

LARANG – words to do with ‘prohibit, forbid’

* Pemerintah seharusnya **melarang** jenis obat itu.

*The government should **prohibit** that type of drug/ medicine.*

* Jenis obat itu seharusnya **dilarang** oleh pemerintah.

*That type of drug/ medicine should **be prohibited** by the government.*

* Heroin adalah obat **terlarang**.

*Heroin is a **prohibited** drug. (i.e., an illegal drug).*

* Di beberapa negara ada **larangan** iklan rokok.

*In some countries there is a **prohibition** on cigarette advertisements.*

Notes

* **melarang** (v): to prohibit (something), to forbid (sth.), to ban (sth).

* **terlarang** (v): outlawed, banned, prohibited, illegal.

[“terlarang” is a verb but there is no action going on. The ‘ter-’ here indicates that something is in a *state* of being prohibited / banned, etc. For that reason, ‘terlarang’ is often used in phrases of the type “obat *terlarang*” (illegal drugs), “buku *terlarang*” (banned books) – as if it were just an adjective, like “*bad* drugs”, “*subversive* books”, and so on.]

* **larangan** (n): a prohibition, a ban.

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

(NB: to ensure natural sounding choices in the items below, choose “terlarang” only in cases where the prompt says: a banned thing, a forbidden thing, an illegal thing, etc.)

1. That country will **prohibit** the selling of petrol cars. [with ‘bensin’]
2. There was a list of **banned** books which may not be sold.
3. There is a **ban** on the use of plastic bags in some cities. [with ‘kantong’]
4. That song is titled “**Forbidden** Love”. [with ‘berjudul’]
5. Residents **were forbidden** to leave their houses after 7pm.
6. The **ban** on eating and drinking on public buses is often flouted. [with ‘dilanggar’]
7. Is the Indonesian Communist Party (= “PKI”) still an **illegal** organisation?
8. Foreign tourists **are forbidden** to enter that holy site. [with ‘suci’]
9. There is a strict **prohibition** on smoking in public places.