

KENAL – words to do with ‘know’, ‘familiar with’

* Dia **kenal** dengan mereka.

*He **knows** them.*

* Dia **mengenal** mereka.

*He **knows** them.*

* Orang itu sudah lama **dikenalnya**.

*That person has **been known** by him for a long time.*

* Kota itu sangat **terkenal**.

*The city is very **well-known**.*

* Dia **memperkenalkan** Bu Salim kepada para tamu yang hadir.

*She **introduced** Bu Salim to the guests who were present.*

* Bu Salim **diperkenalkan** kepada para tamu yang hadir.

*Bu Salim **was introduced** to the guests who were present.*

* Dia membeli motor dari seorang **kenalan**.

*He bought a motorcycle from an **acquaintance**.*

Notes

* **kenal** (v): to know, to be familiar with

[‘kenal’ and ‘tahu’ can both be translated as ‘know’. But ‘tahu’ means to have factual knowledge of something, whereas ‘kenal’ means to be familiar with (e.g. to *know* a person).]

* **mengenal** (v): to know (someone /something), to be familiar with (s.o. / s.th.)

[‘mengenal’ means the same as ‘kenal *dengan*’. Speakers will often favour one over the other in various contexts, for subtle reasons of style.]

* **terkenal** (v): well-known, famous

[‘terkenal’ is a verb but there is no action going on. The ‘ter-’ here indicates that something is in a *state* of being known.]

* **memperkenalkan** (v): to introduce (someone /something), to make (s.o. /s.th.) known

[The form “*mengenalkan*” is often used in place of ‘memperkenalkan’.]

* **kenalan** (n): an acquaintance, a person that one is familiar with

Practice. Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a KENAL word. (Be ready to choose between *mengenal* and *dikenal*, and between *memperkenalkan* and *diperkenalkan*, as needed.)

1. She has just moved here; she doesn’t **know** many people yet.

2. He feels nervous when talking to new **acquaintances**.

3. On the second day, the teacher **introduced** a new topic. [with 'topik']
4. She **is known** by nearly all the people in the town.
5. Which is the most **famous** building in China?
6. They can get information from websites, social media, or **acquaintances**. [with 'mendapatkan']
7. They are **familiar** with classical music.
8. She stood up to **introduce** the first speaker. [with 'pembicara']
9. Are there any sportspeople who are **well-known** around the world? [with 'olahragawan']
10. Through videos, the pupils **are introduced** to Indonesian culture.
11. That organisation **is known** by most people.
12. There are many **famous** US pop singers.
13. Perhaps there is a friend or **acquaintance** who would like to help?