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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: English – Indonesian Verb Focus: have = memiliki (and punya)

Master the English – Indonesian basics of “have” fast: have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have. Learn the difference between memiliki (formal) and punya (casual) with fun drills, dialogues, and a quiz. Perfect for beginners who want natural phrases like saya punya, kamu punya, dia punya, itu memiliki, kami punya, kalian punya, and mereka punya. Brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more English – Indonesian learning.

SynapseLingo welcome

Hey du! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more resources at www.synapse-lingo.com.

Settle in, smile, and get ready to own the verb “have” – your keys to Indonesian are about to jingle.

Your goal today

You and I, du, we’ll lock in the core forms so you can use them anywhere.

We’ll master these in minutes: have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have.

Quick forms you’ll use

Snapshot time – repeat after me for clean, confident speech.

- have = memiliki (formal) / punya (casual)
- I have = saya punya (casual) / saya memiliki (formal)
- you have (singular) = kamu punya
- he has = dia punya
- she has = dia punya
- it has = itu memiliki
- we have (exclusive) = kami punya
- you have (plural) = kalian punya
- they have = mereka punya

Mini dialogue: keys, tickets, and snacks

Act it out with me – short, punchy, and a little silly.

- A: Do you have the keys? B: Yes, saya punya kunci.
- A: Great. Does he have the tickets? B: Yes, dia punya tiket.
- A: What about the gadget – does it have a big battery? B: Yup, itu memiliki baterai besar.
- A: As a team, do we have snacks? B: Relax – kami punya camilan.
- A: And you all – do you have water bottles? Group: Tentu, kalian punya botol masing-masing.
- A: Do they have the map? B: Ya, mereka punya peta.

Culture tip: sound natural fast

Speak like locals while staying clear and polite.

Use punya in everyday talk – saya punya buku is friendly and common. Choose memiliki for formal tone or writing – itu memiliki tiga fitur. Avoid using ada for possession with a subject; don't say "I there-is a book." Say saya punya buku or saya memiliki buku.

Call-and-response drill

Repeat boldly, du – own each line after the beep.

- have (formal) – memiliki.
- I have a book – saya punya buku.

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- You have time – kamu punya waktu.
 - He has a bike – dia punya sepeda.
 - She has a plan – dia punya rencana.
 - It has many uses – itu memiliki banyak kegunaan.
 - We have a meeting – kami punya rapat.
 - You (plural) have tickets – kalian punya tiket.
 - They have umbrellas – mereka punya payung.

Speed quiz

Quick check – answer out loud, then I'll confirm.

- Q: How do you say "I have"? A: saya punya.
- Q: "You have" (singular, casual)? A: kamu punya.
- Q: "He has"? A: dia punya.
- Q: "It has"? A: itu memiliki.
- Q: "We have" (exclusive)? A: kami punya.
- Q: "You have" (plural)? A: kalian punya.
- Q: "They have"? A: mereka punya.

Fun challenge

Let's get playful and personal – make it yours.

- Look around and say three truths: "I have...", "you have...", "we have...", using saya punya, kamu punya, kami punya.

- Point to an object and describe a feature: “it has...” → itu memiliki + feature.
- To friends, say: “you have the photo, right?” → kalian punya foto, kan?
- Spot a group and comment: “they have the idea” → mereka punya ide.

Thanks and next steps

Nice work, du – your Indonesian just leveled up!

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have – with memiliki and punya in real life. For more bite-size lessons, quizzes, and culture tips, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. Sampai jumpa – see you next time!

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: Be = adalah: English – Indonesian Copula Crash Course

Learn Indonesian with English side-by-side in this funny mini-podcast on the verb “be” and its Indonesian partner adalah. We’ll map “I am, you are, he is, she is, it is, we are, you (plural) are, they are” to saya, kamu adalah, dia adalah, itu adalah, kami adalah, kalian adalah, mereka adalah. Perfect for learners who want to introduce people and label things the natural Indonesian way. English – Indonesian learning, verb “be,” and adalah usage made simple and fun.

SynapseLingo Welcome

Hey you, ready to level up your Indonesian? Let’s have fun while you learn fast.

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and smart drills. Buckle up: by the end, you'll use "be" like a pro in Indonesian with *adalah* and friends.

Your goal today

In just a few minutes, you'll confidently introduce people and name things in Indonesian.

- Target words: *adalah* (be, linking two nouns).
- Pronouns + 'are/is': *saya* (I am), *kamu adalah* (you are), *dia adalah* (he/she is), *itu adalah* (it is), *kami adalah* (we are, exclusive), *kalian adalah* (you are, plural), *mereka adalah* (they are).

Forms in action (quick hits)

Repeat after me; I'll keep it snappy and clear.

- be → *adalah* (used mainly between nouns). Example: "This is the map" → "Ini *adalah* peta."
- I am a student → "*saya siswa*." (formal option: "*saya adalah seorang siswa*.")
- You are the leader → "*kamu adalah pemimpin*."
- He is the captain → "*dia adalah kapten*."
- She is the doctor → "*dia adalah dokter*."
- It is the main gallery → "*itu adalah ruang pameran utama*."
- We are friends (exclusive) → "*kami adalah teman*."
- You (plural) are champions → "*kalian adalah juara*."
- They are volunteers → "*mereka adalah relawan*."

Mini dialogue

Listen in, then shadow the lines with energy.

