

General rules :

- No grammatical gender
- Subject-Verb-Object order, except for phrases with “to be” where there is no verb
- No articles
- There is no verb declension in Indonesian, time is expressed with a time marker (like “today” or “after”), and like in English, there is no declension according to the subject. Verbs are invariables.
- there are suffixes and prefixes in Indonesian verbs or nouns that can change the use of the word to a related meaning. (“**pustaka**”=”book”, “**perpustakaan**”=”library”)
- nouns and adjectives are not accorded to gender (there is no gender) or number

Interrogative pronouns

- apa ?** : *what ?*
- bagaiman ?** : *how ?*
- berapa ?** : *how much ?*
- dari mana ?** : *from where ?*
- di mana ?** : *where ?*
- ke mana ?** : *to where ?*
- kapan ?** : *when ?*
- kenapa ? mengapa ?** : *why ?*
- siapa ?** : *who ?*
- untuk apa ?** : *for what ?*
- yang mana ?** : *which ?*

Nouns / adjectives :

- adjectives are placed after the noun
- plural is usually expressed by doubling the noun
- many words are compounded from two nouns

Comparatives:

- lebih** : *more*, **kurang** : *less*,
- yang paling** : *the most*,
- daripada** : *than*
- examples :*
- baik** : *good* ; **lebih baik** : *better*
- kurang baik** : *less good*
- yang paling baik** : *the best*

Yes / no :

- ya** : *yes* / **tidak** : *no*
- ada** : *there is* / **tidak ada** : *there is not*
- bukan** : *is not* (“**saya bukan dokter**”= *I'm not doctor*)

Conjunctions

- atau** : *or*
- dan** : *and*
- tapi, tetapi** : *but*
- kalau, jika** : *if*
- yang** : *that*
- karena** : *because*
- untuk** : *for*
- seperti** : *like, as*

Demonstratives pronouns:

- ini** : *this (close)*
- itu** : *that (distant)*

To be :

- to be is expressed by simply the absence of verb in the sentence :
- saya mahasiswa** = *I am student (lit : I student)*

Pronouns :

- According to its position, it express :
- in beginning of a sentence : subject (“I”, “you”, “he”, “she”)
- after the verb : object (“me”, “you”, “him”, “her”)
- after a noun : possessive (“my”, “your”, “his”, “her”)

Ada :

- ada** : *there is*
- tidak ada** : *there is not*

| Singular | | | | | Pluriel | | | | |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1st person | | 2nd person | | 3rd person | 1st person* | | 2nd person | | 3rd person |
| formal | familiar | formal | familiar | | inclusive | exclusive | formal | familiar | |
| saya | aku | anda | kamu | dia | kita | kami | anda semua | kalian | mereka |
| <i>I</i> | <i>I</i> | <i>you</i> | <i>you</i> | <i>He/she</i> | <i>We (with you)</i> | <i>We (without you)</i> | <i>you</i> | <i>you</i> | <i>they</i> |

Time markers :

- Present :**hari ini** (*today*), **masih** (*still*), **sekarang** (*now*), **tetap** (*still*), **sedang** (*in the process of*)
- Past :**kemarin** (*yesterday*), **tadi** (*earlier*), **sebelum** (*before*), **sudah** (*already*), **belum** (*not yet*), **pernah** (*ever*), **tidak pernah** (*never*), **belum pernah** (*never before*), **yang lalu** (*ago*), **baru** (*just before*)
- Future : **akan** (“*future*”), **besok** (*tomorrow*), **nanti** (*later*), **sesudah** (*after*), **mau** (*want*), **depan** (*next*), **kapan-kapan** (*one of these days*)

Prepositions :

- di** : *in* (location)
- ke** : *to* (direction)
- dari** : *from* (provenance)
- pada** : *to* (someone)
- tanpa** : *without*
- dengan** : *with*
- untuk** : *for*
- oleh** : *by*
- sampai** : *until*

Imperative :

- verb+ **-lah**
- mari** or **ayo** in the beginning of sentence
- saja** or **dulu** in the end of the sentence
- tolong** + verb+ **-kan**
- coba** + verb
- suruh** (ask someone to do something)
- jangan** negative imperative (don't)

