

## SALAH – words to do with ‘wrong’

\* Jawaban itu **salah**.

*That answer is **wrong**.*

\* Kenapa kamu selalu merasa **bersalah**?

*Why do you always feel **guilty** /**at fault**?*

\* Orang tuanya **menyalahkan** dia karena perkawinannya yang gagal.

*Her parents **blame** her for her failed marriage.*

\* Dia **disalahkan** oleh orang tuanya karena perkawinannya yang gagal.

*She **is blamed** by her parents for her failed marriage.*

\* “Saya membuat banyak **kesalahan** di masa lalu”, kata Bu Andri.

*“I made a lot of **mistakes** in the past”, said Bu Andri.*

### Notes

\* **salah** (adj): wrong, incorrect.

\* **bersalah** (v): to be at fault, to be guilty; to be in the wrong.

\* **menyalahkan** (v): to blame (somebody); to find fault with (sb.).

\* **kesalahan** (n): a mistake, an error.

**Practice.** Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a SALAH word. (Be ready to choose between *menyalahkan* and *disalahkan* as needed.)

1. Don't **blame** innocent people! (i.e., ‘people who are not **guilty**’)
2. Mercury is the hottest planet. True or **False**? [with ‘Merkurius’]
3. In that text there are a lot of grammar **errors**. [with ‘tulisan’]
4. Why is it always me who **is blamed**?
5. If I'm not mistaken (i.e., ‘if I'm not **wrong**’), they're speaking Sundanese.
6. You don't need to apologise. You're not the one who's **at fault**!
7. That's a **mistake** that is often done by beginners. [with ‘pemula’]
8. After the match, a number of the players **blamed** each other. [with ‘saling’]
9. I trusted you, but it turns out I was **wrong**. [with ‘ternyata’]

10. “Indonesian Forest Fires: Who Should **Be Blamed**?” [with ‘Kebakaran’]
11. That disaster happened because of human **error**. [with ‘Bencana’]
12. That man pleaded **guilty** to killing his neighbour. [with ‘mengaku’]