**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Sinking**

**Voor de docent**

Nieuw onderzoek toont aan hoe groot het probleem van bodemdaling wereldwijd is.

**ERK-niveau**

*Lezen B2 – Oriënterend lezen: Kan snel lange, complexe teksten doorlezen en de relevante details vinden. (LEB2-2a)*

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

**Intro**

The sinking of the ground’s surface is a global phenomenon. Research is done to find out why and how it happens and what this means for our future.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Geology is the study of natural materials on earth and processes within the earth.   
List 5 or more words connected to geology.

b Write down the names of all continents of the world.

**Sinking**

Happy New Year, the ground is sinking under you... Say what? Well yes, the gound under our feet is actually sinking.

Read about it [here](https://www.mic.com/p/happy-new-year-the-ground-is-sinking-under-you-53872655).

Assignment 2

Read the text. For each definition, find the word or expression it describes in the text and write it down.

1. becoming lower, moving downwards
2. a hole so deep that it cannot be measured
3. careful studies of something to learn more about it
4. to make worse
5. a small part of something
6. easily becoming covered with water because of heavy rain or high water
7. making people worried or upset
8. toward the inside of something
9. causing a lot of damage or destruction
10. at the present time
11. a very large or important city
12. a general direction of change
13. to flow or spread slowly through small openings
14. large holes that suddenly appear in the ground
15. the act or process of getting something out of something
16. water that collects below the surface of the earth

Assignment 3

a Choose the best summary.

1 For some people, the new year is so terrifying that it feels like the ground is sinking.

2 Millions of people are put at risk because the earth’s land surface is slowly sinking.

3 Research shows that the earth’s ground is sinking, but for most people it is not a big deal.

4 The earth’s ground surface is actually sinking, but that is just a natural process.

b What does subsidence mean?

1 All the research that is done to understand the sinking of the earth’s ground surface.

2 The financing of projects to do something against the sinking of the ground.

3 The phenomenon that the earth’s ground surface is sinking slowly.

4 The sinking of the ground in North America and Europe over the next 20 years.

c Why have the US started to move some cities away from the coast?

1 Last year’s presidential election shows that people have to be spread more democratically.

2 The Indonesian succes of relocating Jakarta shows that this is a good idea.

3 These cities could become flooded because of the sinking of the ground plus climate change.

4 To make room for the millions of people that will lose their homes because of the sinking ground.