

# Netherlands



# Vocabulary

**Constituent:** one of the parts that a substance or combination is made of.

**Mainland:** the main part of a country or continent, not including the islands around it.

**Fertility:** (of land) the quality of producing a large number of good quality crops.

**Dam:** a wall built across a river that stops the river's flow and collects the water.

**Hangout:** a place where someone spends a lot of time, or where someone lives.

**Eave:** the edge of a roof that sticks out over the top of a wall.

**Vibrant:** energetic, exciting, and full of enthusiasm.

# Introduction

The **Netherlands** (Dutch: Nederland), often referred to as **Holland**, is a country located mostly in Western Europe with a population of 17 million people. Together with three island territories in the Caribbean (Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba), it forms a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

