

Are you going to have a bulb in Keukenhof?! This little book is filled with facts, assignments and brain teasers. It's all about the tulip: the most famous flower of the Netherlands. Have you finished the book? Then you have become a true tulip expert! You can get a present at the information desk just outside the park. Have fun!

Have a look at the map on the backside of this booklet.



Do you have a compass app on your mobile phone? Or maybe there is one on your mother's, father's, grandpa's or grandma's? If so, go and find the right coordinates.



Address:.... Age:.....

My favourite flowers are:



The tulip's journey to the Netherlands...

A long time ago the first tulips bloomed high in the Central Asian mountains. Travellers brought them back to Turkey, where sultans reigned. There was once a sultan who dearly loved tulips: his palace gardens were full of them.

Bancos





In 1550 a sultan gave a few tulip bulbs to a very important man from Austria. That man gave them to a Dutch professor.



- Sultan Sülevman
- Sultan Ali Baba
- OSultan Tulipa

- 3. The name of this professor was:
- Carolus Clusius
- Clemens Carolus Carel Clemens



The professor took the bulbs and brought them back to the Netherlands. He was crazy about the bulbs. He made nice drawings and did little experiments with the tulips. But he refused to share them with anybody else. He kept the bulbs all for himself.

- 2. How did the tulip get its name?
- ① It was named after sultan Tulipa.
- The first tulip came from Tulipstan.
- 6 The word tulip derives from tulipa. It means: flower that looks like
 - a turban.

4. Where in the Netherlands were the first tulips grown?



Haarlem

Leiden





Answer the questions and find out when the

first tulips arrived in the Netherlands. It was the year:



Crazy about tulips!

Back in those days, tulips were **extremely rare** and very **expensive!** Only the **super rich** people could afford to buy tulip bulbs. But those people did not plant them in their garden or put them in a lovely vase in their homes. They bought the bulbs just to sell them again for profit. That way the tulip bulbs became more and more expensive.

Between 1630 and 1637 a tulip bulb could be worth as much as a...



Canal house





Carriage





Strangely enough, the people that bought the bulb didn't actually get to see one. They received a **piece of paper** that stated that they were the **owners** of a **tulip bulb**. One day it all went completely wrong and suddenly the bulbs lost their value. Many, many people lost their money.

In those years, people were absolutely crazy about tulips. Not because they are such beautiful flowers, but because they were worth so much. They could smell the tulip money.



CAROLUS CLUSIU

Find the words and cross them out.

amsterdam bulbs carolus crazy expensive holland home money paper rich share trade tulip vase

Fill in the letters that remain. Then you'll know what this period in history is called.



A new tulip

Growing a new tulip goes like this: A grower (cultivator) **crosses** the **seeds** of **two** different **tulips**. For example a pink and an orange one. He then cultivates bulbs from the seeds. After **five** years, these bulbs start to **flower**. Only then, will the grower know if he has succeeded in creating a new tulip species with all the good qualities of the pink and orange tulip. Creating a new tulip is an intricate job and can take up to **25 years** to perfect!

These pictures show you how tulips are grown. Oh no! The pictures are all the wrong order.

Can you put them in the right order?





















Have you ever seen a black tulip?

No? Well, that's right! Black tulips don't exist. However, there are dark purple tulips that look like they're almost black. Which colours will you need to create such a dark purple tulip?



Guess what happens if you put a white tulip into a glass with ink or food colouring?
The tulip will drink all the colours and the leaves will show coloured stripes.





So Dutch!

You have probably seen this mill before. When did the mill come to Keukenhof?

The **mills** are a true **Dutch** icon. But what else is the Netherlands known for?



National symbol!

Of course you picked the tulip! The tulip truly belongs to the **Netherlands**. So this is why the tulip is the Dutch national symbol during the Olympic Games.



Did you know?

There really is a lot to say about tulips. **Solve** the puzzle and discover some more interesting **facts**. The letters in the **red boxes** spell the name of a town.

- I. What does the Netherlands sell lots of to foreign countries?
- 2. How many euros does the Netherlands make off this each year? 681...
- 3. Which country buys the most tulip bulbs?
- 4. In what language is **Chūrippu** the **word** for **tulip**?
- 5. For how many centuries has the Netherlands been world-famous for it's tulips?



Jo-tjsing-tjang?

Dutch **tulips** go all over the world. So it's good to know how to say tulip in different languages. The **Netherlands** sells most of its tulips to **seven** different **countries** (including the United States and the United Kingdom). How do these countries say and write tulip?

Connect the countries and the words.

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This is how you say tulip This is how you write tulip

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3	0
44	A

Tolpe Tulpe
Tjoelip Tulip
Jo-tsjing-tjang Yùjīnxiāng
Tjoelip Tulip

Choerippu チューリップ

Guess what?!

A mosaic is a picture that is made out of a lot of small parts. Pieces of tile for example. Or... Flower bulbs! Every year the gardeners of Keukenhof create a new flower mosaic.

The flower mosaic's theme changes every year. Have a look!

Which theme did they use this year?.....





And now it's your turn!

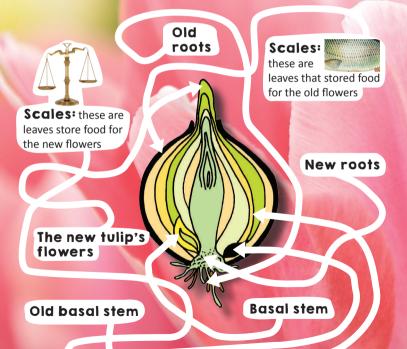
Design your very own flower mosaic right here. You can make whatever you want. It's also fun to do at home!



Flower Power

What is what?

A tulip bulb is pretty special. When you cut it through the middle, you can see the remains of the blossomed tulip and the beginnings of a new tulip. It's fun to try at home! What are all parts of the bulb called? Follow the lines and find out what all the parts are called.



Do you see this sculpture? It's two tulip bulbs. But they are much bigger of course. How many real-life tulip bulbs will fit in this sculpture?.....



This **tower** is in the **middle** of the **maze**. Can you find it? And do you dare to **climb** this tower? The **view** is **magnificent!** You can watch the **tulip fields**. Together they look like a gigantic coloured patchwork. Which **colours** do you see?

