

## 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’]

Film yang terkenal itu tentang seorang **pembunuh** berantai.

2. That cat often catches and **kills** mice.

Kucing itu sering mengejar dan **membunuh** tikus.

3. The **murder** rate has declined in those cities. [with ‘menurun’]

Tingkat **pembunuhan** telah menurun di kota-kota itu.

4. Thousands of elephants **are killed** every year by hunters. [with ‘pemburu’]

Ribuan gajah **dibunuh** setiap tahun oleh pemburu.

5. That politician was involved in two cases of **murder**. [with ‘terlibat’]

Politisi itu terlibat dalam dua kasus **pembunuhan**.

6. Rarely are there women who become mass **murderers**. [with 'massal']

Jarang ada perempuan yang menjadi **pembunuh** massal.

7. The police finally caught the perpetrator of that **murder**. [with 'pelaku']

Polisi akhirnya menangkap pelaku **pembunuhan** itu.

8. Mosquitos **kill** hundreds of thousands of people every year.

Nyamuk **membunuh** ratusan ribu orang setiap tahun.

9. The pupils learned about **killer** whales. [with 'ikan paus']

Para murid itu belajar tentang ikan paus **pembunuh**.