

TIPU – words to do with ‘deceive, trick’

* Komplotan itu telah **menipu** puluhan orang.

*That gang has **deceived** (tricked / scammed) dozens of people.*

* Puluhan orang telah **ditipu** / **tertipu** oleh komplotan itu.

*Dozens of people have **been deceived** (tricked / scammed) by that gang.*

* Dia terlalu mudah percaya sehingga mudah **ditipu** / **tertipu**.

S/he trusts too easily so s/he **is** easily **deceived** (tricked / scammed).

* Mereka melakukan **penipuan** itu melalui SMS.

*They carried out that **deception** (scam) via text messages.*

* Ada banyak **penipu** di aplikasi kencan itu.

*There are a lot of **con artists** (deceivers / scammers) on that dating app.*

Notes

* **menipu** (v): to deceive (somebody), to trick (sb.); to defraud (sb.), to scam (sb.)

* **tertipu** (v): to be deceived, to be tricked, to be defrauded, to be scammed

[“tertipu” is a passive form. It means the same as “ditipu” and is equally common. In nearly all contexts, either form sounds acceptable, so you can choose freely between them.]

* **penipuan** (n): deception, a deception, a trick, scam, fraud, swindle.

* **penipu** (n): a deceiver, con-artist, scammer, fraudster, swindler

[a penipu does the action of menipu.]

Practice. Say it in Indonesian. For each word in bold use a TIPU word. (Be ready to choose between *menipu* and *ditipu/tertipu* as needed.)

1. They **trick** the victims into giving personal data. [i.e., ‘trick them *so that* they give...’]
2. Have you been victim of an online **scam**? (‘been victim of’ = ‘kena’)
3. Finally he gave his password to the **scammer** / **con-artist**.
4. I have twice **been scammed** by online sellers. [with ‘online’]
5. I’ve been receiving **scam** calls nearly every day. [with ‘panggilan’]
6. Don’t dress like a teenager – you’re only **deceiving** yourself.
7. On that website there are **scammers** who sell fake goods.

8. The perpetrator of that **deception** pretended to be a police officer. [with 'berpura-pura']
9. When s/he shops at the market s/he always feels **swindled**.
10. Police arrested two **con-artists** / **swindlers** who were operating at the airport.