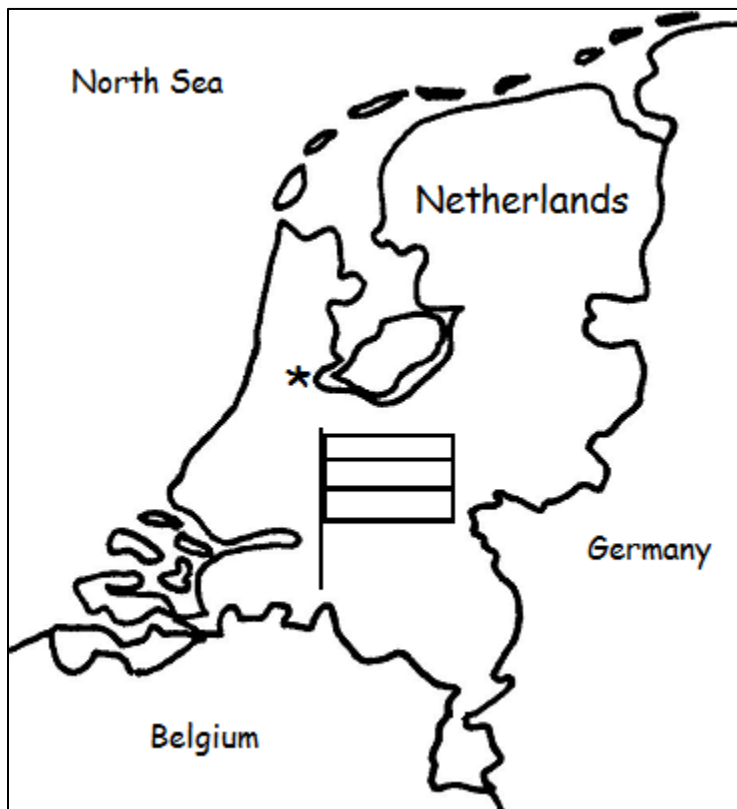


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Netherlands

The **Netherlands**, often referred to as Holland, is a country in Western Europe. It is bordered by *Germany*, *Belgium*, and the North Sea. The official language of the Netherlands is **Dutch**. The capital of the Netherlands is **Amsterdam**.



The **Netherlands Flag** was originally orange, white, and blue after the livery colors of Dutch Prince William of Orange. However, the orange dye changed to red after exposure to the sun, and the flag was officially changed to **red, white, and blue** in the 17th century.

Orange remains a favorite color of the Dutch, as it is the color of the Dutch Royal Family and comes from the House of Orange. The Dutch National Soccer Team and fans wear orange. *Oranje*, the nickname for the team, is the Dutch word for orange.

Directions: Write Amsterdam next to the star on the map to show the capital of the Netherlands. Color the flag of the Netherlands RED, WHITE, and BLUE. Color Netherlands ORANGE. Color the North Sea BLUE. Color the surrounding countries any colors you choose.

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Directions: Use your map and compass to answer the following questions:

1. What is the capital of the Netherlands?

2. What is the favorite color of the Dutch?

3. What country borders the Netherlands to the east?

4. What country borders the Netherlands to the south?

5. What body of water borders the Netherlands to the northwest?

ANSWER KEY

1. What is the capital of the Netherlands? **Amsterdam**

2. What is the favorite color of the Dutch? **Orange**

3. What country borders the Netherlands to the east? **Germany**

4. What country borders the Netherlands to the south? **Belgium**

5. What body of water borders the Netherlands to the northwest?
North Sea
