

LINKS TO:

Stage 2, Module 1

Learning Object 3: Now you'll look the part

Exercise 1

Rewrite these sentences using the alternative *boleh minta tolong* structure.

Sample answers:

- 1.1 Maaf, Bu. Boleh minta tolong. Saya mau mengambil kartu pelajar.
- 1.2 Permisi, Pak. Boleh minta tolong. Saya mau mengambil kartu perpustakaan.
- 1.3 Maaf, Bu. Boleh minta tolong. Saya mau mengambil kunci loker.

Exercise 2

In each of the situations described, decide the best word to use, either *maaf* or *permisi*.

Sample answers:

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| <p>2.1 You would use <i>maaf</i> in this instance because you are apologising for spilling the water and making a mess.</p> <p>2.2 You would use <i>permisi</i> in this instance because you are trying to bring the error to the attention of the Customer Service counter attendant.</p> <p>2.3 You would use <i>maaf</i> in this instance because you wish to apologise for not returning the calculator in a timely manner.</p> <p>2.4 You would use <i>permisi</i> in this instance because you wish to excuse yourself when walking past two adults in positions of authority.</p> | <p>2.5 You would use <i>maaf</i> in this instance because you are apologising for interrupting the teaching of the class by your late arrival.</p> <p>2.6 You would use <i>permisi</i> in this instance because you are excusing yourself for being late but you have not actually interrupted the teacher or the class by your lateness.</p> <p>2.7 You would use <i>permisi</i> in this instance because you would like to attract a waiter's attention to take your order.</p> |
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Exercise 3

Write down some generalisations about when you would use *maaf* and when *permisi* is more appropriate.

Sample answers:

From the above responses one can formulate the generalisation that *maaf* is used when you are apologising for some wrongdoing, making a mistake or inconveniencing others by your actions.

Permisi, on the other hand, is used when you are attempting to attract the attention of others to a situation, or when you wish to excuse yourself for some minor matter that does not inconvenience anyone.

Exercise 4

Rewrite his question using the appropriate register, for each of the three different situations, by selecting from the options shown.

Sample answers:

- 4.1 Tolong dong, Di. Gimana cara menjawab persamaan nih?
- 4.2 Permisi. Minta tolong, Om. Bagaimana cara menjawab persamaan ini?
- 4.3 Tolong, Pak. Aku bingung! Gimana cara menjawab persamaan ini?