet voor een mondeling examen. Je bent heel zenuwachtig. Je klasgenoot probeert je moed in te spreken en zegt:  
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