

Malay for Beginners

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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: English – Malay: have = ada – Speak I/you/we have fast

Level up your English-to-Malay skills with the essential verb “have” → ada. In minutes you’ll say I have saya ada, you have kamu ada, he/she has dia ada, it has ia mempunya, we have kami ada, you (plural) have kamu semua ada, and they have mereka ada. Perfect for learners searching “Learn Malay,” “English Malay have,” and “ada meaning” with real-life examples and laughs. Brought to you by SynapseLingo – practice smarter and have fun!

Welcome

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

Today you’ll master the English – Malay verb “have”:

ada. We'll keep it fun, quick, and useful – so you can say what you have, what they have, and even what your gadget has.

Your goal today

By the end, you'll confidently use every form of “have” in Malay.

You'll say I/you/he/she/it/we/you-all/they “have” naturally with ada or mempunyai where needed.

Forms – say it like a pro

Repeat after me – short, punchy, memorable.

- have → ada
- I have → saya ada
- you have (sing.) → kamu ada
- he has → dia ada
- she has → dia ada
- it has → ia mempunyai
- we have → kami ada
- you have (plural) → kamu semua ada
- they have → mereka ada

Quick dialogues

Listen first, then echo the Malay out loud.

- A: Do you have a pen? – In Malay: Kamu ada pen?
- B: Yes, I have one. – In Malay: Ya, saya ada.
- A: Does he have the key? – In Malay: Adakah dia ada kunci?
- B: She has the ticket. – In Malay: Dia ada tiket.
- A: Does it have a camera? – In Malay: Adakah ia mempunyai kamera?
- B: We have time. – In Malay: Kami ada masa.
- A: Do you (all) have water? – In Malay: Kamu semua ada air?
- B: They have snacks. – In Malay: Mereka ada makanan ringan.

Beat practice

Clap on the pause and speak with confidence.

- I have – saya ada you have – kamu ada
- he has – dia ada she has – dia ada
- it has – ia mempunyai
- we have – kami ada
- you (plural) have – kamu semua ada
- they have – mereka ada

Culture tip

A tiny tweak makes you sound natural.

Malay often uses *ada* for “have/there is,” and *mempunyai* for more formal or feature-type possession – great for objects: “it has” → *ia mempunyai*. For people, “he/she has” stays simple: *dia ada*. In shops, you’ll hear: “Do you have size M?” → *Ada saiz M?*

Quick quiz

Answer out loud; I’ll reveal it after a pause.

- Translate: we have. Answer: *kami ada*.
- Translate: it has. Answer: *ia mempunyai*.
- Translate: you have (plural). Answer: *kamu semua ada*.
- Translate: they have. Answer: *mereka ada*.
- Translate: he has / she has. Answer: *dia ada*.

30-second challenge

Ready? Build quick sentences from hints.

- Say “I have time today.” Hint: *saya ada* + “time” = *masa*.
- Ask “Do you have a pen?” Hint: *Kamu ada* + “pen”?
- Say “It has two cameras.” Hint: *ia mempunyai* + number + noun.

- Say “We have a plan.” Hint: kami ada + “plan” = rancangan.
- Tell a group: “You have the tickets.” Hint: kamu semua ada + “tickets”.
- Confirm: “They have water.” Hint: mereka ada + “water” = air.

Wrap-up

Nice work – your Malay ‘have’ toolkit is solid!

You now control the core forms: have ada, I have saya ada, you have kamu ada, he/she has dia ada, it has ia mempunyai, we have kami ada, you (plural) have kamu semua ada, they have mereka ada. Thanks for listening! Keep practicing daily, and visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more lessons, drills, and laughs.

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: Malay 'to be' Made Easy: to be = adalah

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this English – Malay mini-podcast unlocks the verb 'to be' with clear, funny examples. Learn when to use adalah and ialah, and master core forms: I am = saya, you are = anda ialah (singular polite), he/she is = dia ialah, it is = adalah, we are = kami adalah, you are (plural) = kamu semua adalah, they are = mereka adalah. Perfect for English speakers learning Malay, with bite-size drills and culture tips. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more 'to be' wisdom and resources.

SynapseLingo welcome

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Today you'll crack English 'to be' and its Malay partners like *adalah* and *ialah* – with laughs, quick drills, and real-life lines. Ready? Let's roll!

Your goal today

By the end, you'll use 'to be' naturally in Malay – no robot sentences, just smooth talk.

- Target map: 'to be' → *adalah* (general/formal), *ialah* (often before nouns/titles).
- Core forms we'll practice: I am = *saya*; you are (polite) = *anda ialah*; he is = *dia ialah*; she is = *dia ialah*; it is = *adalah*; we are = *kami adalah*; you are (plural) = *kamu semua adalah*; they are = *mereka adalah*.
- Pro tip: With adjectives, Malay often drops 'to be': say *Saya gembira* (I am happy), not "*Saya adalah gembira*."

Cheat-sheet chant

Say it out loud with me – rhythm makes memory stick.

