

A. Inferring meaning from context

Did you look up every English word that you heard in a dictionary when you were growing up? Most native speakers learn the meaning of vocabulary from context.

Let's watch a video and see how many Indonesian words we can understand from their context. We are not trying to understand every word, just identify key vocabulary and phrases. Some translations have been provided.

<i>berbagi</i>	to share
<i>bersih</i>	_____
<i>bersih-bersih rumah</i>	_____
<i>pulang</i>	go/come home
<i>pulang kerja</i>	_____
<i>tolong dibantu</i>	_____
<i>di malam hari</i>	_____
<i>pagi sampai sore</i>	_____
<i>barang</i>	things/items
<i>rapi</i>	_____
<i>bersih dan rapi</i>	_____
<i>hati</i>	heart
<i>suasana</i>	ambience
<i>Suasana hati</i>	_____
<i>melap/dilap</i>	wipe
<i>pajangan</i>	decoration
<i>cermin</i>	mirror
<i>seminggu sekali</i>	_____
<i>kayu</i>	wood/timber
<i>perabot kayu</i>	_____
<i>bunga</i>	flower
<i>bunga kering</i>	dry flower
<i>baru</i>	new
<i>beli pot baru</i>	_____

B. Learning grammar in context

How do these inflections evolve the meaning these words?

bersih clean *kebersihan* _____ *kebersihannya* _____

sapu broom *menyapu* _____

bantu to help *membantu* _____ *tolong dibantu* _____

ada there is/are *keadaan* _____

keadaan rumah yang bersih dan rapi

sakit sick *penyakit* _____

air water *cair* _____ *cairan* _____

C. Do you know how to say these in Indonesian?

1. What time will you more less arrive at work?

2. I need to check emails first.

3. Usually at work, firstly I read emails.

4. What is our task today?

5. Is the task complete?

6. Let's have lunch first.

7. Ade, is Dad home from the office?

8. Sorry I'm late, traffic jam on the way.

9. It's my turn for cooking duty tonight.

10. On the weekend I want to clean the house.

11. What time is the meeting tomorrow?

12. Going home now, see you tomorrow.
