

PAKAI – words to do with ‘use, wear’

* Lebih dari 80 juta orang **memakai** bahasa Jawa.

*More than 80 million people **use** Javanese.*

* Bahasa Jawa **dipakai** oleh lebih dari 80 juta orang.

*Javanese **is used** by more than 80 million people.*

* Boleh saya **memakai** sepatu olahraga ke kantor?

*May I **wear** sports shoes to the office?*

* Sepatu olahraga tidak cocok **dipakai** ke kantor.

*Sports shoes aren’t suitable to **be worn** to the office.*

* Mereka memakai **pakaian** seragam.

*They were wearing uniforms (literally, ‘**clothes of one type**’).*

* Negara itu melarang **pemakaian** burqa di tempat umum.

*That country prohibited the **wearing** of burqas in public.*

* Para **pemakai** narkoba sering mendapat hukuman ringan.

Users of illegal drugs often get light sentences.

Notes

* **memakai** (v): to use (something); to wear (sth.).

[Another very common word for “to use”, which tends to sound a little more formal, is “menggunakan”.]

* **pemakaian** (n): the use of (something), the using of (sth.), the wearing of (sth.).

* **pemakai** (n): a user, a wearer. [A “pemakai” does the act of “memakai”.]

* **pakaian** (n): clothes, clothing. [“Pakaian” is something which is ‘dipakai’.]

[Another very common word for clothes/ clothing is “baju”.]

Practice. Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a PAKAI word. (Be ready to choose between *memakai* and *dipakai* as needed.)

1. That child is learning to **use** a spoon.

Anak itu belajar **memakai** sendok.

2. Many **users** of contact lenses suffer the problem of dry eyes. [with ‘menderita’]

Banyak **pemakai** lensa kontak (yang) menderita masalah mata kering.

3. That chat app **is** mainly **used** by teenagers. [with ‘chatting’]

Aplikasi *chatting* itu umumnya **dipakai** oleh anak remaja.

4. At the time of the pandemic, **the wearing** of masks was made compulsory. [with ‘diwajibkan’]

Di masa pandemi **pemakaian** masker diwajibkan.

5. Maria never buys expensive **clothes**.

Maria tidak pernah membeli **pakaian** yang mahal.

6. Many **users** of Windows experienced that virus.

Banyak **pemakai** Windows (yang) mengalami virus itu.

7. In summer s/he always **wears** a hat and sunglasses.

Pada musim panas dia selalu **memakai** topi dan kacamata hitam.

8. There are new targets for the **use** of renewable energy. [with ‘terbarukan’]

Ada target baru untuk **pemakaian** energi terbarukan.

9. Bu Tuti would like to buy traditional Malay **clothing**.

Bu Tuti ingin membeli **pakaian** tradisional Melayu.

10. Red eyes are one of the signs of a **user** of marijuana. [with ‘tanda’]

Mata-mata merah adalah salah satu tanda **pemakai** ganja.

11. “Is this dress new?” “No, but it has never **been worn.**”

“Rok ini baru?” “Tidak, tetapi belum pernah **dipakai.**”

12. One big problem is the excessive **use** of pesticides. [with ‘berlebihan’]

Satu masalah yang besar adalah **pemakaian** pestisida yang berlebihan.

13. Yesterday I went shopping for **clothes** in the market. [with ‘berbelanja’]

Kemarin saya berbelanja **pakaian** di pasar.