

## PAKAI – words to do with ‘use, wear’

\* Lebih dari 80 juta orang **memakai** bahasa Jawa.

*More than 80 million people **use** Javanese.*

\* Bahasa Jawa **dipakai** oleh lebih dari 80 juta orang.

*Javanese **is used** by more than 80 million people.*

\* Boleh saya **memakai** sepatu olahraga ke kantor?

*May I **wear** sports shoes to the office?*

\* Sepatu olahraga tidak cocok **dipakai** ke kantor.

*Sports shoes aren't suitable to **be worn** to the office.*

\* Mereka memakai **pakaian** seragam.

*They were wearing uniforms (literally, '**clothes of one type**').*

\* Negara itu melarang **pemakaian** burqa di tempat umum.

*That country prohibited the **wearing** of burqas in public.*

\* Para **pemakai** narkoba sering mendapat hukuman ringan.

*Users of illegal drugs often get light sentences.*

### Notes

\* **memakai** (v): to use (something); to wear (sth.).

[Another very common word for “to use”, which tends to sound a little more formal, is “menggunakan”.]

\* **pemakaian** (n): the use of (something), the using of (sth.), the wearing of (sth.).

\* **pemakai** (n): a user, a wearer. [A “pemakai” does the act of “memakai”.]

\* **pakaian** (n): clothes, clothing. [“Pakaian” is something which is ‘dipakai’.]

[Another very common word for clothes/ clothing is “baju”.]

**Practice.** Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a PAKAI word. (Be ready to choose between *memakai* and *dipakai* as needed.)

1. That child is learning to **use** a spoon.

2. Many **users** of contact lenses suffer the problem of dry eyes. [with ‘menderita’]

3. That chat app **is** mainly **used** by teenagers. [with ‘*chatting*’]
4. At the time of the pandemic, **the wearing** of masks was made compulsory. [with ‘*diwajibkan*’]
5. Maria never buys expensive **clothes**.
6. Many **users** of Windows experienced that virus.
7. In summer s/he always **wears** a hat and sunglasses.
8. There are new targets for the **use** of renewable energy. [with ‘*terbarukan*’]
9. Bu Tuti would like to buy traditional Malay **clothing**.
10. Red eyes are one of the signs of a **user** of marijuana. [with ‘*tanda*’]
11. “Is this dress new?” “No, but it has never **been worn**.”
12. One big problem is the excessive **use** of pesticides. [with ‘*berlebihan*’]
13. Yesterday I went shopping for **clothes** in the market. [with ‘*berbelanja*’]