

RASA – words to do with ‘feel, taste’

* Bagaimana **rasanya**?

*How does it taste? (literally, ‘How is its **taste**?’)*

* “Ada **rasa** durian, coklat dan stroberi.”

*“We’ve got durian, chocolate and strawberry **flavour**.”*

* Dia **merasa** gembira.

*S/he **feels** happy.*

* Dia **merasa** sakit.

*S/he **feels** sick.*

* Kakinya **terasa** dingin.

*Her feet feel cold (i.e., ‘**are felt to be cold**’).*

* Jatuh cinta adalah **perasaan** yang sangat kuat.

*Falling in love is a very powerful **feeling**.*

* Jangan menyinggung **perasaan** orang lain.

*Don’t hurt other people’s **feelings**.*

Notes

* **rasa (n)**: taste, flavour (e.g., of a food)

* **merasa (v)**: to feel (in a certain way, e.g., happy, sad)

* **terasa (v)**: is felt to be [cold, painful, etc].

[When something is felt to be cold, or painful, or smooth, (etc), we say that it “is felt” to be that way, using “terasa”. We don’t say that (e.g.,) our feet “*merasa* dingin”. Instead, we say that our feet “*terasa* dingin” (are felt to be cold). Only a sentient being, such as a person, can “merasa”. Mere objects, or body parts, cannot “merasa”: they can only “terasa”.]

* **perasaan (n)**: a feeling, feelings

Practice. Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a RASA word.

1. This fish tastes strange. [literally, ‘This fish, its **taste** is strange.’]

Ikan ini **rasanya** aneh.

2. They **feel** happier living in that small town.

Mereka **merasa** lebih bahagia tinggal di kota kecil itu.

3. This cloth **feels** slippery.

Kain ini **terasa** licin.

4. S/he's good at understanding other people's **feelings**. [with 'memahami']

Dia pandai memahami **perasaan** orang lain.

5. Grilled chicken can be made with various **flavours**. [with 'bakar']

Ayam bakar bisa dibuat dengan berbagai **rasa**.

6. She **feels** that nobody cares about her. [with 'peduli']

Dia **merasa** bahwa tidak ada yang peduli padanya.

7. He doesn't dare to express his **feelings** to his *pacar*. [with 'mengungkapkan']

Dia tidak berani mengungkapkan **perasaan** kepada pacar.

8. "Sorry, there's no plain bread. There's only chocolate **flavour/ed** bread". [with 'tawar']

Maaf, roti tawar tidak ada. Hanya ada roti **rasa** coklat.

9. Why do I always **feel** sleepy?

Mengapa saya selalu **merasa** mengantuk?

10. My head **feels** like it's going to explode. [with 'meledak']

Kepala saya **terasa** seperti mau meledak.

11. They **feel** proud to be Fijian.

Mereka **merasa** bangga menjadi orang Fiji.

12. Mm, its **taste** is bland. Not enough salt. [with 'hambar']

Mm, **rasanya** hambar. Kurang garam.

13. His leg **feels** sore when he walks.

Kakinya **terasa** sakit saat berjalan.

14. Finally, I'm free! It's a strange **feeling**.

Akhirnya aku bebas! Ini **perasaan** yang aneh.

15. Drinks like that taste nice! [literally, Drinks like that, their **taste** is ...”.]

Minuman seperti itu **rasanya** enak!

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