

200 Most Common Indonesian Words

Indonesian Word

English Translation

ada	v.	= there is, there are; to have; to be
adalah (1)	v.	= was; were; am; is; are; to be; there was
adalah (2)	n.	= equation mark; equal sign
agar	p.	= in order to; in order that; so that; for
air	n.	= water; juice; liquid; fluid
akan	aux v	= will; shall
akibat	n.	= result; consequence; outcome; effect; impact
aku	pron.	= I, me; myself (<i>used informally, with people of same age</i>)
anak	n.	= child; offspring; issue
anda	pron.	= you; your (<i>neutral, used in advertising</i>)
antara	p.	= among; between; intermediate
apa	quest	= what; which; whether; if; or
atas	p.	= upper; above; over; onto; aloft; up
atau	p.	= or; nor
bagi (1)	adv.	= for; regarding; in order to; on behalf of
bagi (2)	n.	= share; fraction; part; portion (<i>dibagi = divided by</i>)
bagian	n.	= portion; part; share; fraction; piece; section
bagus	adj.	= good; fine; splendid; excellent
bahkan	adv.	= moreover; in fact; what is more; even; yes
bahwa	p.	= that; a conjunction word
baik	adj.	= good; well; nice; fine
banyak	adj.	= much; many; numerous; considerable; a lot
barang	n.	= things; goods; luggage; items; objects; articles
baru (1)	adj.	= new; fresh; recent; novel
baru (2)	adj.	= only; just
beberapa	adj.	= several; some; a few; various
begitu	p.	= like that; such; so, really (tidak begitu = not really)
belum	adv.	= not yet; maybe later
benar	adj.	= real; right; correct; valid; honest; true
bersama	v.	= being together; with; joint; similar; common
besar	adj.	= big; great; large; sizeable; great
biasa	adj.	= usual; ordinary; normal; common; general
biasanya	adv	usually
bila	p.	= when; if
bisa (1)	adj.	= able; capable; possible; can; may
boleh	adv.	= may; can; possibly; allowed; perhaps; could
buah	n.	= fruit; an object like a fruit; a piece; a unit
bukan	adv.	= no; not; false; used when negating nouns

cara	n.	= way; manner; method; procedure; means
cepat	adj.	= fast; quick; rapid; swift; speedy
cukup	adj.	= sufficient; enough;
dalam	p.	= in; on; within; into; inside; deep
dan	p.	= and; plus
dapat (1)	adv.	= can; able to; possible; may
dapat (2)	v.	= to get; obtain; find; acquire
dari	p.	= from; than; of; through; since
datang	v.	= to come; arrive
dengan	p.	= with; by; by means of; in
depan (1)	adv.	= upcoming; in the future; in front
depan (2)	n.	= the front; the future; the facing side
di	p.	= at, on, in
dia (ia)	pron.	= he; she; him; her; it
dilakukan	v.pass	= did; done; carried out; undertaken
diri (1)	n.	= self; oneself; person (saya sendiri = myself)
diri (2)	v.	= to stand; to be standing up (berdiri = to stand_
dulu (dahulu)	adv.	= formerly; earlier; previous; before; ago; in the past
hal	n.	= situation; condition; circumstance; matter
hanya	adv.	= just; only
harga	n.	= price; cost; value (Berapa harganya = how much is it?)
hari	n.	= day (hari ini = today; hari Rabu = Wednesday)
harus	adv.	= must; should; obliged to; have to; imperative
hidup	v.	= to have life; to exist; alive; living;
ia (dia)	pron.	= he; she; it
ingin	v.	= to desire; want; covet; wish for
ini	p.	= this; these; here
itu	p.	= that; those
jadi (1)	v.	= to happen; occur; take place; (menjadi=to become)
jadi (2)	p.	= so; thus; therefore; consequently
jalan (1)	n.	= street; road; path; way; course; journey; career (berjalan=to walk)
jalan (2)	n.	= manner; method; way of doing
jangan	p.	= don't; do not; must not; can't
jauh	adj.	= far; distant; far away; off; away
jelas	adj.	= clear; distinct; settled; obvious
jika	p.	= if; when; as long as; provided that
juga	adv.	= too; also; as well as; still; yet; either
jumlah	n.	= sum; total; amount; quantity; tally
juta	n.	= million; one million (1,000,000)
kalau	p.	= if; when; on the condition that
kali (1)	n.	= river; stream
kali (2)	n.	= time; occurrence; time period (2 kali 3 = 6)
kami	pron.	= we; us; our (excluding the persons talked to)