Verbs :

be affraid : takut ;_ ; *be allowed* : boleh ;_ ; *ask* : minta, bertanya ;_ ; *bargain* : tawar ;_ ; *become* : menjadi ;_ ; *bring* : bawa ;_ ; *buy* : membeli ;_ ; *can/be able* : bisa ;_ ; *come* : datang ;_ ; *die* : mati ;_ ; *do* : melakukan ;_ ; *drink* : minum ;_ ; *eat* : makan ;_ ; *find* : menemukan ;_ ; *finish* : selesai ;_ ; *forget* : lupa ;_ ; *give* : beri ;_ ; *go* : pergi ;_ ; *have, possess* : punya ;_ ; *hear* : mendengar ;_ ; *help* : membantu ;_ ; *know* : tahu ;_ ; *learn* : belajar ;_ ; *like* : suka ;_ ; *listen* : mendengar ;_ ; *live* : hidup ;_ ; *look* : melihat ;_ ; *look for/search* : mencari ;_ ; *lose* : kehilangan ;_ ; *love* : cinta ;_ ; *make* : membuat ;_ ; *have to / must* : harus ;_ ; *need* : perlu ;_ ; *open* : buka ;_ ; *play* : bermain ;_ ; *put, lay* : meletakkan ;_ ; *read* : baca ;_ ; *remember* : ingat ;_ ; *repeat* : mengulang ;_ ; *say* : berkata ;_ ; *see* : lihat ;_ ; *sell* : menjual ;_ ; *sit* : duduk ;_ ; *sleep* : tidur ;_ ; *speak* : bicara ;_ ; *stay, live (somewhere)* : tinggal ;_ ; *take* : ambil ;_ ; *teach* : mengajar ;_ ; *think* : pikir, berpikir ;_ ; *travel* : bepergian ;_ ; *try* : mencoba ;_ ; *understand* : mengerti, memahami ;_ ; *wait* : tunggu ;_ ; *wake up* : bangun ;_ ; *walk* : berjalan ;_ ; *want* : ingin, mau ;_ ; *watch* : menonton ;_ ; *work* : kerja ;_ ; *write* : menulis ;_ ;

Time :

before : sebelum ;_ ; *last, preceding* : lalu ;_ ; *now* : sekarang ;_ ; *after* : setelah ;_ ; *next* : depan ;_ ; *early* : awal ;_ ; *late* : terlambat ;_ ; *yesterday* : kemarin ;_ ; *today* : hari ini ;_ ; *tomorrow* : besok ;_ ; *second* : kedua ;_ ; *minute* : menit ;_ ; *hour* : jam ;_ ; *day* : hari ;_ ; *morning* : pagi ;_ ; *night, evening* : malam ;_ ; *week* : minggu ;_ ; *month* : bulan ;_ ; *year* : tahun ;_ ; *winter* : musim dingin ;_ ; *summer* : musim panas ;_ ; *spring* : musim semi ;_ ; *autumn* : musim gugur ;_ ; *rainy season* : musim hujan ;_ ; *dry season* : musim kemarau ;_ ; *sometimes* : kadang-kadang ;_ ; *always* : selalu ;_ ; *never* : tidak pernah ;_ ; *time* : waktu ;_ ; *often* : sering ;_ ; *end* : akhir ;_ ; *time (once)* : kali ;_ ; *again* : lagi ;_ ;

Places / directions :

here : sini ;_ ; *there* : sana ;_ ; *straight ahead / in front* : depan ;_ ; *behind* : belakang ;_ ; *right* : kanan ;_ ; *left* : kiri ;_ ; *up* : naik ;_ ; *down* : turun ;_ ; *north* : utara ;_ ; *south* : selatan ;_ ; *east* : timur ;_ ; *west* : barat ;_ ; *inside* : dalam ;_ ; *outside* : luar ;_ ; *street, road* : jalan ;_ ; *shop* : toko ;_ ; *market* : pasar ;_ ; *city* : kota ;_ ; *center* : pusat ;_ ; *village* : desa ;_ ; *country* : negara ;_ ; *world* : dunia ;_ ; *house* : rumah ;_ ; *room (chamber)* : kamar ;_ ; *room (space)* : ruang ;_ ; *school* : sekolah ;_ ; *hotel* : hotel ;_ ; *garden* : taman ;_ ; *nature* : alam ;_ ; *mosque* : mesjid ;_ ; *place, location* : tempat ;_ ; *somewhere* : di suatu tempat ;_ ; *everywhere* : di mana-mana ;_ ;

Adjectives :

