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# Arabic and English Loan Words in Bahasa: Implications for Foreign Language Pedagogy

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#### **Abstract**

Many Arab students are currently pursuing their education at Malaysian institutions, and they have to study Bahasa Malaysia as a university requirement to be able to communicate with people in the local community. Therefore, this study aims to help Arab students learn Bahasa easily as Bahasa contains many loan words from Arabic and English. This article gives Arab students examples of Arabic and English loan words with which they are familiar and shows them the different phonological adaptations of Arabic and English loan words in Bahasa as the Arabic, English and Bahasa sound systems are different. A corpus of non-technical Malay words that are commonly encountered in public places in Malaysia was collected and analyzed. A contrastive analysis of Arabic and Malay, and English and Malay phonological systems was performed. Different homogenization processes are applied to Arabic and English loan words depending on the differences between Arabic and Malay, and English and Malay. Examples of Arabic loan words in Malay are: menara, Sabtu, Ahad, Akhir, tahniya. Examples of English loan words in Bahasa are: stesen, kelab, tren, kompleks, imigresen, destinasi. Further implications for learning Bahasa Malaysia by Arab students are given.

#### Introduction

Malay is a western subfamily of Western Malayo-Polynesian languages. It is the national language of Malaysia, Indonesia, and Brunei, and is spoken in East Timor, Singapore, and parts of Thailand. In Malaysia, it is referred to as Bahasa Malaysia, Malaysian or Bahasa Melayu. In Indonesia, it is refereed as Bahasa Indonesia or Indonesian, and in Singapore and Brunei, it is called Bahasa Melayu. In Indonesia, it is spoken by 43 million people as a native language and by another 156 million as a second language. In Malaysia, it is spoken by 80% of the population (total population 27.761 million); 437,479 people in Brunei; and 22% of the population in Singapore (total population 4,966,614 million).

Malay language has many borrowings from numerous languages such as Sanskrit, Tamil, Hindi, Persian, Portuguese, Dutch, Mandarin, Javanese, Hokkien, Greek and Latin. In addition, Modern Malay loanwords primarily come from Arabic and English, because Arabic is the language of the Islamic religion (61.3% of the population are Muslim). English borrowings especially are scientific and technological term, because Malaysia was colonized by the British for a long time, English is now a second language and has a lot of influence in Malaysia, being an international language, the language of specialization, language of advancements in science and technology, language of the commercial and business sectors, being the medium of instruction in the primary and secondary schools, and private colleges and universities.

Due to the prevalence of loan words from many languages in Bahasa Malaysia, and dominance of Arabic and English loan words, a review of the literature has shown a limited number of

studies that investigated loan words in Bahasa Malaysis, in general, and Arabic and English loan words, in particular, such as a comparative study of Arabic Loan-words in Malay (Abdul Jabbar Beg (1983); the historical development of Bahasa Indonesia, and Bahasa Malaysia (Bostock, 1994); English borrowings in Indonesian real estate advertisement from a linguistic and sociolinguistic perspective (Setiono, 1998); loan-words in Indonesian and Malay (Jones, 2007); and English loan words in selected Bahasa Melayu newspaper articles (Binti Haja Mohideen, 2006).

The literature review showed lack of studies that analyzed Arabic and English loan words phonologically to identify their phonological and semantic adaptations. Therefore, this study aims to analyze a sample of Arabic and English loan words in Bahasa Malaysia from a phonological and a semantic perspective to help Arab students pursuing their education at Malaysian universities in learning Bhasa Malaysia, help them acquire hundreds of English and Arabic words borrowed into Bahasa Malaysia effortlessly, give them some language learning tips on how to locate and compile those loan words, and understand the phonological, semantic and morphological adaptations that have taken place

#### **Methods**

#### **Subjects**

Students targeted in the present study are Arab students studying at Malaysian universities, at the undergraduate, and graduate levels who intend to study Bahasa Malaysia as a foreign language.

