

SCENE 41 • GRAMMAR

Nanti, akan, sebelum

Plans before an event

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The festival

Indonesian

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Plans before an event

A future time phrase can be enough: **Konser mulai jam delapan, besok saya datang.** **Akan** is an optional future marker, not a tense ending.

Nanti means later. **Sepuluh menit lagi** means in ten minutes; **sepuluh menit lalu** ten minutes ago. **Sebelum konser** means before the concert.

Saya akan cari Miko is a plan. More formal **mencari** and conversational **cari** express the same action; prefixes do not show past versus future.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
delapan	Konser mulai jam delapan.	The concert starts at eight.
akan	Saya akan mencari Miko.	I will look for Miko.
besok	Saya datang besok.	I come tomorrow.

Konser mulai jam delapan.

The concert starts at eight.

Saya akan mencari Miko.

I will look for Miko.

Saya datang besok.

I come tomorrow.

Sepuluh menit lagi.

In ten minutes.

Sepuluh menit lalu.

Ten minutes ago.

Saya duduk di bangku.

I sit on the bench.

Saya bekerja sebelum konser.

I work before the concert.

Budi main pertama.

Budi plays first.

Indonesian has no inflected future tense. A time phrase such as **besok** or the marker **akan** gives future meaning.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Konser mulai jam delapan.

Meaning: The concert starts at eight.

- 2 Saya akan mencari Miko.

Meaning: I will look for Miko.

- 3 Saya datang besok.

Meaning: I come tomorrow.

- 4 Sepuluh menit lagi.

Meaning: In ten minutes.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Konser mulai jam _____.

- ☐ A delapan
- ☐ B tujuh
- ☐ C sembilan

Meaning: The concert starts at eight.

2 Saya _____ mencari Miko.

- ☐ A akan
- ☐ B sedang
- ☐ C sudah

Meaning: I will look for Miko.

3 Saya datang _____.

- ☐ A besok
- ☐ B tadi
- ☐ C kemarin

Meaning: I come tomorrow.

4 Sepuluh menit _____.

- ☐ A sehari
- ☐ B lalu
- ☐ C lagi

Meaning: In ten minutes.

5 Sepuluh menit _____.

- ☐ A lagi
- ☐ B lalu
- ☐ C sehari

Meaning: Ten minutes ago.

6 Saya duduk _____ bangku.

- ☐ A ke
- ☐ B di
- ☐ C dari

Meaning: I sit on the bench.

7 Saya bekerja _____ konser.

- ☐ A setelah
- ☐ B sebelum
- ☐ C tanpa

Meaning: I work before the concert.

8 Budi main _____.

- ☐ A kedua
- ☐ B terakhir
- ☐ C pertama

Meaning: Budi plays first.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

kemarin besok

Saya datang _____.

Meaning: I come tomorrow.

lalu lagi

Sepuluh menit _____.

Meaning: In ten minutes.

lagi lalu

Sepuluh menit _____.

Meaning: Ten minutes ago.

ke di

Saya duduk _____ bangku.

Meaning: I sit on the bench.

setelah sebelum

Saya bekerja _____ konser.

Meaning: I work before the concert.

terakhir pertama

Budi main _____.

Meaning: Budi plays first.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 jam mulai Konser delapan.

Meaning: The concert starts at eight.

2 Miko. mencari Saya akan

Meaning: I will look for Miko.

3 Saya besok. datang

Meaning: I come tomorrow.

4 Sepuluh menit lagi.

Meaning: In ten minutes.

5 menit Sepuluh lalu.

Meaning: Ten minutes ago.

- 6 Saya duduk bangku. di

Meaning: I sit on the bench.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 The concert starts at eight. You say:

- ☐ A Konser mulai jam tujuh.
- ☐ B Konser mulai jam delapan.

2 I will look for Miko. You say:

- ☐ A Saya akan mencari Miko.
- ☐ B Saya sudah mencari Miko.

3 I come tomorrow. You say:

- ☐ A Saya datang besok.
- ☐ B Saya datang kemarin.

4 In ten minutes. You say:

- (A) Sepuluh menit lagi.
- (B) Sepuluh menit lalu.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Saya bekerja
sebelum konser. | (A) I will look for Miko. |
| (2) Saya akan mencari
Miko. | (B) I come tomorrow. |
| (3) Budi main pertama. | (C) I work before the concert. |
| (4) Saya datang besok. | (D) Budi plays first. |
| (5) Saya duduk di
bangku. | (E) I sit on the bench. |
| (6) Sepuluh menit lagi. | (F) Ten minutes ago. |
| (7) Konser mulai jam
delapan. | (G) The concert starts at eight. |

- ⑧ Sepuluh menit lalu. ⑧ In ten minutes.