

## Juf&Zo

### Helping Primary School Students with Learning in the Dutch Language

Parents and children face unique challenges when they move to a new country, especially when it comes to education. Children are learning in a language at school that is different from their home language. Parents would like to help with homework, learning to read or learning the times tables, but are unable to help their children with reading and math in the Dutch language.

Although there are newcomers classes available for older students, most schools do not have adequate resources to address the needs of children who learn the Dutch language at their own pace. Moreover, the Dutch curriculum and standardized tests assume that children's vocabularies are built up from sources outside of the classroom environment, enriched with conversations from family members, friends, and other sources. If Dutch-learning children do not get support with learning in the Dutch language outside of the classroom, they may be unable to truly express themselves in the classroom. This may lead to them receiving bad grades or low CITO scores, even when they would receive higher scores if tested in their native language.

Moreover, it is very stressful for children to feel they are not learning at the same pace as their friends. This can also affect their self-esteem and confidence. Children who cannot express themselves at school because of language deficits can feel anxiety at school. With insufficient support at school, where can a child turn to for help as they prepare for secondary school?

In these situations, a child can use a helping hand. JUF&ZO offers a private, 1:1 learning environment that is customized for each child in the subjects of spelling, language, reading

comprehension or math. Each lesson is geared to address the specific learning style of the child, and includes an individualized explanation and exercises to reinforce the lesson. JUF & ZO's customized lesson plans and lessons will shorten or eliminate the gap in learning between the child and his or her peers, allowing each child to perform at his or her true potential.

### Is Juf&Zo Right For My Child?

JUF & ZO is suitable for primary school children in groups 3 - 8 who are looking for extra help in language and math in the Dutch language. Children with a diagnosed learning disability are also welcome. We adapt the teaching material to the needs and specific situation of each child.

### What Can I Expect?

Children will get individual attention. This includes an explanation of topics that they may struggle with in school tailored to the child's learning style. The tutor works with the parent and child to develop a learning plan to address the specific learning needs of the child. Lesson plans will be tailored specifically to address each child's needs. The tutor explains the lesson at the child's pace and will be able to answer all of the child's questions in a comfortable environment. The student also completes exercises that are developed especially to address the learning needs of the child. Through this practice and attention, the child will start to succeed. Their learning will improve--and so will their self-confidence! And that should ultimately result in better school performance.

### How Much Does it Cost?

JUF & ZO costs €49.50 per 45-minute session. Sessions may be scheduled weekly, or as needed. The costs include preparatory work by our teacher and any supplemental materials used in the lessons.

There is a one-time start-up cost of € 39.50 to join JUF & ZO. Education is VAT-exempt. Accordingly, no VAT is charged.