#### **Data Collection**

Arabic and English loan words in Bahasa Malaysia were collected by the author during her several visits to Malaysia from movie subtitles, street signs, train stations, airport, and newspaper headlines, shops and malls, from Jones's (2007), fromonline dictionaries and numerous Internet websites (see references). The Jones (2007) loan word list in Indonesian and Malay contain 386 Arabic loan words and 465 English loan words. The Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia (KBBI) Dictionary contains about 1,870 Arabic loan words. However, the author believes Bahasa has a lot more Arabic and English loan words than contained in the Jones' list and the KBBI dictionary. In addition, the author believes that loan words in resources should be verified by a native speaker of Arabic and a native speaker of English because native speakers of Bahasa may not recognize all the English and Arabic loan words in their language.

# The Bahasa Malaysia, Arabia and English Sound Systems

The consonant and vowel phonemes in the Bahasa Malaysia, Arabia and English are shown in Table 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. The Arabia and English sound systems were based on (Al-Jarf, 2011; Al-Jarf, 2003; Al-Jurf, 1995; Al-Jarf, 1994a; Al-Jarf, 1994b).

In Bahasa Malaysia, there are four digraphs: ng (eng), ny (nye), kh (kha) and sy (sya). The last two only appear in words of Arabic origin. The letters q, v, x, and z are used in loanwords from Europe and India.

# Sample of Malay Compounds Consisting of Arabic and English Loan Words

Bil akhir (at the end)	Buku nota = notebook	
Telafon umum (public phone)	kamus Inggeris = English dictionary	

#### Sample Arabic Loan Words in Malay

aba اب	khidmat خدمة

abadee ابدي	khinzir خنزير
abdi ==slave	khizaanah خزانة safe treasury cabinet closet
abiad /abyad ابيض	kirtas = ورق
abjad أبجدية alphabet/alefbet	kisah قصة story
adat عادة	kitab کتاب
adil عادل fair just	sacrifice قربان sacrifice
ahad الأحد sunday	kurun قرن
ahad واحد	maaf آسف sorry
ahli عضو أهلي community expert	maghrib مغرب
ahmak from أحمق	majles مجلس
ain عين	makbul مقبول fulfilled
akhbar اخبار news	makmal معمل laboratory
akhdar أخضر	mashhoor مشهور
Allah الله	mosque مسجد
aman امان	menara برج منارة
ana أنا	mesir مصر
arab عرب	poor مسکین
arbaa الأربعاء	religious teacher معلم mualim
ardi أرض	muamalat معاملات
arnab أَرْنَب rabbit	muflis مفلس bankrupt
askar عسكر soldier	muharam محرم
aswad أسود	goodwill محبة
awam عوام	mumkin ممکن
ayah اية	munaasib مناسب
azam عزم determination	hypocrite منافق
bab باب chapter	suitableمناسبة munasabah
badan بدن	mungkin ممکن possible
baghal بغل	musaafir مسافر
بيت bait	musim موسم
remainder leftover باقي baki	impossible مستحيل
berahim إبراهيم	jupiter كوكب المشتري jupiter
to build بنی bina بنی	mutamadمعتمد
sermon دعوة	muwaafakatموافقات
danial from دانیال	najis نجس excrement
اود daud /daut from داود	nasihat نصيحة advice
دولة dawlat	intention نیّة intention
dewan ديوان	nikah نکاح marriage
دين din	nikmat نقمة
dunia دنیا world	nisbah نسبة ratio
echa العشاء	nobat royal ensemble music
faham فهم	noktah نقطة full stop
falsafah فلسفة philosophy	nujum نجوم
fatah فتح	qamari قمري lunar
فضة fidah	rabu الأربعاء Wednesday
فکر fikir فکر	رمل ramal
fitnah فتنة slander	saat ثواني
had → limit	sabtu السبت Saturday