kamu	pron.	= you (used with people you are familiar with)
karena	p.	= because; therefore
kata (1)	n.	= word; term; saying;
kata (2)	v.	= said; spoke; stated (<i>dia berkata = she/he said</i>)
ke	p.	= to; towards;
kecil	adj.	= little; small; insignificant; dinky
kecuali	p.	= besides; except for; but for; only; just
kembali (1)	v.	= to return; to go back; coming back
kembali (2)	p.	= you're welcome; short form of "terima kasih kembali"
kemudian	adv.	= afterwards; later on; then; after
kepada	p.	= to; toward; for (<i>used when referring to a person</i>)
kepala	n.	= head; headman; chief (<i>kepala sekolah = Principal</i>) work; labor; job; occupation; employment (<i>bekerja = to work</i> ;
kerja	n.	= pekerjaan = work; pekerja = worker)
ketika	n.	= a moment; time; a point in time; when, while
khusus	adj.	= special; uncommon; peculiar; especial; exceptional
kini	adv.	= now; today; presently; currently
kita	pron.	= us; we; our (including the listener)
ku (aku)	pron.	= I, me, my (used with people you are familiar with) not so . . ; less; not enough; (<i>kurang cocok = not so suitable</i> ;
kurang	adv.	= kurang baik = not so good; 20 kurang 2 = 18)
lagi (1)	p.	= more; again; another
lain	adj.	= other; different; distinct
lalu (1)	adj.	= last; previous; past (<i>minggu yang lalu = last week</i>)
lalu (2)	adv.	= then; and so
lalu (3)	v.	= to pass; pass through; go by; lapse; take place
lama	adj.	= long (of time/duration); old
langsung (1)	adj.	= direct; nonstop; straight through
langsung (2)	adv.	= immediately; straightaway; at once;
lewat		= past, pass go through (<i>jam 2 lewat 10 sore = 2.10 pm</i>)
luar	adv.	= out; outside; outer; beyond
maka	p.	= so; then; therefore; thus; a conjunction word
makan	v.	= to eat; consume food
makanan	n.	= a meal; food; provisions
makin	adv.	= increasingly; more and more; all the more
malam	n.	= night; night time; evening (<i>makan malam = dinner</i>)
mampu	adj.	= able; capable; affordable; wealthy; rich; powerful which; where; how; what (<i>di mana = where; yang mana = which one</i> ;
mana	quest.	= bagaimana -= how/what .)
masalah	n.	= issue; matter; problem; trouble
masih	adv.	= still; yet; as yet; even though
masuk	v.	= to enter; go in; come in
mata (1)	n.	= eye (<i>mata hari = sun (literally eyes of the day)</i>)

mata (2)	n.	= source; nucleus; core; essence
mau	p.	= wish; will; want; desire
maupun	p.	= although; in spite of
melakukan	v.	= to implement; carry out; execute; do; perform
melalui	p.	= through; via; by way of
memang	adv.	= indeed; yes; actually; naturally; certainly; of course; an affirming word
memberi	v.	= to give; allow; grant
memberikan	v.	= to give; give away; hand over; confer; render
membuat	v.	= to build; make; prepare; produce; manufacture
memiliki	v.	= to own; possess; have
mencari	v.	= to search; seek; look for; pursue
mengatakan	v.	= to say; tell; state; express; announce; remark
menjadi	v.	= to become; happen; to be born; to be
menurut	p.	= according to; (<i>menurut pendapat saya = in my opinion</i>)
merasa	v.	= to feel; sense; taste; think; believe
mereka	pron.	= they; them; their
merupakan	v.	= to shape; model; form; constitute
mudah	adj.	= easy; simple; quick; convenient
muda	adj.	= young; light (<i>merah muda = light red = pink</i>)
mulai	v.	= to begin; start; commence; trigger
mungkin	adv.	= maybe; possible; possibly; perhaps; might; may
naik	v.	= to ascend; climb; rise; go up; ride up; ride; mount name; title (<i>Dia bernama Felix = He is called Felix;</i>
nama	n.	= <i>namanya = his/her name</i>)
nanti (1)	adv.	= later; at a future time
oleh	p.	= by; because of
orang	n.	= person; human being (<i>orangutan = person of the forest</i>) at; in; by; on; (<i>used with references to time e.g. pada Hari</i>
pada	p.	= <i>Sabtu - on Saturday; pada jam 2 sore = at 2pm</i>)
paling	adj.	= most ...est (<i>paling baik = the best; paling tinggi = the tallest</i>)
perlu (1)	adv.	= need; require; must; have to
pernah	adv.	= once; ever
pertama	adj.	= first
pula	p.	= again; also; too
pulang	v.	= to return; come home; go back; go home
punya	v.	= to own; possess; have; has
pusat	n.	= central place; center; focus; focal point
saat	n.	= a moment; a short time; while; during
saja (1)	adv.	= just; merely; only; exclusively; also; too
saja (2)	adv.	= an emphasis word; very; extremely
salah	n.	= false, wrong; incorrect; a mistake; an error; an inaccuracy
sama	adj.	= same; similar; identical; alike; equal
sambil	p.	= while; during; at the same time

