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Indonesian QuickChat

Indonesian is among the easiest of all spoken languages to learn – there are no tenses, plurals or genders and, even better, it's easy to pronounce as most letters are pronounced more or less the same as their English counterparts. Apart from ease of learning, there's another very good reason for trying to pick up at least a handful of Indonesian words and phrases: few people are as delighted with visitors learning their language as Indonesians. They won't criticise you if you mangle your pronunciation or tangle your grammar and they make you feel like you're an expert even if you only know a dozen or so words.

QUESTION WORDS

How?	Bagaimana?
When?	Kapan?
Where?	Di mana?
Who?	Siapa?
Why?	Kenapa?

CONVERSATION & ESSENTIALS

Welcome	Selamat datang
Good morning	Selamat pagi (before 11am)
Good night	Selamat tidur (to someone going to bed)
Goodbye	Selamat tinggal (to one staying) Selamat jalan (to one leaving)
Yes	Ya
No (not)	Tidak
No (negative)	Bukan
Maybe	Mungkin
Please	Tolong (asking for help) Silahkan (giving permission)
Thank you (very much)	Terima kasih (banyak)
You're welcome	Kembali
Sorry	Maaf
Excuse me	Permisi
Just a minute	Tunggu sebentar
How are you?	Apa kabar?
What's your name?	Siapa nama Anda?
My name is ...	Nama saya ...
Where are you from?	Anda dari mana?
I'm from ...	Saya dari ...
I (don't) like ...	Saya (tidak) suka ...
Good	Bagus
Good, fine, OK	Baik

DIRECTIONS

Where is ...?	Di mana ...?
Which way?	Ke mana?
Go straight ahead	Jalan terus
Turn left/right	Belok kiri/kanan
Stop!	Berhenti!
at the corner	di sudut
at the traffic lights	di lampu lalu-lintas

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

Do you speak English?	Bisa berbicara Bahasa Inggris?
How do you say ... in Indonesian?	Bagaimana mengatakan ... dalam Bahasa Indonesia?
What does ... mean?	Apa artinya ...?
I (don't) understand	Saya (tidak) mengerti

TIME & DATES

What time is it?	Jam berapa sekarang?
in the morning	pagi
in the afternoon	siang
in the evening	malam
today	hari ini
tomorrow	besok
yesterday	kemarin
Monday	hari Senin
Tuesday	hari Selasa
Wednesday	hari Rabu
Thursday	hari Kamis
Friday	hari Jumat
Saturday	hari Sabtu
Sunday	hari Minggu

SHOPPING & SERVICES

What is this?	Apa ini?
How much is it?	Berapa (harganya)?
I'd like to buy ...	Saya mau beli ...
I don't like it	Saya tidak suka
May I look at it?	Boleh saya lihat?
I'm just looking	Saya lihat-lihat saja
I'll take it	Saya beli
expensive	mahal
Do you accept ...?	Bisa bayar pakai ...?
credit cards	kartu kredit
travellers cheques	cek perjalanan

PLACES

bank	bank
church	gereja
city centre	pusat kota
embassy	kedutaan
hospital	rumah sakit
market	pasar
museum	museum
police	kantor polisi
post office	kantor pos
public phone	telepon umum
public toilet	WC ('way say') umum
tourist office	kantor pariwisata

TRANSPORT

What time does the ... leave/arrive?	Jam berapa ... berangkat/datang?
boat/ship	kapal
bus	bis
plane	kapal terbang
I'd like a ... ticket	Saya mau tiket ...
one-way	sekali jalan
return	pulang pergi
I want to go to ...	Saya mau ke ...
The train has been delayed/cancelled	Kereta terlambat/dibatalkan
ticket	karcis
ticket office	loket
timetable	jadwal

EMERGENCIES

Help!	Tolong saya!
There's been an accident!	Ada kecelakaan!
I'm lost	Saya tersesat
Leave me alone!	Jangan ganggu saya!
Call ...!	Panggil ...!
a doctor	dokter
the police	polisi

SIGNS

Entrance	Masuk
Exit	Keluar
Information	Informasi
Open	Buka
Closed	Tutup
Prohibited	Dilarang
Rooms Available	Ada Kamar Kosong
Police	Polisi
Toilets/WC	Kamar Kecil/Toilet
Men	Pria
Women	Wanita