Did you know?

When greeting each other, Indonesians use their right hand to shake. Using the left hand or not shaking at all is considered impolite.

One important word used is “selamat” (slarmat). Remember the “a” makes an “ar” sound. This means to wish someone well or the best in what they are doing.

It is important to be polite when starting a conversation with asking how people are etc before launching into the core business.

What time is it?

Have a look at the clocks below to see more uses of the word “selamat”. Draw a line from the expression to the correct clock

- 6am- 11am  
  selamat pagi

- 11 am -3pm  
  selamat siang

- 3pm- 6pm  
  selamat sore

- 6pm - 6am  
  selamat malam
**More Selamat**

Selamat datang...... welcome  
Selamat jalan ....... goodbye to the person going  
Selamat tinggal ..... goodbye to the person staying  
Selamat makan ..... enjoy your meal  
Selamat tidur ....... sleep well

**Other Greetings**

Apa kabar? .......... How are you?  
Baik...................... Good  
Baik-baik saja......... Just fine  
Biasa saja ................ not bad  
Kurang baik............ not well

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**Let's have a chat**

Budi and Arial are having a conversation. Can you translate this English conversation to Indonesian?

Brett: Good morning Arial  
Arial: Good morning Brett, How are you?  
Brett: Good, How are you?  
Arial: Just fine  
Brett: Goodbye Arial  
Arial: Goodbye Brett

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**Now you have a go!**

Brett: ..................................................  
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