# WHY TALL

NO PROMOTALK!

## This is no promotional talk ...

... it is a simple statement of our philosophy, which will allow you to decide for yourself whether Taalkracht is the right language partner for you. There are several language training providers in our region, and that is a good thing. It means that you can choose the partner that suits you – and your style of learning – best.

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## 9n a nutshell

Are you looking for a language training provider who believes in a personal approach? Who will discuss your aims and objectives with you in an introductory meeting before you embark on a course? Who will put together a programme that meets your personal needs? Who creates the ideal conditions for pleasant and efficient learning?

Then Taalkracht is the place to be.

Our trainers know who you are when you enter the room, they know the level of your language skills, in which areas you excel and in which areas you need improvement. They will go out of their way to get maximum result out of the training, together with you. ALK! personal approach tailor made if needed immediately ipplicable basic skills

The dust of Taalkracht's hectic start has settled. Success, failure, feedback and self-evaluation have led us to know what works and what does not when it comes to learning a language. We do not believe in tricks or the brainless reproduction of ready-made sentences.

#### Our philosophy is:

Know what you are doing and why you are doing it.

Therefore, grammar is an important element in our courses.

After all, what use are building blocks if you don't know how to put them together? A building can do without luxury, but the foundations must be solid. With us, you first learn the basics of grammar, enabling you to start building your own sentences right from the start. Do you want more 'luxury'? No problem. You decide how far you want to go.

#### The snowball

It was never my intention to have my own business. It all started at my kitchen table, when I was doing the spouse of one of my husband's colleagues who wanted to learn Dutch a favour. Within a few weeks, the number of students had increased to three.

The snowball kept rolling and now, five years later, I am at the head of a beautiful, small-scale company in the heart of Terneuzen, supported by a team of 12 professional and motivated trainers, an invaluable office professional (my right hand) and ... well ... my husband (my left hand). The snowball has become a real snowman!

Know what you are

doing, so you can

express any thought

that comes to mind.

### The Taalkracht method

Most important is that the course material meets your needs.

No 'one size fits all', no standard textbook full of topics which are of little use in everyday life. We have made inventories of the skills required for each language level. These form the heart of the course and include pronunciation, conjugation of verbs, main grammar topics and rules for building correct sentences.

I want you to know what you are doing, as it will enable you to smoothly express your thoughts in the new language.

In addition to the basics, there is room for tailor-made extras, such as practising work-related vocabulary or preparing work-related presentations, allowing you to directly put in practice your newly acquired skills.

This applies to all language courses. Whether you are learning Dutch, English or German, all courses are tailored to your personal situation and aimed at improving the level of your language skills. And yes, grammar is important, but there is plenty of room for other fun stuff, such as digital exercises, songs, videos, press articles, language games ... so no chance of getting bored!

### The location

Our location near the centre of Terneuzen, that is what I consider an ideal learning environment.

It is centrally located, it has free parking and there is a bus stop nearby. Anne-Marie, our office professional, gives you a warm welcome and directs you to your classroom. All our rooms are provided with technical equipment and have been furnished with care. They are comfortable, inviting and stress-free ...

I jokingly tend to call them 'bubbles': as soon as the door is closed and you sit down with a cappuccino or a cup of nice hot tea, the outside world disappears and there is only one thing that matters: developing your own personal language skills in a pleasant and efficient way.

It is possible to follow a course on site. Should this be preferable in your case, we can discuss the terms and conditions of this option during our introductory meeting.

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#### The trainers

Another important factor, next to the location, is the person sitting opposite to you: your trainer.

All trainers of the Taalkrachtteam comply with my – fairly strict! – requirements.

Of course experience, knowledge, skills and diplomas are important in the selection procedure, but there is more: in order for you to feel comfortable during your lessons, it is important that the trainer has a pleasant personality and makes you feel at ease, allowing you to better absorb the material.

# The recipe

For me, these are the ingredients for a perfect language training. It is the recipe for a one-of-a-kind course, since you are a one-of-a-kind student!

Please feel free to hop in for an introduction or for more information. My door is always open (except when I am teaching, of course...)

I am looking forward to meeting you!

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