hadiah هدية gift	sabun صابون soap
haiwan / hewan حيو ان animal	safar/ صفر
hakim حاكلم judge	sahabat صحابة
hakim حَاكِم	salat aduher صلاة الظهر
halal באלט permitted	salji ثلج
haram حرام forbidden	snow ثلج salju / salji
haron هارون	sebab سبب
hayat حياة life	selamat safe well being
ال Hijrah هجرة	selasa الثلاثاء Tuesday
himar حمار	senayan الإثنين
hisab حساب counting/arithmetic	senin malaysian: "isnin" الإثنين monday
huruf حرف word character/letter	oifar صفر
ابراهیم Ibrahim	soal an أسئلة
ikrar إقرار	solat al fajr صلاة الفجر
اله ilah	solat asr صلاة العصر
ilmu علم knowledge	solat jumaat صلاة الجمعة
isim اسم	subuh الصبح
isnin indonesian: "senin" الإثنين Monday	syamsi / syamsu شمس
schedule جدول	syamsi / syamsu الشريعة Islamic Law
jawab / jawap to answer	syukur شکر thankful grateful
jawap an = اجوبة	طبیب tabib
jiran neighbour	tarikh تاريخ date
johor from جو هر	terjemah ترجم
jumat / jumaat الجمعة Friday	ujrah /ujrat أجرة أجر
jumlat جملة	wahid واحد
heart قلب kalbu	wakil وکیل
kamis / khamis الخميس Thursday	time وقت waktu
dictionary قاموس kamus from	Welayah ولاية
karim from کریم	yahudi يھودي
kemah / khemah tent	yaum يوم
chair stool کرسي kerusi / kursi	yunani يوناني
khalifah خليفة	zaitun زيتون olive
khamis الخميس	zarafah / zirafah / jerapah giraffe زرافة
khans خاص	zib from ذئب
	zuharah/ zuhrah /zuhrat الزهرة

# Sample of English Loan Words in Malay

actif = active	insiden = incident	perfileman = filming
actifcan = activity	inspirasi = inspiration	permit = permit
adaptasikan = to adapt	institusi = institution	persepsi = perception
agresif = aggressive	instrumen = instrument	personaliti = personality
ais = ice	insurans = insurance	pijama = pyjama/ pajama
aiskrim = ice cream	isu = issue	plasenta = placenta
akademi = academy	jeles = jealous	plastik = plastic
akaun = account	juru audit = auditor	polis = police
akauntan = accountant	kabin = cabin	politik = politic
aksesori = accessory	kabinet = cabinet	portfolio = portfolio

aksi = action	kad = card	nos – nost	
akstres = actress	kafe = café	pos = post posisi = position	
akta = act	kalendar = calendar	poskad = postcard	
aktif = active	kalsium = calcium	-	
	kamera = camera	potensimu praktikal = practical	
aktivitas / aktiviti activity			
aktiviti = activity	kampus = campus	prejudis = prejudice	
alternatif = alternative	kapten = captain	presiden = president	
ambulans = ambulance	kari = curry	preskripsi = prescription	
animasi = animation	karier = career	prinsip = principle	
antik = antic	karnival = carnival	privasi = privacy	
arkitek = architect	karton =carton	produk = product	
artikel = article	kartun = cartoon	produksi = production	
artis = artist	kartun =cartoon	profesor = professor	
aset = asset	kastam = custom	profil = profile	
asma = asthma	kasual = casual	program = program	
aspek = aspect	kaunseling = counseling	projek = project	
astrologi = astrology	kaunselor = counselor	promosi = promotion	
autograf = autograph	kaunter (counter, desk)	protes = protest	
automatik = automatic	kaunter = counter	protokol = protocol	
bag = beg	kek = cake	psikotik = psychotic	
bagasi = baggage	kelab = club	publisiti = publicity	
bajet = budget	kelas = class	rak = rack	
bakteria = bacteria	kemoterapi = chemotherapy	reaksi = reaction	
banglo = bungalow	kempen = campaign	realistik = realistic	
bank = bank	kes = case	rebat = rebate	
barbeku = barbeque	keunikan = uniqueness	receipt	
bas = bus	kimia = chemistry	referi = referee	
basikal = bicycle	klac = clutch	rekod = record	
bateri = battery	klasik = classic	rekreasi = recreation	
baucar = voucher	klassified = classified	reputasi = reputation	
bazar/ pasar = bazaar,	klien = client	restoran = restaurant	
market			
beralkohol = contains	kod = code	revolusi = revolution	
alcohol			
bergosip = gossiping	kolar = collar	rileks = relax	
berhalusinasi = hallucination	kolej = college	risiko = risk	
berkomunikasi =	koleksi = collection	robot = robot	
communicate			
berkualiti = with quality	kombinasi = combination	romantik = romantic	
bermekap = make up	komedi = comedy	ros = rose	
berus = brush	komen = comment	rutin = routine	
bil = bill	komersil = commercial	saderi = celery	
biologi = biology	komisen = commission	sains = science	
bir = beer	komitmen = commitment	saintifik = scientific	
biskit = biscuit	kompetitif = competitive	saiz = size	
biskuit / biskut biscuit	kompleks = complex	salun = salon	
bisnes = business	komposisi = composition	sampel = sample	
	nomposion – composition	Samper Sample	

