

# 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.

Dia baru pindah ke sini; dia belum **mengenal** (or ‘kenal dengan’) banyak orang.

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

Dia merasa gugup saat berbicara dengan **kenalan** baru.

3. On the second day, the teacher **introduced** a new topic. [with ‘topik’]

Pada hari kedua, guru **memperkenalkan** topik baru.

4. She **is known** by nearly all the people in the town.

Dia **dikenal** oleh hampir semua orang di kota ini.

5. Which is the most **famous** building in China?

Bangunan mana yang paling **terkenal** di Cina [or ‘Tiongkok’]?

6. They can get information from websites, social media, or **acquaintances**. [with ‘mendapatkan’]

Mereka bisa mendapatkan informasi dari situs web, media sosial atau **kenalan**.

7. They are **familiar** with classical music.

Mereka **mengenal** (or ‘kenal dengan’) musik klasik.

8. She stood up to **introduce** the first speaker. [with ‘pembicara’]

Dia berdiri untuk **memperkenalkan** pembicara pertama.

9. Are there any sportspeople who are **well-known** around the world? [with ‘olahragawan’]

Apakah ada olahragawan yang **terkenal** di seluruh dunia?

10. Through videos, the pupils **are introduced** to Indonesian culture.

Lewat video, para murid **diperkenalkan** dengan [or ‘pada’] budaya Indonesia.

11. That organisation **is known** by most people.

Organisasi tersebut **dikenal** oleh sebagian besar orang.

12. There are many **famous** US pop singers.

Ada banyak penyanyi pop AS yang **terkenal**.

13. Perhaps there is a friend or **acquaintance** who would like to help?

Mungkin ada teman atau **kenalan** yang ingin membantu?