- to be → *adalah / ialah*
- I am → *saya*
- you are (polite) → *anda ialah*
- he is → *dia ialah*
- she is → *dia ialah*
- it is → *adalah* (e.g., *Ini adalah buku.*)

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- we are → kami adalah
 - you are (plural) → kamu semua adalah
 - they are → mereka adalah

Cafe sketch: quick dialogue

Let's eavesdrop at a funny cafe. You're the language detective – spot every 'to be'!

- You: 'What's this?' Barista: Ini adalah kopi pekat.
- Friend A (pointing): Dia ialah barista baharu. 'He is the new barista.'
- Manager (smiling): Anda ialah pelanggan ke-100 hari ini! 'You are the 100th customer!'
- Team chant from the counter: Kami adalah pasukan kopi paling ceria! 'We are the cheeriest coffee team!'
- Manager to the queue: Kamu semua adalah tetamu istimewa. 'You are special guests.'
- Photo on the wall: Mereka adalah pemenang pertandingan barista. 'They are the winners.'
- Narrator brain-voice: Conclusion? This adalah kafe legenda. 'It is a legendary cafe.'

Lightning drills

Rapid-fire time – repeat after me and fill the blanks. Short, punchy, done!

- I am a student → Saya seorang pelajar. (I am)

- You are the winner (polite, singular) → Anda ialah pemenang. (you are)
- He is my friend → Dia ialah kawan saya. (he is)
- She is a doctor → Dia ialah seorang doktor. (she is)
- It is a map → Ini adalah peta. (it is)
- We are from KL → Kami adalah dari Kuala Lumpur. (we are)
- You are champions (plural) → Kamu semua adalah juara. (you are)
- They are engineers → Mereka adalah jurutera. (they are)

Culture tip: ialah vs adalah

Here's how to sound natural, not textbooky.

- Use **ialah** often before nouns/titles after a pronoun: Dia ialah guru; Anda ialah tetamu.
- Use **adalah** in formal statements/definitions: Ini adalah peraturan; Adalah penting untuk berehat.
- With adjectives, usually no copula: Saya gembira, Dia tinggi. (Avoid "Saya adalah gembira.")

Micro-quiz

Answer fast – trust your ear.

- Q1: 'You are the speaker' (polite, singular). A: Anda ialah penceramah.

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- Q2: 'They are students.' A: Mereka adalah pelajar.
 - Q3: 'It is the rule.' A: Ini adalah peraturan.
 - Q4: 'We are a team.' A: Kami adalah pasukan.
 - Q5: 'You are the winners' (speaking to a group). A: Kamu semua adalah pemenang.

Final challenge

Now it's your turn – say it out loud. I'm cheering for you!

- Introduce yourself: 'I am a teacher.' → Saya seorang guru.
- Point to a teammate: 'He is our leader.' → Dia ialah ketua kami.
- Address the audience: 'You are amazing' (plural). → Kamu semua adalah hebat.
- Make a definition: 'This is a plan.' → Ini adalah pelan.
- Group identity: 'We are ready.' → Kami adalah bersedia.
- Photo caption: 'They are friends.' → Mereka adalah kawan.

Wrap-up and good vibes

You did it! Quick recap and a high-five.

English 'to be' maps cleanly when you know the Malay patterns: ialah for identity with nouns, adalah for formal statements, and often no copula with adjectives. Keep practicing I am = saya, you are = anda ialah/kamu semua

adalah, he/she is = dia ialah, it is = adalah, we are = kami
adalah, they are = mereka adalah. Thanks for listening
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Lesson 3

Lesson 3: English – Malay Quick Win: go = pergi – I go, you go, we go

Learn Malay (Bahasa Melayu) through English with a fun focus on the verb 'go' = pergi: I go saya pergi, you go kamu pergi, he/she goes dia pergi, we go kami pergi, you (plural) go kamu semua pergi, they go mereka pergi, plus the mood 'so-so' = biasa sahaja. Perfect for commuting and quick practice, this episode gives you real dialogues, drills, and culture tips. Boost your English – Malay learning with clear examples and memorable rhythms.

Welcome!

Great to have you here – let's keep it simple, fun, and fast.

This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your smart shortcut to language learning. Visit www.synapse-

lingo.com for free resources, drills, and more. Today we'll master 'go' in English and pergi in Malay – plus 'I go', 'you go', 'we go', and even the mood 'so-so' = biasa sahaja. Ready to go – pergi?

Your goal today

You'll lock in the core forms and say them out loud with confidence.

- go = pergi
- I go = saya pergi
- you go (singular) = kamu pergi
- he goes = dia pergi
- she goes = dia pergi
- we go = kami pergi
- you (plural) go = kamu semua pergi
- they go = mereka pergi
- so-so (as in 'How are you?') = biasa sahaja
- Bonus tip: including the listener is 'we' = kita pergi, but our focus today is kami pergi.

Mini-dialogues

Act these out with me – short, simple, and useful.

- A: Are we leaving? B: Yes, we go now – kami pergi sekarang.