

## The use of 'se~' prefix

### i) se + group number = cardinal no.

sepuluh - ten                      seratus - one hundred

### ii) se + per + no. = fraction

sepertiga 1/3      seperempat 1/4      NB: setengah = ½

### iii) se~ + adjective = "as . . . . as" - to say things are similar

Tamara setinggi Bronwen. Tamara is as tall as Bronwen.

sebesar; sebanyak; seindah; sepanas

### iv) se~ + noun = sharing the thing indicated by base word

orang setempat—local people/ people of the same place

seumur – same age; sekelas – same class; sekamar – same room

### v) se~ + classifier = 'one'; 'a' and 'an'

seekor— used for animals / seorang – used for people / sebuah— used for things

sebijil (small spherical things e.g.seeds)

sebungkus – a packet / secangkir - a cup of / sepotong (a slice of ...)

sejenis – a kind of, category of/class of

sejumlah – an (undefined) number of

### vi) adverbial phrase 'as *adj* as possible'

secepat-cepatnya / secepat mungkin - as quickly as possible

sebanyak mungkin - as much as possible

sebanyak-banyaknya - as much as possible

sebisa-bisanya - as much as I can

## vii) other common se~ words / phrases

sebaiknya - preferably, it is better that

sebenarnya - actually, in fact,

sebelum – before X

sesudah – after X

selama - during/while/to indicate duration of time

sekitar – around, approx

sepanjang - along, all along the

sebagai - as

sehingga – so, so that

seharusnya - should/ought to

sebaiknya - (it is) better / best / preferable

sekali - very/really OR sekali - once

sehari = a day

pada suatu hari – once upon a time or one day (in the future)

sekali sehari – once a day / dua kali sehari – twice a day

sehari-hari – on a daily basis, everyday

kehidupan sehari-hari - everyday life