

*** FUN FACTS ***

Martin Van Buren was the only U.S. president to speak English as a second language. He and his family spoke Dutch at home.

Van Buren was 5'6" and was nicknamed the "Little Magician" for his "magical" political skills.

After the stock market crashed during the Panic of 1837, Van Buren's opponents called him "Martin Van Ruin."

ACTIVITY #1



Talk Like Van Buren

Want to try to say a few words in Dutch? Here are some common phrases.

| English | Dutch | Pronunciation |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Hello | Hallo | "HAH - low" |
| See you later | Tot ziens | "toht - zeens" |
| Thank you very much | Dank u wel | "dahnk - oo - vel" |
| I love you | Ik hou van je | "ick - how - vahn - yuh" |



ACTIVITY #2



Native New Yorkers

Martin Van Buren was the first U.S. president to be born in New York. Since then, four other native New Yorkers have gone on to be president. Can you unscramble the last names of those four presidents below? Hint! Two had the same last name.

MLLIFREO

TLEROVOSE

RVOOSLTEE

PURTM

DID YOU KNOW?



Van Buren was the first president to be born in the United States of America. Although the first seven presidents were born on American soil, they were born before the American Revolution made the United States an independent nation.