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# **50 Essential Indonesian Phrases**

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Every phrase you need — from your first warung  
order to bargaining at the market.

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#	INDONESIAN	ENGLISH
1	<b>Selamat pagi</b> <i>suh-LAH-maht PAH-gee</i>	Good morning
2	<b>Selamat siang</b> <i>suh-LAH-maht see-AHNG</i>	Good afternoon
3	<b>Selamat malam</b> <i>suh-LAH-maht MAH-lahm</i>	Good evening
4	<b>Apa kabar?</b> <i>AH-pah KAH-bar</i>	How are you?
5	<b>Baik, terima kasih</b> <i>BYE-ik, tuh-REE-mah KAH-see</i>	Good, thank you
6	<b>Nama saya...</b> <i>NAH-mah SAH-yah</i>	My name is...
7	<b>Saya dari...</b> <i>SAH-yah DAH-ree</i>	I'm from...
8	<b>Senang bertemu</b> <i>suh-NAHNG ber-TEH-moo</i>	Nice to meet you
9	<b>Permisi</b> <i>per-MEE-see</i>	Excuse me
10	<b>Sampai jumpa</b> <i>SAHM-pie JOOM-pah</i>	See you later / Goodbye

### Pro Tip

Indonesians use different greetings based on time of day: **pagi** (morning, until ~11am), **siang** (midday, 11am–3pm), **sore** (afternoon, 3–6pm), **malam** (evening/night). Using the right one shows respect and cultural awareness.



#	INDONESIAN	ENGLISH
11	<b>Saya mau pesan</b> <i>SAH-yah MAU puh-SAHN</i>	I'd like to order
12	<b>Nasi goreng, satu</b> <i>NAH-see GO-reng, SAH-too</i>	One fried rice, please
13	<b>Tidak pedas, ya</b> <i>TEE-dahk puh-DAHS, yah</i>	Not spicy, please
14	<b>Enak banget!</b> <i>EH-nahk BAHNG-et</i>	So delicious!
15	<b>Minta air putih</b> <i>MEEN-tah AH-eer POO-teeh</i>	Water, please
16	<b>Minta bill-nya</b> <i>MEEN-tah bill-NYAH</i>	The bill, please
17	<b>Saya vegetarian</b> <i>SAH-yah veh-jeh-TAH-ree-ahn</i>	I'm vegetarian
18	<b>Ada menu?</b> <i>AH-dah MEH-noo</i>	Is there a menu?
19	<b>Saya alergi kacang</b> <i>SAH-yah ah-LER-gee KAH-chahng</i>	I'm allergic to peanuts
20	<b>Sudah kenyang</b> <i>SOO-dah kuh-NYAHNG</i>	I'm full (already satisfied)

### Pro Tip

Saying "**Enak banget!**" (so delicious) to a warung owner will make their day. Indonesians take enormous pride in their food, and this simple compliment builds genuine connection — and often gets you extra-generous portions next time.



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21	<b>Berapa harganya?</b> <i>buh-RAH-pah HAR-gah-nyah</i>	How much is this?
22	<b>Bisa kurang?</b> <i>BEE-sah KOO-rahng</i>	Can you lower the price?
23	<b>Terlalu mahal</b> <i>ter-LAH-loo MAH-hal</i>	Too expensive
24	<b>Saya ambil yang ini</b> <i>SAH-yah AHM-bil yahng EE-nee</i>	I'll take this one
25	<b>Ada warna lain?</b> <i>AH-dah WAR-nah LAH-in</i>	Do you have other colors?
26	<b>Bisa pakai kartu?</b> <i>BEE-sah PAH-kai KAR-too</i>	Can I pay by card?
27	<b>Saya lihat-lihat dulu</b> <i>SAH-yah LEE-hat LEE-hat DOO-loo</i>	I'm just browsing
28	<b>Kalau beli dua?</b> <i>KAH-lau BEH-lee DOO-ah</i>	What if I buy two?
29	<b>Harga pas ya?</b> <i>HAR-gah PAHS yah</i>	Is this the fixed price?
30	<b>Terima kasih, tidak jadi</b> <i>tuh-REE-mah KAH-see, TEE-dahk JAH-dee</i>	Thanks, I'll pass

### Pro Tip

When bargaining, start at about 40–50% of the asking price and meet in the middle. Always smile, keep it friendly, and say "**Bisa kurang?**" with a warm tone. Walking away slowly is the most powerful negotiation tactic — they'll often call you back with a lower price.



#	INDONESIAN	ENGLISH
31	<b>Di mana...?</b> <i>dee MAH-nah</i>	Where is...?
32	<b>Tolong antar ke...</b> <i>TOH-long AHN-tar kuh</i>	Please take me to...
33	<b>Berapa ke airport?</b> <i>buh-RAH-pah kuh AIR-port</i>	How much to the airport?
34	<b>Belok kiri / kanan</b> <i>BEH-lok KEE-ree / KAH-nahn</i>	Turn left / right
35	<b>Jalan terus</b> <i>JAH-lahn tuh-ROOS</i>	Go straight
36	<b>Berhenti di sini</b> <i>ber-HEN-tee dee SEE-nee</i>	Stop here, please
37	<b>Ada WiFi?</b> <i>AH-dah WHY-fye</i>	Is there WiFi?
38	<b>Password-nya apa?</b> <i>PASS-word-nyah AH-pah</i>	What's the password?
39	<b>Nanti dulu</b> <i>NAHN-tee DOO-loo</i>	Wait a moment
40	<b>Saya tinggal di...</b> <i>SAH-yah TING-gal dee</i>	I live in...

### Pro Tip

When using Grab or a local driver, knowing "**Berhenti di sini**" (stop here) and "**Belok kiri/kanan**" (turn left/right) will save you from being taken on the scenic route. Drivers genuinely appreciate when you can communicate directly in Indonesian.



#	INDONESIAN	ENGLISH
41	<b>Saya tidak mengerti</b> <i>SAH-yah TEE-dahk meng-ER-tee</i>	I don't understand
42	<b>Bisa bicara pelan?</b> <i>BEE-sah bee-CHAH-rah PEH-lahn</i>	Can you speak slowly?
43	<b>Apa artinya...?</b> <i>AH-pah ar-TEE-nyah</i>	What does... mean?
44	<b>Saya sedang belajar</b> <i>SAH-yah suh-DAHNG buh-LAH-jar</i>	I'm learning (Indonesian)
45	<b>Maaf, saya salah</b> <i>MAH-ahf, SAH-yah SAH-lah</i>	Sorry, my mistake
46	<b>Tidak apa-apa</b> <i>TEE-dahk AH-pah AH-pah</i>	No problem / It's fine
47	<b>Tolong!</b> <i>TOH-long</i>	Help!
48	<b>Saya perlu dokter</b> <i>SAH-yah PER-loo DOK-ter</i>	I need a doctor
49	<b>Di mana apotek?</b> <i>dee MAH-nah ah-POH-tek</i>	Where is the pharmacy?
50	<b>Jangan lupa!</b> <i>JAHNG-ahn LOO-pah</i>	Don't forget!

### Pro Tip

When you tell someone "**Saya sedang belajar**" (I'm learning), Indonesians light up. They'll slow down, help you practice, and often teach you extra phrases on the spot. It's the single best conversation-opener you can use as a foreigner.



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