

ter- and ke-an verbs with accidental or unpleasant meaning.

Ter- is used with some transitive verbs to show that something is done accidentally, or involuntarily.

Buku itu **terbawa** oleh Jono. The book was taken by Jono by mistake.
Kopi saya **terminum** oleh Siti. My coffee was drunk by Sri by mistake.

Here the 'ter-' verb is like a 'di-' verb: *dibawa, diminum*. But it has an additional piece of meaning: that the action happened accidentally or involuntarily.

Sometimes the Actor is not mentioned, when it is obvious or unimportant. E.g.

Saya **tertipu!** I've been tricked! [i.e. by someone]
Dia **tertangkap** kemarin. S/he was arrested yesterday. [i.e. by the police]

Ke-an makes many verbs that mean: something unpleasant or unwanted happens.

Some mean: to suffer from an action. Examples:

Saya **kehilangan** tas. I lost my bag. i.e. suffered the *hilang* of it. [*hilang*: to vanish, disappear]
Rina **kematian** adik. Rina's sibling died, i.e. Rina suffered the *mati* of her sibling. [*mati*: to die]
Rusli **kejatuhan** kelapa. Rusli was hit by a falling coconut (i.e. suffered the *jatuh* of it. [*jatuh*: to fall])

Some *ke-an* verbs are from an adjective. They mean to suffer intensely from the state described by the adjective. Examples:

Anak itu **kelaparan**. That child is **starving**. [cf. *lapar*: hungry]
Mereka **keedinginan**. They felt **freezing**. [cf. *dingin*: cold]
Ali **ketakutan**. Ali was **terrified**. [cf. *takut*: afraid]

Some are based on a noun. They mean to suffer from the thing mentioned. E.g.

Saya **kehujan** tadi pagi. I was **caught in the rain** this morning. [*hujan* = rain]
Ida (bangun) **kesiangan**. Ida **woke up late** [i.e. was caught by *siang*]
Jakarta sering **kebanjiran**. Jakarta is often **flooded**. [*banjir* = a flood]

Exercise 1. Say it with a ter- verb to show it is 'accidental'.

(Mention the Actor IF marked with [A], otherwise don't mention it.)

bawa (take) **minum** (drink) **tinggal** (stay behind) **singgung** (to touch) **bawa** (take)
pakai (use) **tipu** (trick) **luka** (to injure) **tangkap** (arrest)

1. **Buku saya terbawa oleh Jono** Jono took my book. [A]
2. _____ Ani left this mobile phone behind [A]
3. _____ ! You' ve been tricked!
4. _____ Rina's using my pen. [A]
5. Jangan _____ , ya? Don't feel insulted, okay?
6. _____ Nia drank Yudi's tea. [A]
7. _____ Someone' s taken my book!
8. _____ . Susy's hurt her leg.
9. _____ tadi malam. She was arrested last night.

Exercise 2 Use a *ke-an* verb from each verb below:

mati **jatuh** **kurang** **habis** **hilang**

1. Rina **kehilangan uang** tadi pagi. [lost her money]
2. Desa itu sudah _____ . [run out of clean water]
3. _____ . [Tomi's child died.].
4. Daerah itu _____ [has a shortage of rice.]
5. Ari _____ . [was hit by a falling rock [*batu*].]

Exercise 3. Insert a *ke-an* verb from each adjective or noun below

lapar **panas** **siang** **takut** **hujan** **dingin** **malam** **banjir**

1. Anwar **keinginan tadi malam** . [was freezing last night]
2. _____ [Tuti felt overcome by heat].
3. Banyak anak _____ [are famished there]
4. _____ melihat ular itu. [Ari was terrified]
5. Mereka _____ di hutan. [were caught by darkness]
6. Jalanan di Jakarta _____ . [are often flooded]
7. Dewi _____ [was caught in the rain earlier]
8. Iwan _____ [often sleeps in]

Answer Key

Exercise 1: 2) Ponsel ini (or HP ini) tertinggal oleh Ani. 3) Kamu tertipu! 4) Pena saya terpakai oleh Rina. 5) Jangan tersinggung, ya? 6) Teh Yudi terminum oleh Nia. 7) Buku saya terbawa! 8) Kaki Susy terluka. 9) Dia tertangkap tadi malam.

Exercise 2: 2) kehabisan air bersih 3) Tomi kematian anaknya. 4) kekurangan beras 5) kejatuhan batu.

Exercise 3: 2) Tuti kepanasan. 3) yang kelaparan di sana. 4) Ari ketakutan 5) Mereka kemalaman 6) sering kebanjiran 7) kehujanan tadi. 8) sering (bangun) kesiangan