

Kemarin, tadi, sudah, belum

Events in the past

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The festival

Indonesian

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Events in the past

Use **kemarin** for yesterday and **tadi** for earlier today or a recently mentioned earlier time. Verbs do not acquire a past ending:

Kemarin saya melihat Miko.

Sudah signals completion or a state already true; it is not an obligatory past tense. **Belum** means not yet, so **belum melihat** differs from an ordinary **tidak melihat** denial.

Melihat and **mendengar** are the normal words for see and hear; learn these common prefixed forms as words. Keep a clear time phrase when retelling events.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Kemarin	Kemarin ada festival.	There was a festival yesterday.
Tadi	Tadi saya minum kopi.	Earlier today I drank coffee.
sudah	Saya sudah mendengar cerita itu.	I have already heard that story.

Kemarin ada festival.

There was a festival yesterday.

Tadi saya minum kopi.

Earlier today I drank coffee.

Saya sudah mendengar cerita itu.

I have already heard that story.

Saya belum melihat Miko.

I have not seen Miko yet.

Kemarin saya melihat bayangan.

Yesterday I saw a shadow.

Saya tidak menemukan Miko.

I did not find Miko.

Lampu mati.

The lights went out.

Kue itu hilang.

The cake disappeared.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Kemarin ada festival.

Meaning: There was a festival yesterday.

- 2 Tadi saya minum kopi.

Meaning: Earlier today I drank coffee.

- 3 Saya sudah mendengar cerita itu.

Meaning: I have already heard that story.

- 4 Saya belum melihat Miko.

Meaning: I have not seen Miko yet.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ ada festival.

- ☐ (A) Kemarin
- ☐ (B) Besok
- ☐ (C) Nanti

Meaning: There was a festival yesterday.

2 _____ saya minum kopi.

- ☐ (A) Besok
- ☐ (B) Tadi
- ☐ (C) Nanti

Meaning: Earlier today I drank coffee.

3 Saya _____ mendengar cerita itu.

- ☐ (A) belum
- ☐ (B) sudah
- ☐ (C) akan

Meaning: I have already heard that story.

4 Saya _____ melihat Miko.

- ☐ A belum
- ☐ B akan
- ☐ C sudah

Meaning: I have not seen Miko yet.

5 Kemarin saya _____ bayangan.

- ☐ A melihat
- ☐ B makan
- ☐ C mendengar

Meaning: Yesterday I saw a shadow.

6 Saya _____ menemukan Miko.

- ☐ A sudah
- ☐ B tidak
- ☐ C bukan

Meaning: I did not find Miko.

7 Lampu _____.

- ☐ A menyala
- ☐ B mati
- ☐ C hangat

Meaning: The lights went out.

8 Kue itu _____.

- ☐ A hilang
- ☐ B ada
- ☐ C dingin

Meaning: The cake disappeared.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sudah belum

Saya _____ mendengar cerita itu.

Meaning: I have already heard that story.

belum sudah

Saya _____ melihat Miko.

Meaning: I have not seen Miko yet.

melihat mendengar

Kemarin saya _____ bayangan.

Meaning: Yesterday I saw a shadow.

tidak bukan

Saya _____ menemukan Miko.

Meaning: I did not find Miko.

mati menyala

Lampu _____.

Meaning: The lights went out.

hilang ada

Kue itu _____.

Meaning: The cake disappeared.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

ada

Kemarin

festival.

Meaning: There was a festival yesterday.

2 Tadi minum saya kopi.

Meaning: Earlier today I drank coffee.

3 Saya cerita sudah mendengar itu.

Meaning: I have already heard that story.

4 belum melihat Miko. Saya

Meaning: I have not seen Miko yet.

5 Kemarin melihat bayangan. saya

Meaning: Yesterday I saw a shadow.

- 6 Miko. Saya menemukan tidak

Meaning: I did not find Miko.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 There was a festival yesterday. You say:

- ☐ A Besok ada festival.
- ☐ B Kemarin ada festival.

2 Earlier today I drank coffee. You say:

- ☐ A Besok saya minum kopi.
- ☐ B Tadi saya minum kopi.

3 I have already heard that story. You say:

- ☐ A Saya belum mendengar cerita itu.
- ☐ B Saya sudah mendengar cerita itu.

4 I have not seen Miko yet. You say:

- (A) Saya belum melihat Miko.
- (B) Saya sudah melihat Miko.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Saya sudah mendengar cerita itu. | (A) Yesterday I saw a shadow. |
| (2) Kue itu hilang. | (B) The cake disappeared. |
| (3) Saya tidak menemukan Miko. | (C) Earlier today I drank coffee. |
| (4) Lampu mati. | (D) The lights went out. |
| (5) Saya belum melihat Miko. | (E) I did not find Miko. |
| (6) Kemarin ada festival. | (F) I have already heard that story. |

- 7 Kemarin saya melihat bayangan. G There was a festival yesterday.
- 8 Tadi saya minum kopi. H I have not seen Miko yet.