

Chapter 7

GENERAL AFFIXES

The affixes included in this section have various functions which are explained under the heading of each individual affix.

7.1 **Se-** (i) **Introduction**

Se-, a shortened form of *esa* [one], is an adjectival and adverbial prefix. *Esa* is rare, used only in set expressions such as *Tuhan yang Maha Esa* [The one and only God]. The common form of "one" is *satu*. Because *se-* derives from a word meaning "one" it carries the meaning of "oneness", "equality", or "unity" in most of its active uses.

7.1 **Se-** (ii) **Affixed to nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs**

Se- may be prefixed to nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs roots. The first set of examples show *se-* affixed to nouns.

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| 1. <i>Baljit tinggal serumah dengan Ranjit.</i>
Baljit lives in the same house (one house) with Ranjit. | 1. <i>Nyoman tinggal serumah dengan Wayan.</i>
Nyoman lives in the same house (one house) with Wayan. |
| 2. <i>Surinder seumur dengan Saroja.</i>
Surinder is the same age (one age) as Saroja. | 2. <i>Maringan seumur dengan Astuti.</i>
Maringan is the same age (one age) as Astuti. |
| 3. <i>Apa guru Nazir kata serupa dengan apa kata guru kita kata.</i>
What Nazir's teacher said is the same as what our teacher said. | 3. <i>Apa kata guru Nazir serupa dengan apa kata guru kita.</i>
What Nazir's teacher said is the same as what our teacher said. |

When *se-* is prefixed to verb roots it may show equality or unity. In Utterance 4, *tuju* means "to aim for" or "to head in a particular direction" and *pendapat* means "opinion". *Setuju* means "in agreement" or "having the same aim" or "direction" and *sependapat* means "having the same opinion".