

JADI - words to do with 'become, happen'

* Saya ingin **menjadi** insinyur.

*I'd like to **become** an engineer.*

* Dia sudah bertahun-tahun **menjadi** guru.

*S/he has **been** a teacher for years.*

* Kecelakaan itu **terjadi** tadi malam.

*The accident **occurred** last night.*

* **Kejadian** itu sangat menyedihkan.

*That **incident** was extremely sad.*

Notes

* **menjadi** (v): to become; to be

[“menjadi” is often used to mean: not to *become* something, but rather, simply to *be* something. For instance, if someone says in English, “It’s hard to be a good parent”, they do not mean that it’s hard to turn into such a parent, i.e., to become one. They simply mean instead that it’s hard to inhabit that role, to *be* one. And that idea can be naturally expressed in Indonesian as “Sulit *menjadi* orang tua yang baik”.]

* **terjadi** (v): to happen, to occur

* **kejadian** (n): an occurrence; an incident; an event

Practice. Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a JADI word.

1. What **is** the main cause of death in those countries? [start with ‘Apa yang ...’]

Apa yang **menjadi** penyebab utama kematian di negara-negara itu?

2. Tsunamis like that are an extremely rare **event**. [with ‘langka’]

Tsunami seperti itu adalah **kejadian** yang sangat langka.

3. On that island inter-ethnic conflict often **occurs**. [with ‘antar suku’]

Di pulau itu sering **terjadi** konflik antar suku. [or: ‘konflik antar suku sering terjadi’.]

4. I read an article “10 **Events** that Changed the History of the World.”

Saya membaca artikel “10 **Kejadian** yang Mengubah Sejarah Dunia“.

5. That businessman/woman **became** extremely rich.

Pengusaha itu **menjadi** sangat kaya.

6. What **happened** between you and Rizi?

Apa yang **terjadi** antara kamu dan Rizi?

7. He **got** angry when Fitri broke up with him. [with 'putus']

Dia **menjadi** marah ketika Fitri putus dengannya.

8. Bu Ida, how long have you **been** school principal?

Bu Ida, sudah berapa lama Ibu **menjadi** kepala sekolah?

9. **Incidents** like that never **happen** here.

Kejadian seperti itu tidak pernah **terjadi** di sini.