

## Language family



Category	Choices
Title	Are you family? - Ben jij familie? - Bisto famylje?
Objective	With this activity the pupils' awareness on the similarities and differences between languages is increased. They also learn a bit about language history.
Target group	First grades of secondary education
Subject	Frisian
Duration	45 minutes
Link to curriculum	Linguistics Knowledge about multilingualism in general Frisian
Languages	Frisian, Dutch , English
Link to FREPA	Awareness of your own language and the languages in your area Knowledge of languages spoken in Fryslân, Europe and the world
Skills	Listening, reading, speaking, writing
Theoretical support	Language awareness, language comparison
Activity description	<p><b>Step 1: Preperation/activation (10 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By using the Powerpoint-presentation about the West-Germanic language family, the similarities of Frisian-English and Dutch-English will be showed and discussed.</li> <li>• Play a quiz, to show the pupils how one can deduce the meaning of words from of other languages or can be a 'false friend'. Meanings that look like a Frisian word but have a totally different meaning.</li> <li>• Together: look at the next two questions and discuss:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Which words are the same in all four languages, which in three of them, which in two of them and which in one of them?</li> <li>2 Are the pupils able to guess the meaning of the shown words?</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Step 2: Doing research by yourself (20 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the class has been informed and discussed the questions, the pupils will work by themselves. In pairs or in groups of three/four they will look up three different words in the three languages that are:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- The same in all three languages</li> <li>2- The same in two of the three languages (Frisian-English, English-Dutch and so on)</li> <li>3- Different in all of the three languages</li> </ol>             Every group might look for words in a different category: at home, at the store, in church, and so on.           </li> </ul> <p><b>Step 3: Present research results (15 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The words pupils found will be presented and discussed in the classroom The presentation can be done in Frisian, but is is also possible to do it in an other language.</li> </ul>

