

Indonesian in everyday situations

Module 4: Photos on the wall

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Photos on the wall

Indonesian

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Kakak, adik, umur

Kakak means an older sibling; **adik** a younger one. Add **perempuan** or **laki-laki** when needed: **kakak perempuan, adik laki-laki**. These describe actual people, not grammatical noun gender.

Use **umur** for age: **Umur saya tiga puluh tahun. Berapa umur...?** asks it. **Enam bulan** describes the baby age.

Sudah ... tahun can describe how long a state has continued: **Saya sudah tinggal di sini lima puluh tahun**. It is an early useful duration pattern, not a conjugated past tense. Sari lived here fifty years and taught forty.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
kakak	Saya punya kakak perempuan.	I have an older sister.
adik	Saya punya adik laki-laki.	I have a younger brother.
tahun	Umur saya tiga puluh tahun.	I am thirty years old.

Indonesian has no inflected past tense. Learn **Dulu saya guru** (I used to be a teacher) and **Saya sudah tinggal di sini lima puluh tahun** (I have lived here for fifty years).

Tanggal, bulan, pertama

Dates use **tanggal** plus an ordinary number: **tanggal sepuluh Juli**, not a required ordinal. Learn all twelve months: **Januari, Februari, Maret, April, Mei, Juni, Juli, Agustus, September, Oktober, November, Desember**.

The birthday is **sepuluh Juli**; Intan turns ten on **dua puluh delapan Maret**. A year such as 1995 is **seribu sembilan ratus sembilan puluh lima**.

Positions use **pertama**, then **kedua, ketiga, keempat** and so on. **Pertanyaan pertama** is the first question. **Kapan?** asks when.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
sepuluh	Ulang tahun saya tanggal sepuluh Juli.	My birthday is on the tenth of July.
Maret	Ulang tahun Intan tanggal dua puluh delapan Maret.	Intan's birthday is on the twenty-eighth of March.
pertama	Ini pertanyaan pertama.	This is the first question.

Rambut, mata, memakai

Descriptions follow the noun: **rambut hitam keriting, mata coklat**. Use **tinggi** or **pendek** for a person; **panjang** or **pendek** for hair and objects.

Memakai means wear or use: **Bu Sari memakai kacamata**. In everyday descriptions, **berkacamata** also means wears glasses, learned as a whole word.

Dia is he or she without a grammatical gender contrast. Do not invent adjective endings for learner sex. **Baik** describes someone kind or good; **ramah** means friendly.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
tinggi	Budi tinggi.	Budi is tall.
pendek	Bu Sari pendek.	Mrs Sari is short.
cokelat	Mata Budi cokelat.	Budi's eyes are brown.

Untuk, yang besar, setengah

Use **untuk** before the recipient: **hadiah untuk Intan.** With a transfer, **kepada** may introduce the person: **Saya memberi buku kepada Intan.**

Yang can select a described item: **yang besar** means the big one; **yang kecil** the small one. **Terlalu kecil** means too small.

Setengah is half. The large book costs 280,000 rupiah; the small one 120,000. Sharing the large one equally gives 140,000 each.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
untuk	Hadiah ini untuk Intan.	This present is for Intan.
kepada	Saya memberi buku kepada Intan.	I give a book to Intan.
besar	Saya mau yang besar.	I want the big one.

Sudah, belum, waktu kecil

Sudah can express a completed change or current state: **sudah menikah.** **Belum menikah** means not married yet. **Tidak punya anak** simply says have no children.

For a past photo, a time phrase makes the meaning clear while the verb stays unchanged: **Waktu kecil saya tinggal di sini.** **Dulu** means formerly/back then.

Lahir means be born and does not change for learner sex. The learner was born on 10 July 1995. A fixed **sudah meninggal** says someone has died; use **Saya turut berduka** for condolences.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
belum	Saya belum menikah.	I have not married yet.
tidak punya	Saya tidak punya anak.	I do not have children.
Hamburg	Orang tua saya tinggal di Hamburg.	My parents live in Hamburg.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Saya punya kakak perempuan.

Meaning: I have an older sister.

- 2 Ulang tahun saya tanggal sepuluh Juli.

Meaning: My birthday is on the tenth of July.

- 3 Budi tinggi.

Meaning: Budi is tall.

- 4 Hadiah ini untuk Intan.

Meaning: This present is for Intan.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

- 1 Saya punya _____ perempuan.

- ☐ A kakak
- ☐ B adik
- ☐ C anak

Meaning: I have an older sister.

- 2 Ulang tahun saya tanggal _____ Juli.

- ☐ A dua puluh
- ☐ B sepuluh
- ☐ C sembilan

Meaning: My birthday is on the tenth of July.

3 Budi _____.

- ☐ A pendek
- ☐ B tinggi
- ☐ C tua

Meaning: Budi is tall.

4 Hadiah ini _____ Intan.

- ☐ A tanpa
- ☐ B untuk
- ☐ C dari

Meaning: This present is for Intan.

5 Saya _____ menikah.

- ☐ A sudah
- ☐ B belum
- ☐ C sedang

Meaning: I have not married yet.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

pendek tinggi

Budi _____.

Meaning: Budi is tall.

dari untuk

Hadiah ini _____ Intan.

Meaning: This present is for Intan.

sudah belum

Saya _____ menikah.

Meaning: I have not married yet.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 punya perempuan. Saya kakak

Meaning: I have an older sister.

- 2 Ulang saya tahun tanggal Juli. sepuluh

Meaning: My birthday is on the tenth of July.

- 3 Intan. ini untuk Hadiah

Meaning: This present is for Intan.

- 4 menikah. belum Saya

Meaning: I have not married yet.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I have an older sister. You say:

- ☐ A Saya punya adik perempuan.
- ☐ B Saya punya kakak perempuan.

2 My birthday is on the tenth of July. You say:

- ☐ A Ulang tahun saya tanggal sembilan Juli.
- ☐ B Ulang tahun saya tanggal sepuluh Juli.

3 Budi is tall. You say:

- ☐ A Budi tinggi.
- ☐ B Budi pendek.

4 This present is for Intan. You say:

- ☐ A Hadiah ini dari Intan.
- ☐ B Hadiah ini untuk Intan.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Saya belum menikah. | ① Budi is tall. |
| ② Hadiah ini untuk Intan. | ② This present is for Intan. |
| ③ Budi tinggi. | ③ My birthday is on the tenth of July. |
| ④ Ulang tahun saya tanggal sepuluh Juli. | ④ I have not married yet. |
| ⑤ Saya punya kakak perempuan. | ⑤ I have an older sister. |