



## Lesson 5.2

# Colonies



A colony is an area of land that is governed by another country. The land governing the colony makes a profit through the sale of raw materials and products from the colony. The Dutch-Indies (the current Indonesia), Dutch-New-Guinea, the Dutch Antilles, Surinam and other areas in the former Dutch-Guiana, were Dutch colonies. The Netherlands also had a number of colonial possessions in Africa and the America's.

### ① Arrival in the 'New World'

Below you can read a statement on why the ship did not sail to Surinam, but to Berbice.

*"We, officers employed by the honorable directors of the Commercie Compagnie of the city of Middelburg, Zeeland, sailing on the ship The Unity, declare as requested by captain Jan Menkenveld that we arrived at the coast of America on June the 25th. Hence, together with our captain Jan Menkenveld we deliberated and decided to enter the river Berbice in order to sell some of our slaves. The reason for this is that some of our slaves are weak and dying daily, as can be seen from the journal. If this would not have been the case, we would have sailed to Curaçao.*

*We did not consider it a wise idea to enter the Suriname rivers to sell slaves there. We know that in that area slave ships arrive daily who left Africa with or before us and who told us they had Suriname as their destination. Most probably the slaves there are being sold for low prices. However, if it appears that we will not be able to sell all our slaves in the Berbice area, we have decided to sail to Essequibo to sell the remainder there.*

*We hereby close this declaration, having given reasons for the entering the river Berbice (if need be, under oath)."*

### Questions

Where did the ship arrive on June 25th?

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What was being sold?

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Where does the ship need to go?

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### ② Prepositions

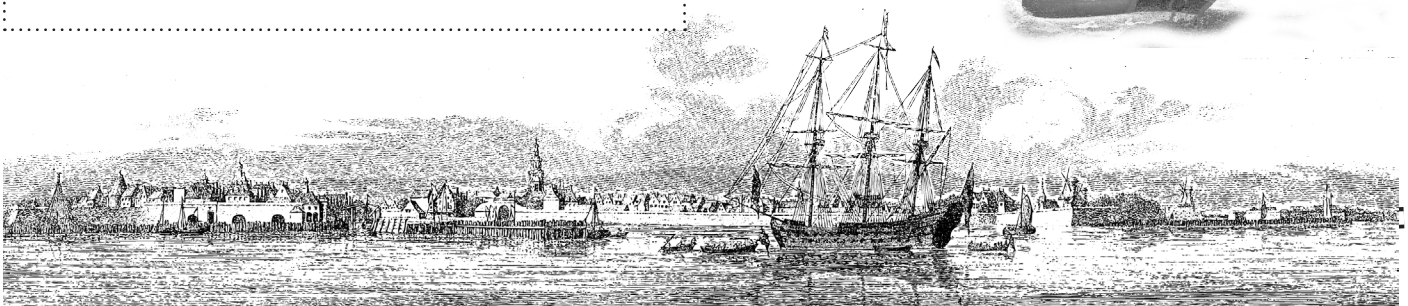
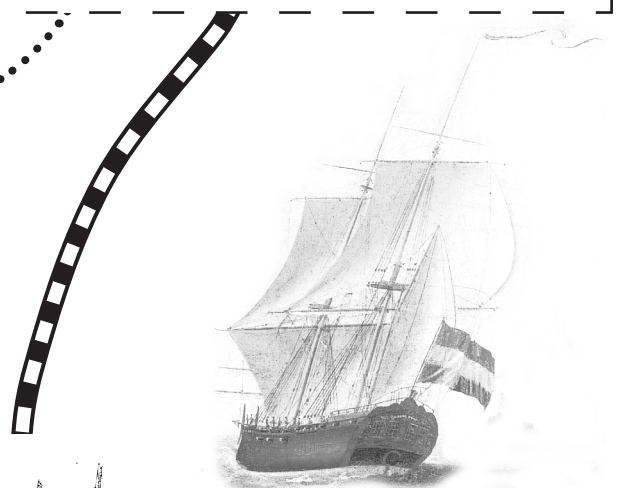
Count how many of the following words you see in the text:

Prepositions : .....

Verbs : .....

Nouns : .....

Other : .....



### ③ Adjectives

Adjectives are words that tell you something about a noun.

Such as, the *green vest*. *Green* is an adjective and tells you something about *vest*, a noun.

Give every noun an appropriate adjective:

The ..... plantation

The ..... banana

The ..... overseer

The ..... potato

The ..... girl

The ..... man

The ..... plant

The ..... food

The ..... cup

The ..... spoon

The ..... dress

The ..... spade

### ④ People from different countries

How do you call somebody from...?

Ghana : .....

The Netherlands : .....

Africa : .....

The Antilles : .....

America : .....

France : .....

Italy : .....

England : .....

Surinam : .....

China : .....

### ⑥ Dissect

The following sentences are divided into constituents, but incorrectly.

Can you correct them?

1. We need to / work / hard today./

2. The / ship / sailed into / Berbice./

3. His footsteps sounded heavy on the / wooden / floor./

4. The / crew / takes / the / cargo / from / the / ship./

5. The boatswain / cleans / the ship / thoroughly.

6. The carpenter has adjusted the clean ship./

### ⑤ True or false?

Place a circle around the sentences that are true.

The verb can be found by turning the sentence into a question.

Each word in a sentence is a constituent.

The direct object never begins with a preposition.

The saying is the verb with the subject.

The subject indicates who is doing something.