- A: Welcome to the club. You are the first team today – “kalian adalah tim pertama hari ini.”
- B: Thank you! He is our presenter – “dia adalah pembicara kami.”
- A: Great! And this – “itu adalah jadwal acara.”
- B: Awesome. We are ready – “kami adalah tim siap tempur!”

Rhythm drill: Copula groove

Clap lightly and echo me; make it musical so it sticks.

- be ... adalah ... be ... adalah.
- saya ... siswa. kamu adalah ... pemimpin. dia adalah ... guru.
- itu adalah ... peta. kami adalah ... teman. kalian adalah ... juara. mereka adalah ... relawan.

Culture tip: When to drop it

Smart shortcut: Indonesian often drops the ‘be’ word before adjectives.

- Use adalah mainly between nouns: “X is Y.” Example: “Ini adalah peta.”
- But with adjectives, just say the adjective: “She is happy” → “Dia senang” (NOT “Dia adalah senang”).

- Negation before nouns uses “bukan”: “He is not a teacher” → “Dia bukan guru.”

Fast drills: You point, you say

I'll cue you; you speak the Indonesian out loud – own it!

- Point at a friend and say: “You are my best friend.” → “kamu adalah sahabatku.”
- Point at a sign and say: “It is the exit.” → “itu adalah pintu keluar.”
- Gesture to your group: “We are a team.” → “kami adalah tim.”
- Address the whole class: “You are amazing.” → “kalian adalah luar biasa.”
- Introduce a group: “They are the guides.” → “mereka adalah pemandu.”

Quiz time

Answer in Indonesian; I'll reveal the solution after a short pause.

- Q1: How do you say “They are winners”? A: “mereka adalah pemenang.”
- Q2: Translate “It is the main gallery.” A: “itu adalah ruang pameran utama.”
- Q3: Say “You (plural) are a new team.” A: “kalian adalah tim baru.”
- Q4: Say “He is the captain.” A: “dia adalah kapten.”

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- Q5: Say “I am a student.” (formal or simple) A: “saya siswa.” (or “saya adalah seorang siswa.”)

The 10-second challenge

Ready to flex your memory? Go rapid-fire!

- In 10 seconds, introduce five things or people: start each with the right form. Example prompts: this map, your team, the leader, your group of friends, the museum.
- Possible answers: “Ini adalah peta,” “kami adalah tim,” “dia adalah pemimpin,” “mereka adalah teman,” “itu adalah museum.” Go! Nailed it!

Goodbye and keep rolling

You crushed it – short, sweet, and powerful.

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing “adalah” with names and roles, and use “saya, kamu adalah, dia adalah, itu adalah, kami adalah, kalian adalah, mereka adalah” every day. This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more lessons, transcripts, and quizzes at www.synapse-lingo.com. Sampai jumpa!

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: English – Indonesian: go → pergi – Mini Podcast

Master the Indonesian verb pergi (go) with this fun, fast episode connecting English and Indonesian. We cover key phrases: I go saya pergi, you go kamu pergi, he goes dia pergi, we go kita pergi, you (plural) go kalian pergi, they go mereka pergi, plus the mood word so-so lumayan. Ideal for English – Indonesian learners searching “learn Bahasa Indonesia,” “go meaning,” and “pergi usage.” Brought to you by SynapseLingo.

Welcome!

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Picture this: a door that only opens when you say the magic word pergi. Say it with me and step through – go!

Today's star is the simple, super-useful word "go," and we'll make it stick with laughs and quick drills.

Your goal today

In just a few minutes, you'll use "go" in Indonesian like a pro – short, simple, and smiley.

Word of the day: go = pergi. I go = saya pergi. You go = kamu pergi. He goes = dia pergi. We go = kita pergi. You (plural) go = kalian pergi. They go = mereka pergi. Bonus mood word: so-so = lumayan.

Quick dialogue at the door

Act this out with me – I'll be the neighbor; you're the star at the door.

- Neighbor: Ready? I go now – saya pergi sekarang.
- You: Sure, you go first – kamu pergi duluan.
- Neighbor: He goes by bus – dia pergi naik bus.
- You: Great, we go together – kita pergi bersama.
- Coach (yelling to a group): You (plural) go that way – kalian pergi ke sana!
- Narrator: Look, they go home – mereka pergi ke rumah.
- You (shrugging): The plan is so-so – lumayan.

No conjugation panic

Good news: Indonesian keeps verbs chill.

Unlike English, Indonesian doesn't change the verb for person. It's pergi for all: I/you/he/we/you all/they – always pergi. Watch: I go = saya pergi; they go = mereka pergi; you (plural) go = kalian pergi. Same verb, zero stress.

Culture tip: Jakarta go-time

A tiny culture snack so you sound natural.

Before a KRL train departs in Jakarta, you hear a friendly chime – time to pergi! Friends often say, “Ayo pergi!” meaning “Let's go!” Keep your ears open and you'll catch pergi everywhere.

Call-and-response drill

Say it out loud – your sofa won't judge; it's cheering.

- Say “go”: pergi. Repeat it twice.
- Say “I go”: saya pergi.
- Say “you go”: kamu pergi.
- Say “he goes”: dia pergi.
- Say “we go”: kita pergi.
- Say “you (plural) go”: kalian pergi.
- Say “they go”: mereka pergi.
- Rate your confidence: so-so = lumayan. Say it with a shrug.