

JELAS – words to do with “clear”

* Diagram itu sangat **jelas**.

*That diagram is very **clear**.*

* Dia **menjelaskan** materi pelajaran dengan baik.

*S/he **explained** the lesson material well.*

* Materi pelajaran itu **dijelaskan** dengan baik.

*The lesson material **was explained** well.*

* Keluarga almarhum meminta **penjelasan** dari pihak rumah sakit.

*The deceased’s family asked for an **explanation** from the hospital.*

Notes

* **jelas** (adj): clear, able to be readily understood

* **menjelaskan** (v): to explain (something), to clarify (sth.) [i.e., to cause it to be “jelas”].

* **penjelasan** (n): an explanation, a clarification

Practice. Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a JELAS word. (Be ready to choose between *menjelaskan* and *dijelaskan* as needed.)

1. We still haven’t got a **clear** answer.
2. The bus driver **explained** that the price of tickets had risen.
3. Maybe there is a simple **explanation**.
4. Their holiday plans are not yet **clear**.
5. Excuse me, *Bu* – can you **explain** the theory of evolution?
6. S/he writes with **clear** handwriting.
7. S/he gave a very **clear explanation**.
8. The cause of that accident needs to **be explained**. [with ‘penyebab’]
9. It’s already **clear** what happened.
10. We’re still waiting for an **explanation** from the school [with ‘pihak’]