

SCENE 4 • GRAMMAR

Tinggal, main, mau

Unchanging verbs and wanting

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Arrival

Indonesian

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Unchanging verbs and wanting

Verbs keep the same form with **saya**, **kamu** and **dia**: **Saya tinggal di sini**, **Dia tinggal di atas**. There are no person endings.

Use **mau** before an action or destination: **Saya mau tidur**, **Saya mau ke kafe**. Common prefixed verbs such as **bekerja** can be learned as whole words beside the conversational **kerja**.

Kamu bisa main besok? is an early polite request chunk. **Bisa** means can; a full comparison with permission follows later. **Tidak** comes before the verb or modal.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
tinggal	Saya tinggal di bawah.	I live downstairs.
main	Budi main trompet.	Budi plays the trumpet.
mau	Saya mau tidur.	I want to sleep.

Saya tinggal di bawah.

I live downstairs.

Budi main trompet.

Budi plays the trumpet.

Saya mau tidur.

I want to sleep.

Saya mau ke kafe.

I want to go to the café.

Saya tidak tidur.

I do not sleep.

Saya tahu.

I know.

Bu Rina tinggal di atas.

Mrs Rina lives upstairs.

Kamu main besok?

Will you play tomorrow?

Indonesian has no inflected present tense. The same verb describes now or a routine, with context.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Saya tinggal di bawah.

Meaning: I live downstairs.

- 2 Budi main trompet.

Meaning: Budi plays the trumpet.

- 3 Saya mau tidur.

Meaning: I want to sleep.

- 4 Saya mau ke kafe.

Meaning: I want to go to the café.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

- 1 Saya _____ di bawah.

- ☐ A tidur
- ☐ B tinggal
- ☐ C makan

Meaning: I live downstairs.

2 Budi _____ trompet.

- ☐ A tinggal
- ☐ B main
- ☐ C tidur

Meaning: Budi plays the trumpet.

3 Saya _____ tidur.

- ☐ A bukan
- ☐ B mau
- ☐ C apa

Meaning: I want to sleep.

4 Saya mau ke _____.

- ☐ A kafe
- ☐ B siapa
- ☐ C lapar

Meaning: I want to go to the café.

5 Saya _____ tidur.

- ☐ A tidak
- ☐ B ada
- ☐ C bukan

Meaning: I do not sleep.

6 Saya _____.

- ☐ A kunci
- ☐ B rumah
- ☐ C tahu

Meaning: I know.

7 Bu Rina _____ di atas.

- ☐ A minum
- ☐ B makan
- ☐ C tinggal

Meaning: Mrs Rina lives upstairs.

8 Kamu main _____?

- ☐ A kemarin
- ☐ B besok
- ☐ C tadi

Meaning: Will you play tomorrow?

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

mau bukan

Saya _____ tidur.

Meaning: I want to sleep.

kafe lapar

Saya mau ke _____.

Meaning: I want to go to the café.

tidak bukan

Saya _____ tidur.

Meaning: I do not sleep.

tahu rumah

Saya _____.

Meaning: I know.

tinggal makan

Bu Rina _____ di atas.

Meaning: Mrs Rina lives upstairs.

besok kemarin

Kamu main _____?

Meaning: Will you play tomorrow?

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 Saya bawah. di tinggal

Meaning: I live downstairs.

- 2 main Budi trompet.

Meaning: Budi plays the trumpet.

3 mau Saya tidur.

Meaning: I want to sleep.

4 mau kafe. Saya ke

Meaning: I want to go to the café.

5 tidak Saya tidur.

Meaning: I do not sleep.

6 Rina tinggal Bu di atas.

Meaning: Mrs Rina lives upstairs.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I live downstairs. You say:

- ☐ A Saya tinggal di bawah.
- ☐ B Saya makan di bawah.

2 Budi plays the trumpet. You say:

- ☐ A Budi main trompet.
- ☐ B Budi tidur trompet.

3 I want to sleep. You say:

- ☐ A Saya mau tidur.
- ☐ B Saya bukan tidur.

4 I want to go to the café. You say:

- ☐ A Saya mau ke kafe.
- ☐ B Saya mau ke lapar.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Saya tinggal di bawah. | Ⓐ I do not sleep. |
| ② Saya mau tidur. | Ⓑ Budi plays the trumpet. |
| ③ Saya tahu. | Ⓒ Will you play tomorrow? |
| ④ Budi main trompet. | Ⓓ I want to go to the café. |
| ⑤ Kamu main besok? | Ⓔ I want to sleep. |
| ⑥ Saya mau ke kafe. | Ⓕ I know. |
| ⑦ Bu Rina tinggal di atas. | Ⓖ I live downstairs. |
| ⑧ Saya tidak tidur. | Ⓗ Mrs Rina lives upstairs. |