

PILIH – words to do with ‘choose’

* Mereka **memilih** warna untuk logo perusahaan.

*They **chose** a colour for the company logo.*

* Warna apa yang **dipilih** untuk logo perusahaan?

*What colour **was chosen** for the company logo?*

* Bagaimana cara **memilih** gubernur di Indonesia?

*What is the way to **elect** a governor in Indonesia?*

* Dia akan **dipilih** (or **terpilih**) sebagai gubernur.

*He will **be elected** as governor.*

* Itu **pilihan** yang bagus! Cocok dengan warna rambutmu.

*That's a good **choice**! It suits your hair colour.*

* Siapa yang menang dalam **Pemilihan** Umum di Indonesia?

*Who won in the General **Election** in Indonesia? .*

* Dia belum terdaftar sebagai **pemilih**.

*She isn't yet registered as a **voter**.*

Notes

* **memilih** (v): to choose, select (someone/something); to elect (s.o.), to vote for (s.o.)

[The passive is “dipilih”. But when the intended meaning is “be elected”, very often “terpilih” is preferred. ‘Terpilih’ focuses on the resulting state, rather than on the action itself. Thus ‘*terpilih sebagai gubernur*’ is rather like ‘*end up elected as governor.*’]

* **pilihan** (n): a choice, a selection

* **pemilihan** (n): an election

[‘pemilihan’ means literally a ‘choosing’. The phrase ‘pemilihan umum’ means a ‘general election’ and is commonly shortened to ‘*pemilu*’.]

* **pemilih** (n): a voter

Practice. Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a PILIH word. Be ready to choose between *memilih* and *dipilih* (or *terpilih*) as needed.

1. When is the US presidential **election**?

Kapan **pemilihan** presiden Amerika Serikat?

2. I have to make a difficult **choice**.

Saya harus membuat **pilihan** yang sulit.

3. She was supported by many new **voters**.

Dia didukung oleh banyak **pemilih** baru.

4. A new topic **is chosen** each week.

Topik baru **dipilih** setiap minggu.

5. Is society willing to **elect** a woman as president? [willing: *bersedia*]

Apakah masyarakat bersedia **memilih** seorang perempuan sebagai presiden?

6. If you shop online there are more **choices**.

Jika Anda berbelanja online, ada lebih banyak **pilihan**.

7. *Pilkada* [Pil-ka-da] means ‘**Election** of Regional Heads’.

‘Pilkada’ berarti ‘**Pemilihan** Kepala Daerah’.

8. S/he **was elected** for the second time.

Dia **dipilih** (or **terpilih**) untuk kedua kalinya.

9. Why did he **choose** to become a rabbi?

Mengapa dia **memilih** untuk menjadi rabbi?

10. Many **voters** did not trust the two main parties.

Banyak **pemilih** tidak mem(p)ercayai (ke)dua partai utama.

11. I studied Economics, but actually that wasn’t my own **choice**.

Saya belajar Ekonomi, tetapi sebenarnya itu bukan **pilihan** saya sendiri.

12. What was the number of **voters** in the general **election**?

Berapa jumlah **pemilih** dalam **pemilihan** umum?