

RASA – words to do with ‘feel, taste’

* Bagaimana **rasanya**?

*How does it taste? (literally, ‘How is its **taste**?’)*

* “Ada **rasa** durian, coklat dan stroberi.”

*“We’ve got durian, chocolate and strawberry **flavour**.”*

* Dia **merasa** gembira.

*S/he **feels** happy.*

* Dia **merasa** sakit.

*S/he **feels** sick.*

* Kakinya **terasa** dingin.

*Her feet **feel** cold (i.e., ‘**are felt to be** cold’).*

* Jatuh cinta adalah **perasaan** yang sangat kuat.

*Falling in love is a very powerful **feeling**.*

* Jangan menyinggung **perasaan** orang lain.

*Don’t hurt other people’s **feelings**.*

Notes

* **rasa (n)**: taste, flavour (e.g., of a food)

* **merasa (v)**: to feel (in a certain way, e.g., happy, sad)

* **terasa (v)**: is felt to be [cold, painful, etc].

[When something is felt to be cold, or painful, or smooth, (etc), we say that it “is felt” to be that way, using “terasa”. We don’t say that (e.g.,) our feet “*merasa* dingin”. Instead, we say that our feet “*terasa* dingin” (are felt to be cold). Only a sentient being, such as a person, can “merasa”. Mere objects, or body parts, cannot “merasa”: they can only “terasa”.]

* **perasaan (n)**: a feeling, feelings

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

1. This fish tastes strange. [literally, ‘This fish, its **taste** is strange.’]
2. They **feel** happier living in that small town.

3. This cloth **feels** slippery.
4. S/he's good at understanding other people's **feelings**. [with 'memahami']
5. Grilled chicken can be made with various **flavours**. [with 'bakar']
6. She **feels** that nobody cares about her. [with 'peduli']
7. He doesn't dare to express his **feelings** to his *pacar*. [with 'mengungkapkan']
8. "Sorry, there's no plain bread. There's only chocolate **flavour/ed** bread". [with 'tawar']
9. Why do I always **feel** sleepy?
10. My head **feels** like it's going to explode. [with 'meledak']
11. They **feel** proud to be Fijian.
12. Mm, its **taste** is bland. Not enough salt. [with 'hambar']
13. His leg **feels** sore when he walks.
14. Finally, I'm free! It's a strange **feeling**.
15. Drinks like that taste nice! [literally, Drinks like that, their **taste** is ...".]