

## **BAIK** – words to do with ‘good’

\* Film itu sangat **baik**.

*That film is very **good**.*

\* Ada berbagai cara untuk **memperbaiki** kemampuan membaca.

*There are various ways to **improve** reading ability.*

\* Kemampuan membaca itu penting dan bisa mudah **diperbaiki**.

*Reading ability is important and can easily **be improved**.*

\* Apakah ada cara untuk **memperbaiki** HP yang kena air?

*Is there a way to **repair** a mobile phone that’s been in contact with water?*

\* Apakah HP ini bisa **diperbaiki**?

*Can this mobile phone **be repaired**?*

\* Dia sangat dicintai karena **kebaikan** dan kelembutannya.

*She was much loved for her **goodness** and gentleness.*

\* Terima kasih atas **kebaikan** hati Anda.

*Thank you for your kindness (literally, your ‘**goodness of heart**’).*

\* Hidup bebas anak juga ada **kebaikannya**.

*Living child-free also has its **good aspects** / **merits**.*

### Notes

\* **baik** (adj): good

\* **memperbaiki** (v): to improve (something), to repair, fix (sth.).

[We only use ‘memperbaiki’ to mean: to improve something. We don’t use it to mean ‘to improve’ in the sense of ‘to become better’, as in “Her health will *improve*”. For that we can simply say (e.g.): “Kesehatannya akan *menjadi lebih baik*”. Or we could use a rather formal verb, “membaik”, and say “Kesehatannya akan *membaik*”.]

\* **kebaikan** (n): goodness, i.e., the state or quality of good; merit, benefit.

[An especially common phrase with ‘kebaikan’ is “kebaikan *hati*”, meaning “kindness”].

**Practice.** Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a BAIK word. (Be ready to choose between *memperbaiki* and *diperbaiki* as needed.)

1. I have never forgotten their kindness (i.e., their '**goodness** of heart').
2. That visit will **improve** relations between the two countries.
3. If the weather is **good**, we'll stay a few more days.
4. I'm trying to **fix** a problem with my computer screen.
5. This is a classic tale of **good** against evil. [with 'kisah']
6. That aid program is already obtaining **good** results. [with 'bantuan']
7. S/he believes there is **good** in every person.
8. It's rather difficult to **improve** one's pronunciation. [with 'pelafalan']
9. S/he's a **good** child, but rather lazy.
10. Don't take advantage of other people's kindness ['**goodness** of heart']. [with 'memanfaatkan']
11. Our washing machine needs to **be repaired**.
12. Her handwriting has improved [i.e., 'become more **good**'].
13. In some cultures, the colour white is a symbol of **goodness**. [with 'simbol']