

## BUNUH – words to do with ‘kill’

\* Rudi **membunuh** tetangga saat bertengkar.

*Rudi **killed** his neighbour during an argument.*

\* Tetangga itu **dibunuh** oleh Rudi.

*The neighbour **was killed** by Rudi.*

\* Dia dituduh sebagai **pembunuh** oleh warga desa.

*S/he was accused as a **killer** / **murderer** by the villagers.*

\* Dia mengaku bersalah atas **pembunuhan** warga asing itu.

*S/he pleaded guilty to the **killing** / **murder** of that foreign citizen.*

### Notes

\* **membunuh** (v): to kill (somebody / something), to murder (sb.).

[Not only people, but also animals, can “*membunuh*” and can be “*dibunuh*”. But to refer to killing by an inanimate actor, speakers tend to favour a different verb instead: “menewaskan”. So, e.g., “Tsunami itu *menewaskan* lebih dari 1.000 orang“.]

\* **pembunuhan** (n): murder, the act of killing

\* **pembunuh** (n): a killer, a murderer. [A “pembunuh” does the act of “membunuh”.]

**Practice.** Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a BUNUH word. (Be ready to choose between *membunuh* and *dibunuh* as needed.)

1. That well-known film is about a serial **killer**. [with ‘berantai’]
2. That cat often catches and **kills** mice.
3. The **murder** rate has declined in those cities. [with ‘menurun’]
4. Thousands of elephants **are killed** every year by hunters. [with ‘pemburu’]
5. That politician was involved in two cases of **murder**. [with ‘terlibat’]
6. Rarely are there women who become mass **murderers**. [with ‘massal’]
7. The police finally caught the perpetrator of that **murder**. [with ‘pelaku’]
8. Mosquitos **kill** hundreds of thousands of people every year.
9. The pupils learned about **killer** whales. [with ‘ikan paus’]