

# TAHU- words to do with “know”

\* Apakah Dewi sudah **tahu**?

*Does Dewi **know**?*

\* Semua murid **tahu** jawabannya.

*All the pupils **know** the answer.*

\* Semua murid **mengetahui** jawabannya.

*All the pupils **know** the answer.*

\* Jawabannya itu **diketahui** semua murid.

*The answer **is known** by all the pupils.*

\* Banyak orang **tahu tentang** hubungan kita.

*A lot of people **know about** our relationship.*

\* Banyak orang **mengetahui** hubungan kita.

*A lot of people **know about** our relationship.*

\* Hubungan kita itu **diketahui** banyak orang.

*Our relationship **is known about** by a lot of people.*

\* Mereka akan mudah **mengetahui** transaksi ilegal seperti itu.

*They will easily **find out about** illegal transactions like that.*

\* Transaksi ilegal seperti itu akan mudah **diketahui**.

*Suspicious transactions like that will easily **be found out (about)**.*

\* Buku itu memperluas **pengetahuan** mereka tentang sejarah Indonesia.

*That book broadened their **knowledge** about Indonesian history.*

## Notes

\* **tahu** (v): to know; to know (something)

\* **mengetahui** (v): to know (about) (something), to find out (about) (sth.).

[To say “know something” / “know about something” the word “mengetahui” sounds rather formal, because plain “*tahu / tahu tentang*” is available. But the word “*diketahui*” is indispensable to talk about such things in the passive. For instance: ‘Our relationship *is known about* by a lot of people...’: “Hubungan kita *diketahui* .... ”.]

\* **pengetahuan** (n): knowledge

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

(In order to make natural-sounding choice in the items below, choose “tahu” over “mengetahui” whenever the prompt takes the format of: “Someone *knows / knows about ...*”).

1. I only **know** her name.
- 2.. The number of victims **is** not yet **known**.
3. He’s scared they will **find out about** his lies. [with ‘kebohongan’]
4. S/he **knows** a lot about car engines.
5. The police managed to **find out** the identity of the perpetrator. [with ‘berhasil’]
6. I **know** not everyone will agree.
7. One factor is lack of **knowledge** about the dangers of smoking. [with ‘kurangnya’]
8. They didn’t **know** yet about the accident.
9. Her secret **was** finally **found out** by her friends.
10. She wants to **know** more about her husband’s past.
11. The students were able to share their **knowledge** about Chinese culture. [with ‘berbagi’]
12. Her state of health **is** only **known** by family members. [with ‘kondisi’]
13. “Is Ari married? Oh, I didn’t **know**. [with ‘baru’].
14. Public **knowledge** about nuclear weapons is still minimal. [with ‘minim’]
15. They examined witnesses to **find out** what actually happened. [with ‘memeriksa’]