TINGKAT – words to do with 'level, rise, increase'

* Bagaimana **tingkat** pendidikan penduduk di negara itu?

*How is the education **level** of the population in that country?*

* Gaji perawat belum mencapai **tingkat** yang memuaskan.

*Wages for nurses have not reached a satisfactory **level**.*

* Daerah itu memiliki **tingkat** kejahatan yang rendah.

*That region has a low crime **rate**.*

* Produksi mobil listrik mulai **meningkat**.

*Production of electric cars began to **increase** / **rise**.*

* Mereka harus **meningkatkan** mutu pelayanan di toko itu.

*They have to **improve** / **raise** the quality of service in that store.*

* Mutu pelayanan di toko itu harus **ditingkatkan**.

*The quality of service in that store has to **be improved** / **raised.***

Notes

* **tingkat** (n): level, rate, standard

* **meningkat** (v): to rise (i.e., become higher); to improve (i.e., become better), to increase (i.e., become greater).

[Although the verb 'meningkat' has a meN- prefix, the action is not done *to* anything or anyone.]

[To talk about a *price* rising, while 'meningkat' is perfectly acceptable, the verb "naik" is more common (e.g. "Harga beras naik").

* **meningkatkan** (v) to raise (something); to improve (sth.), to increase (sth.)

Practice. Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a TINGKAT word. (Be ready to choose between *meningkatkan* and *ditingkatkan* as needed.)

1. Many people live in cities with a high **level** of air pollution.
2. Cases of online fraud **are** still **rising**. [with 'penipuan']
3. They predict economic growth will **increase**. [with 'pertumbuhan']
4. This medicine helps to **increase** the number of red blood cells. [with 'sel']
5. That project will **improve** literacy **rates** in remote areas. [with 'literasi']

6. The students have reached a high **level** of competence. [with 'mencapai']

7. The cost of production **is rising**, so goods are becoming more expensive. [with 'Biaya']

8. Police officers experience a high **level** of stress. [with 'Petugas']

9. The capacity of the airport needs to **be increased**. [with 'Kapasitas']

10. The **rate** of inflation has **risen**.