

ORAL QUIZ ON THE HISTORY OF THE NETHERLANDS

This quiz is based on *The Netherlands* by Ann Heinrichs. The points and level of detail given below are those which a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

The Netherlands

1. Where is the Netherlands located and what is its capital city?
The Netherlands is a small country located in northwestern Europe. Amsterdam is its largest city and capital.
2. What is another name commonly used for the Netherlands?
The Netherlands is commonly referred to as Holland.
3. What sea does the Netherlands border?
The Netherlands borders the North Sea.
4. What are the people called who live in the Netherlands?
The people who live in Netherlands are called Dutch.
5. What structures were built in order to keep back the high waters of the sea?
The Dutch built dikes to hold back the high waters of the sea.
6. Name one of the largest rivers that flows through the Netherlands.
The Rhine, the Maas (Meuse) and the Sheldt rivers are acceptable answers.
7. What were windmills originally used for?
In the 1200's, the Dutch began using windmills to power the water pumps that helped drain excess water from the dikes through canals. Farmers also used the windmills to grind grain.
8. Who was William of Orange?
William of Orange was the famous Dutch leader who led a revolt against the Spanish in the 1570's.
9. What was the Dutch East India Company?
The Dutch East India Company was formed by Dutch traders. They sponsored many explorations to new lands in order to establish trading colonies.
10. Which famous Dutch artist primarily painted people, landscapes, and household scenes?
Rembrandt was a Dutch artist famous for his portraits of people, landscapes, and household scenes.

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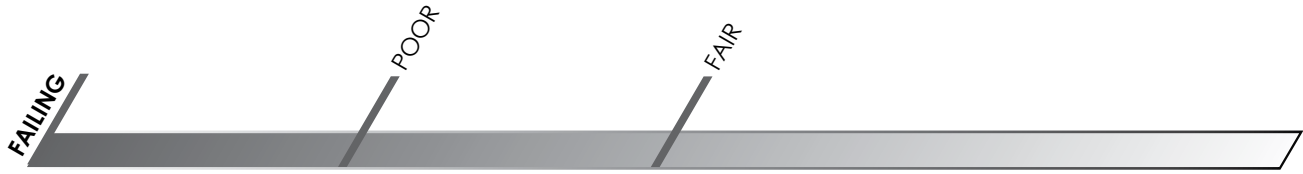
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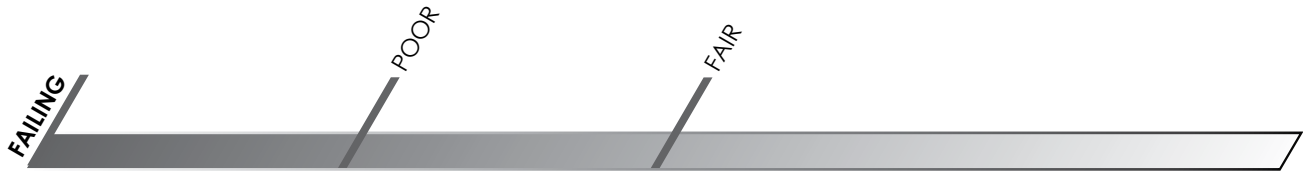
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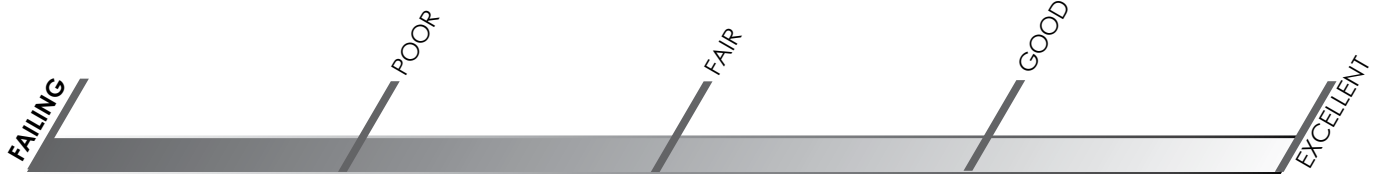
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