

SMARTYPANTS

THE NETHERLANDS

Along the edge of the North Sea you will find a country whose seashore is dotted with wooden windmills. Behind the windmills in some of the places you will often see field after field of colorful flowers named tulips. Most of the tulips in the world come from here. As you go along the coast of the North Sea keep your eyes open for a castle or two that may be up to 1,000 years old. This country is no bigger than the state of Tennessee but has also given us famous artists, writers, musicians, engineers and scientists. Welcome to the Netherlands.



In the northern region of the Netherlands along the North Sea is a region called Holland. Most of Holland is below sea level. This means that the sea floods the land and makes it unlivable. To make the land usable the early Dutch people in Holland designed and built ways to keep the sea away. Over 700 years ago engineers helped build retaining walls called dikes. This helped keep some of the water out and windmills were built to pump the rest of the ocean water back out to sea.



Do you want to feel like royalty? The Netherlands has over 300 royal houses including castles. Some were the main home to royalty. Some were summer houses and others were fortresses built to keep the raiders from other lands away. The oldest castle also has the oldest tree in the whole country. The tree is almost 800 years old and its trunk is 27 feet around.



There are many famous people who are from the Netherlands. The musical Van Halen family, the artists Vincent Van Gogh and Rembrandt and Anne Frank all came from there.



Word Scramble

- INLWLMSDI _____
- PUILT _____
- SREDAELNNTH _____
- ANODLHL _____
- IDEK _____
- OHR TN _____
- DOOWEN _____
- CESTAL _____
- OAYRLYT _____
- ANBRDREMT _____

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A F T U P K E N G I N E E R S X R
S H Z J L Q M F A M O U S E A N N E V
X A E H C I R E M B R A N D T J Y Q R D L
S G A D P N E T H E R L A N D S C T B
L Z S S A F L O O D S F Q Z A L W
L S H T F S D L E I F B S P Q
I E O R E G I O N T F I
M Y R T N U O C L S C
D X E Z N P E F M
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What is the favorite city of dutch rodents?

Hamsterdam.



- ANNE
- ARTIST
- CASTLE
- COUNTRY
- ENGINEERS
- FAMOUS
- FIELDS
- FLOODS
- FLOWERS
- HOLLAND
- NETHERLANDS
- NORTH
- REGION
- REMBRANDT
- RETAINING
- SEA
- SEASHORE
- TULIPS
- UNLIVABLE
- WINDMILLS

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- Netherlands - Unbelievable Pictures and Facts About the Netherlands
- The Boy That Held Back the Sea by Thomas Locker



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ROYALTY
CASTLE
WOODEN
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DIKE
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WINDMILLS