

MAIN - words to do with 'play'

* Anak-anak itu **bermain** dengan gembira.

The children played happily.

* Kami **bermain** badminton.

We played badminton.

* Dia pandai **bermain** catur.

*S/he is good at **playing** chess.*

* Olahraga itu banyak **dimainkan** di negara-negara Asia.

*That sport **is played** a lot in Asian countries.*

* Mereka suka **permainan** apa? Permainan papan?

*What **games** do they like? Board games?*

* Dia **pemain** tenis yang terkenal.

*S/he is a well-known tennis **player**.*

Notes

* **bermain** (v): to play

[The action of “bermain” is not done to anything, grammatically speaking. Even so, the most common way to say: “to play *a sport / game / musical instrument*” is to use “bermain” (e.g. ‘bermain tenis’, ‘bermain piano’, etc).

* **memainkan** (v): to play (something)

[“memainkan” is less common than “bermain” to say: to play a sport / game / musical instrument. But the word “*dimainkan*” is indispensable to talk about such activities in the passive. For instance: “Sepak takraw *is played* in Southeast Asia” = “Sepak takraw *dimainkan* di Asia Tenggara”.

* **permainan** (n): a game.

* **pemain** (n): a player. [A ‘pemain’ does the action of ‘bermain’.]

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

(NB: to ensure natural-sounding choices in the items below, choose “bermain” over “memainkan” when the prompt takes the form: “Someone *plays* [sport/game/ instrument]”).

1. I seldom **play** sport, but I **play** outside with my dog.

2. S/he **plays** computer **games** every day.
3. Who's the best volleyball **player** at the school?
4. Golf can **be played** by young children and old people.
5. After coming home from school she **plays** with her sister.
6. This **game** is usually **played** by two **players**.
7. How long have you **played** guitar?
8. There were three star **players** in that team. [with 'bintang']
9. Is this a traditional **game** in East Java?
10. I'm looking for a musical instrument that is easy to play. [i.e., 'easy to **be played**'].
11. Do you ever **play** basketball?
12. Small children can learn by **playing**. [literally: 'by way of playing']
13. **Is** poker **played** with five or seven cards? [with 'kad']