

**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Sweden**

**Voor de docent**

Zweden wordt lid van de NAVO. Wat weten leerlingen over Zweden?

**ERK-niveau**

Oriënterend lezen A2: *Kan specifieke informatie vinden en begrijpen in eenvoudig, alledaags materiaal. (LEA2-2a)*

*Kan in lijsten, overzichten en formulieren specifieke informatie vinden en begrijpen. (LEA2-2c)*

Leesstrategieën*– Kan zijn of haar begrip van de algemene betekenis van korte teksten over alledaagse onderwerpen van concrete aard gebruiken om de vermoedelijke betekenis van onbekende woorden af te leiden uit de context.*

*Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

*Big news: Sweden will join NATO. What do you actually know about Sweden?*

Assignment 1

a Which countries belong to Scandinavia?

b Work alone or with one or more classmates for a brainstorm: What do you think of when you hear “Sweden”? Write down your ideas.

**Sweden**

**NATO** stands for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. It is an international organisation of countries for their security and defense. It has 31 members. With Sweden it will have 32 members.

[Here are some interesting facts about Sweden.](https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/Sweden-facts.html)

Read the text up to “Attractions and Landmarks”.

Make assignment 2 and assignment 3.

Read the rest of the text if you want to.

Assignment 2

Find the words in the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning.

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| 1. inhabitants | *a*. the average number of years that a person can expect to live |
| 2. monarchy | *b*. (to) be next to another country |
| 3. Swedish | *c*. a beautiful, round ornament that kings and queens wear on their head |
| 4. life expectancy | *d*. belonging to Sweden |
| 5. a crown | *e*. a country that is ruled by a king or queen |
| 6. indigenous people | *f*. large area of fresh water, surrounded by land |
| 7. (to) conquer | *g*. large areas where trees grow close together  |
| 8. region | *h*. a part of a country |
| 9. (to) border | *i*. people that live in a particular place |
| 10. forests | *j*. the people who lived in a place in the beginning  |
| 11. mountains | *k*. (to) take control of a country, city, etc. by using force |
| 12. lakes | *l*. very high areas of land |

Assignment 3

a How many inhabitants does Sweden have?

1 1.6 million

2 10 million

3 100 000

4 11 million

b What is the capital city of Sweden?

1 Klarälven

2 Krona

3 Stockholm

4 Vänern

c What are the Sami people?

1 The ancient people who belonged to the family of Olof Skötkonung.

2 The first people who lived in the area that is now Sweden.

3 The people who live in all the Scandinavian countries.

4 The Svea kings who conquered Sweden and Finland.