**1.2 connectors**

***Task 1: Put the words in brackets in the right places.***

Europe is huge. (really) = Europe is really huge.

1. The Netherlands is an important member state. It's not very big.(although) =
2. Its population is only about 17 million people. (in fact) =
3. It’s densely populated. (very / however) =
4. The Netherlands is the world's second largest exporter of food and agriculture products (nevertheless) =
5. The Netherlands is a founding member of the EU (besides) =
6. The country is host to five international courts. (furthermore) =
7. The Netherlands is a part of the Schengen Area. (also) =

***Task 2: Connect the following sentences by choosing a suitable word from the box. Mind the tenses and forms. Finally, translate the sentences.***

because – who – as – after – as a result of – when

Willem-Alexander practises every day. He is able to run long distances without stopping.

***Task 3: Put the jumbled sentences in the right order:***

1. The we Netherlands are talking about country is the today.
2. The low geographically below Netherlands is a very and flat, with about 26% of its area and 21% of its populationcountry located sea level
3. [are](javascript://1415124746-are-p7;) [friendly](javascript://1415124746-friendly-p7;) t[here.](javascript://1415124746-here.-p7;) [people](javascript://1415124746-people-p7;) [The](javascript://1415124746-The-p7;) [very](javascript://1415124746-very-p7;)
4. been constitutional since The 1815 Netherlands has a [monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitutional_monarchy)
5. equipped, The powers limited of position is constitutionally with the monarch.
6. consists a significant exports of Dutch agricultural portion fresh-cut plants, flowers, and flower bulbs of
7. actually are total two-thirds and flowers The Netherlands exporting of the world's of plants
8. All to Netherlands school children 12 in usually the attend elementary from ages 4.
9. Education the ages of compulsory in the Netherlands is between 4 and 16.
10. The regarded tolerance liberal history has a long of social and is as today a country. Netherlands

**Lösungen:**

Task 1: (more than one possible solution)

1. Although he is the tallest boy in class, he doesn’t .....
2. In fact, he isn’t interested ....
3. Instead, he prefers running (instead).
4. (One day) he wants to become a champion one day.
5. After all, he’s got the talent. (after all)
6. Furthermore, his coach says so.
7. Besides, he has already won a ....

Task 2: ( several solutions possible)

Because W-A. practises every day, he is able to ...

W-A., who practises every day, is able to ..

As he practises every day, W-A. is able to ..

After having practised every day, W-A. is able to ...

As a result of practising every day, W-A. is able to ...

When W-A. practises every day, he will be able to...

Task 3 :

1. The country we are talking about today is the Netherlands.
2. The Netherlands is geographically a very low and flat country, with about 26% of its area and 21% of its populationlocated below sea level.
3. The people there are very friendly (there).
4. The Netherlands has been a [constitutional monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitutional_monarchy) since 1815.
5. Constitutionally, the position of the monarch is equipped with limited powers.
6. A significant portion of Dutch agricultural exports consists of fresh-cut plants, flowers, and flower bulbs.
7. The Netherlands are actually exporting two-thirds of the world's total of plants and flowers.
8. All children in the Netherlands usually attend elementary school from ages 4 to 12.
9. Education in the Netherlands is compulsory between the ages of 4 and 16.
10. The Netherlands has a long history of social tolerance and today is regarded as a liberal country.