

# Numbers 20 to 99

In Module 2, Learning Object 4: 'How many bags?' you practised using numbers from 1 to 20. You learnt that there is one word for ten *sepuluh* and two words for twenty *dua puluh*.

You might have thought that the word for ten would be *satu puluh* but, of course, it isn't. It's *sepuluh*. The word for 10 is formed using **puluh** and the prefix **se** which means one lot of something – in this case, one lot of tens.

## Multiples of 10:

Although *sepuluh* is written as one word, numbers that are multiples of 10 from 20 through to 90 are written as two words.

For example:

|                    |        |
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| <i>sepuluh</i>     | ten    |
| <i>dua puluh</i>   | twenty |
| <i>tiga puluh</i>  | thirty |
| <i>empat puluh</i> | forty  |

## Belas:

The word used for counting from 11 to 19 is **belas**. As for the number 10, the prefix **se** is used to form the word for 11 **sebelas**. After that, the same pattern as for the multiples of ten is used.

For example:

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| <i>sebelas</i>     | eleven   |
| <i>dua belas</i>   | twelve   |
| <i>tiga belas</i>  | thirteen |
| <i>empat belas</i> | fourteen |

## Other numbers:

When writing other numbers, such as 31 or 45, put the multiples of ten first and then the ones (also called units). Notice that there is no hyphen between the words as there is in English.

For example:

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <i>tiga puluh satu</i>  | thirty-one |
| <i>empat puluh lima</i> | forty-five |

## Exercises



1. a) What do the numbers 26, 1 and 1788 represent for Australians?

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- b) What other numbers are significant to many people in Australia? What do they represent?

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- c) The numbers 17, 8 and 45 are very significant to Indonesians. Can you find out why? Do some research and write down what you discover about these numbers.

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- d) What can you find out about the significance of the numbers 17, 8 and 45 to the Indonesian coat of arms – the Garuda eagle?

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2. a) Using what you have learnt about how to form numbers from 20 to 90, write the following numbers in Indonesian.

50 \_\_\_\_\_

60 \_\_\_\_\_

70 \_\_\_\_\_

80 \_\_\_\_\_

90 \_\_\_\_\_

b) What do you think *puluh* signifies?

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3. a) Now, write these numbers in Indonesian.

56 \_\_\_\_\_

67 \_\_\_\_\_

73 \_\_\_\_\_

84 \_\_\_\_\_

99 \_\_\_\_\_

b) Challenge:

The counter for hundreds in Indonesian is *ratus*. Using what you have learnt about how to form numbers, try and write the three-digit numbers below in Indonesian.

Note that there is no 'and' in these numbers as there is in English (one hundred and one).

Don't forget to use *se* where required.

101 \_\_\_\_\_

123 \_\_\_\_\_

245 \_\_\_\_\_