good, nice : baik, bagus ;_ ; *bad* : buruk ;_ ; *very* : sekali (after adjective) ;_ ; *a lot* : banyak ;_ ; *a bit, a little* : sedikit ;_ ; *beautiful* : indah ;_ ; *ugly* : jelek ;_ ; *big* : besar ;_ ; *small* : kecil ;_ ; *hot* : panas ;_ ; *warm* : hangat ;_ ; *cold* : dingin ;_ ; *hungry* : lapar ;_ ; *thirsty* : haus ;_ ; *cheap* : murah ;_ ; *expensive* : mahal ;_ ; *poor* : miskin ;_ ; *rich* : kaya ;_ ; *young* : muda ;_ ; *old (people)* : tua ;_ ; *new* : baru ;_ ; *old (ancient)* : kuno ;_ ; *fast, quick* : cepat ;_ ; *slow* : lambat ;_ ; *tasty* : lezat ;_ ; *close, near* : dekat ;_ ; *far* : jauh ;_ ; *heavy* : berat ;_ ; *light* : ringan ;_ ; *sick, ill* : sakit ;_ ; *dangerous* : berbahaya ;_ ; *safe* : aman ;_ ; *difficult, hard* : sulit ;_ ; *easy* : mudah ;_ ; *open* : terbuka ;_ ; *closed* : tertutup ;_ ; *different* : berbeda ;_ ; *same* : sama ;_ ; *tired* : lelah ;_ ; *weak* : lemah ;_ ; *strong* : kuat ;_ ; *true, right* : benar ;_ ; *false, incorrect* : salah ;_ ; *crazy, mad* : gila ;_ ; *stupid, idiot* : bodoh ;_ ; *important* : penting ;_ ; *intelligent, clever* : cerdas, pandai ;_ ; *forbidden* : terlarang ;_ ; *possible* : mungkin ;_ ; *interesting* : menarik ;_ ; *clean* : bersih ;_ ; *dirty* : kotor ;_ ; *empty, free* : kosong ;_ ; *alone* : sendirian ;_ ; *all* : semua ;_ ; *first* : pertama ;_ ; *last* : terakhir ;_ ; *too (me too)* : juga ;_ ; *too much* : terlalu ;_ ;

Food, drinks, animal and nature :

food : **makanan** ;_; drink : **minuman** ;_; bread : **roti** ;_;
water : **air** ;_; vegetable : **sayur** ;_; fruit : **buah** ;_;
honey : **madu** ;_; meat : **daging** ;_; chicken : **ayam** ;_;
fish : **ikan** ;_; milk : **susu** ;_; egg : **telur** ;_; cheese : **keju**
;_; breakfast : **sarapan pagi** ;_; animal : **binatang** ;_;
flower : **bungah** ;_; tree : **pohon** ;_; dog : **anjing** ;_;
cat : **kucing** ;_; bird : **burung** ;_; river : **sungai** ;_; lake :
danau ;_; sea : **laut** ;_; mountain : **gunung** ;_; island :
pulau ;_; forest : **hutan** ;_; wind : **angin** ;_; rain : **hujan**
;_; weather : **cuaca** ;_; sun : **matahari** ;_; moon :
bulan ;_; snow : **salju** ;_;

Technologies, society, objects :

car : **mobil** ;_; motorcycle : **sepeda motor** ;_; building :
bangunan ;_; boat : **perahu, kapal** ;_; computer :
komputer ;_; plane : **pesawat** ;_; state : **negara** ;_;
governement : **pemerintah** ;_; leader, chief : **kepala** ;_;
bag : **tas** ;_; book : **buku, kitab, pustaka** ;_; gift,
present : **hadiah** ;_; money : **uang** ;_; price : **harga** ;_;
game : **permainan** ;_; language : **bahasa** ;_; cigarette :
rokok ;_; party : **pesta** ;_;

People, family :

people : **orang-orang** ;_; person : **orang** ;_; friend :
teman ;_; family : **keluarga** ;_; man : **pria** ;_; boy : **laki-**
laki ;_; son : **putra** ;_; woman : **wanita** ;_; girl :
gadis ;_; daughter : **putri** ;_; husband : **suami** ;_; wife :
istri ;_; brother, sister : **saudara** ;_; big brother : **mas**
;_; big sister : **mbak** ;_; little brother/sister : **adik** ;_;
father : **ayah** ;_; mother : **ibu** ;_; child : **anak** ;_; guest :
tamu ;_; student : **mahasiswa** ;_; doctor : **dokter** ;_;
Indonesia : **Indonesia** ;_; Indonesian : **bahasa Indonesia**
;_; name : **nama** ;_; foreigner : **orang asing** ;_;
somebody : **seseorang** ;_; nobody : **tak seorangpun** ;_;
everybody : **semua orang** ;_; teacher : **guru** ;_;

Other useful words :

only : **hanya** ;_; only, just : **saja** ;_; maybe : **mungkin** ;_;
other : **lain** ;_; let's go : **ayo pergi** ;_; God : **dewa** ;_;
help : **bantuan** ;_; each, every : **setiap** ;_; enough :
cukup ;_; nothing : **ga ada** ;_; everything : **segala**
sesuatu ;_; too(me too) : **juga** ;_; thing : **benda** ;_;
together : **bersama** ;_; of course : **tentu saja** ;_;
religion : **agama** ;_; money : **uang** ;_; back : **kembali**
;_; back (home) : **pulang** ;_;