

SCENE 34 • GRAMMAR

Bisa, boleh, harus

Skills, permission and tasks

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Skills, permission and tasks

Bisa says can/know how: **bisa memasak**. **Boleh** says may/be allowed: **boleh main**. **Harus** says must. The following verb never acquires a person or tense ending.

Use **tidak bisa** for inability, **tidak boleh** for a rule or prohibition. **Jangan** gives a direct prohibition. A negative obligation, **tidak harus**, means not required, not forbidden.

A task can be assigned with a name and noun: **Rina: kue. Menjaga Miko** means look after Miko, not just look at him. Prefix verbs are practised as whole words.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
bisa	Saya bisa memasak.	I know how to cook.
tidak bisa	Saya tidak bisa menyanyi.	I cannot sing.
boleh	Kamu boleh main siang hari.	You may play in the daytime.

Saya bisa memasak.

I know how to cook.

Saya tidak bisa menyanyi.

I cannot sing.

Kamu boleh main siang hari.

You may play in the daytime.

Kamu harus tidur.

You must sleep.

Kamu tidak boleh main malam hari.

You are not allowed to play at night.

Saya harus menjaga Miko.

I must look after Miko.

Saya bisa menari.

I can dance.

Jangan main setelah tengah malam!

Do not play after midnight!

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Saya bisa memasak.

Meaning: I know how to cook.

- 2 Saya tidak bisa menyanyi.

Meaning: I cannot sing.

- 3 Kamu boleh main siang hari.

Meaning: You may play in the daytime.

- 4 Kamu harus tidur.

Meaning: You must sleep.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

- 1 Saya _____ memasak.

- ☐ A bukan
- ☐ B siapa
- ☐ C bisa

Meaning: I know how to cook.

2 Saya _____ menyanyi.

- ☐ A bisa
- ☐ B mau
- ☐ C tidak bisa

Meaning: I cannot sing.

3 Kamu _____ main siang hari.

- ☐ A tidak boleh
- ☐ B bukan
- ☐ C boleh

Meaning: You may play in the daytime.

4 Kamu _____ tidur.

- ☐ A harus
- ☐ B jangan
- ☐ C tidak perlu

Meaning: You must sleep.

5 Kamu _____ main malam hari.

- ☐ A boleh
- ☐ B tidak boleh
- ☐ C bisa

Meaning: You are not allowed to play at night.

6 Saya harus _____ Miko.

- ☐ A makan
- ☐ B melihat
- ☐ C menjaga

Meaning: I must look after Miko.

7 Saya bisa _____.

- ☐ A memasak
- ☐ B berenang
- ☐ C menari

Meaning: I can dance.

8 _____ main setelah tengah malam!

- ☐ (A) Tolong
- ☐ (B) Jangan
- ☐ (C) Silakan

Meaning: Do not play after midnight!

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

boleh tidak boleh

Kamu _____ main siang hari.

Meaning: You may play in the daytime.

harus tidak perlu

Kamu _____ tidur.

Meaning: You must sleep.

tidak boleh boleh

Kamu _____ main malam hari.

Meaning: You are not allowed to play at night.

menjaga melihat

Saya harus _____ Miko.

Meaning: I must look after Miko.

menari berenang

Saya bisa _____.

Meaning: I can dance.

Jangan Silakan

_____ main setelah tengah malam!

Meaning: Do not play after midnight!

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 Saya bisa memasak.

Meaning: I know how to cook.

2 menyanyi. tidak bisa Saya

Meaning: I cannot sing.

3 Kamu hari. boleh siang main

Meaning: You may play in the daytime.

4 Kamu tidur. harus

Meaning: You must sleep.

5 boleh tidak malam Kamu main hari.

Meaning: You are not allowed to play at night.

6 Miko. Saya menjaga harus

Meaning: I must look after Miko.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I know how to cook. You say:

- ☐ A Saya bisa memasak.
- ☐ B Saya bukan memasak.

2 I cannot sing. You say:

- ☐ A Saya tidak bisa menyanyi.
- ☐ B Saya bisa menyanyi.

3 You may play in the daytime. You say:

- ☐ A Kamu tidak boleh main siang hari.
- ☐ B Kamu boleh main siang hari.

4 You must sleep. You say:

- ☐ A Kamu tidak perlu tidur.
- ☐ B Kamu harus tidur.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| ① Saya bisa memasak. | ① A I know how to cook. |
| ② Jangan main setelah tengah malam! | ② B You are not allowed to play at night. |
| ③ Saya tidak bisa menyanyi. | ③ C I must look after Miko. |
| ④ Kamu tidak boleh main malam hari. | ④ D Do not play after midnight! |
| ⑤ Kamu boleh main siang hari. | ⑤ E You must sleep. |
| ⑥ Saya harus menjaga Miko. | ⑥ F I can dance. |
| ⑦ Saya bisa menari. | ⑦ G You may play in the daytime. |
| ⑧ Kamu harus tidur. | ⑧ H I cannot sing. |