sampai (1)	p.	= until; up to; as far as; yet
sampai (2)	v.	= to accomplish; achieve; reach; finish; arrive
sangat	adj.	= very; really (<i>used before the noun sangat tinggi = very tall</i>)
saya	pron.	= I; me; my (neutral - can be used in most situations)
sebab	p.	= because; cause; since
sebagai	adv.	= as; like; similar to
sebelum	adv.	= before; preceding; in advance of; antecedent
sebuah	n.	= a piece of; a; an; inanimate classifier
secara	p.	= a method; manner; way; by means of
sedang (1)	adv.	= while; still; whereas; even though; even if; is; are; am
sedikit	adj.	= little; few; a bit; not much
segera	adv.	= soon; promptly; immediately; early
sejak	p.	= since; from
sekali (1)	p.	= very; really; (<i>used after the noun - tinggi sekali = really tall</i>)
sekali (2)	p.	= once; one time; singular
sekarang	adv.	= now; presently; currently; at this time
sekitar (1)	adv.	= about; around; approximately
sekitar (2)	n.	= surroundings; environs
selalu	adv.	= always; continuously; forever; invariably
selama	adv.	= during; while; as long as; for the duration of
seluruh	adv.	= all; throughout; an entirety; a whole group
sementara	adv.	= during; while; whereas; meanwhile; temporary
semua	adv.	= entire group; all; whole
sendiri	adj.	= self; alone; lone; personal; private
seperti	p.	= such as; like; akin; as if; as
sering	adj.	= often; frequently; a lot
serta	p.	= along with; as well as; together with; including
sesuai	adj.	= suitable; proper; agreeable; fitting; appropriate
sesuatu	adj.	= something; some; any
sesudah	adv.	= after (past action)
setelah	adv.	= after (past action)
setiap	p.	= each; every; per
siap	adj.	= ready; prepared; finished; poised
siapa		= a question word meaning: who; whom; whose
sini	p.	= here; this place
suatu	n.	= one; any; an; a; some; a certain one
sudah	adv.	= done; already finished
tahu	v.	= to know; to be aware of
tak	p.	= no; not; short form of " <i>tidak</i> "
tanpa	adv.	= without; not having
tapi (tetapi)	p.	= but; still; yet; however
telah	adv.	= already; by now
tempat	n.	= a place; room; location; locality; locale; position; site

tengah (1)	n.	= middle; center; half way; midst
tengah (2)	adv.	= in process; during; while; still
tentang	p.	= about; concerning; regarding; with respect to
terhadap	p.	= regarding; concerning; with respect to; facing
terjadi	v.	= to have happened; taken place; occurred; existed
terlalu	adv.	= very; too much; excessive; exceedingly; extremely
termasuk	v.	= included; contained; belonging to; inclusive
tersebut	v.	= above mentioned; referred to; named
terus	adv.	= directly; forward; through; continuous
tetapi (tapi)	p.	= but; still; yet; however
tiba	v.	= to arrive; to come
tidak	adv.	= no; not; <i>(used when negating adjectives or verbs)</i>
tinggi	adj.	= high; lofty; exalted; tall
uang	n.	= money; wealth
untuk	p.	= for; to; in order to; by way of
waktu (1)	n.	= time; moment; point in time; term
waktu (2)	adv.	= when (referring to previous time)
yaitu (yaitu)	adv.	= namely; that is
yang	p.	= that; which; who