blazer = blazer	kompulsif = compulsive	sedatif = sedative
blok = block	komputer = computer   segmen = segment	
bom = bomb	komunikasi = seksual = sexual	
	communication	
bos = boss	komuniti = community	sektor = sector
bot = boat	kondom = condom	sekuriti = security
botol = bottle	kondominium =	selipar = slippers
	condominium	Transfer of the state of the st
brokoli = broccoli	konfigurasi = configuration	sen = cent
buli = bully	konflik = conflict	senario = scenario
bus / bas bus	konkrit = concrete	senior = senior
but = boot	konkusi = concussion	sensasi = sensation
butik = boutique	konsep = concept	sensitif = sensitive
caj = charge	konsert = concert	sentral = central
carta = chart	konsisten = consistent	serius = serious
cili = chili	konspirasi = conspiracy	servis = service
data = data	kontena = container	sesi = session
defisit = deficit	kontrak = contract	set = set
deskriptif = descriptive	kontrol = control	simen = cement
destinasi = destination	kontroversi = controversy	simfoni = symphony
detektif = detective	kool = cool	simpati = sympathy
dialog = dialogue	koordinator = coordinator	simptom = symptom
dilema = dilemma	koperal = corporal	sindikasi = syndication
diproses = being processed	koperasi = cooperation	sirap = syrup
disiplin = discipline	kopi = coffee	siri = series
diskaun = discount	korporat = corporate	sistem = system
doktor = doctor	kos = cost	sistematik = systematic
dokumen = document	kosmik = cosmic	situasi = situation
dokumentari = documentary	kot = coat	skil = skill
domestik = domestic	koyote = coyote	skim = scheme
donat = donut	kreatif = creative	skop = scope
drebar = driver	krew = crew	skor = score
edisi = edition	krim = cream	skrip = script
efektif = effective	kristal = crystal	skuad = squad
ejen = agent	kriteria = criteria	sofa = sofa
ekonomi = economy	kuantiti = quantity	sos = sauce
eksekutif = executive	kubikel = cubicle	sosej = sausage
eksotik = exotic	kuiz = quiz	sosial = social
ekspres = express	kupon = coupon	spontan = spontaneous
ekstra = extra	label = label	stabil = stable
ekstrak = extract	lejer = ledger	stail = style
elektrik = electric	lesen = license	stesen = station
e-mel = email	limit = limit	stik = steak
emosi = emotion	lirik = lyric	stim = steam
empayar = empire	lobi = lobby	stok = stock
enjin = engine	lof = loaf	strategi = strategy
epal = apple	logik = logic	struktur = structure

epilog = epilog/ epilogue	lokasi = location	studio = studio
episod = episode	loker = locker	subjek = subject
etika = ethical	lori = lorry	subsidi = subsidy
fabrik = fabric	losyen = lotion	sup = soup
fail = file	loteri = lottery	suplemen = supplement
faksimili = facsimile	magik = magic	suspek = suspect
fakta = fact	maksimum = maximum	syaitan = satan
famili = family	mangga = mango	syampu = shampoo
farmasi = pharmacy	media = media	taip = type
fasa = phase	medikal = medical	taksi / teksi =taxi
fiksyen = fiction	mekanisme = mechanism	taktik = tactic
filem = film	memori = memory	tatu = tattoo
firma = firm	mengaplikasikan = application	teh = tea
fisioterapi = physiotherapy	mental = mental	teknik = technique
fius = fuse	mentaliti = mentality	teknologi = technology
fizik = physique/ physic	mesej = message	teksi = taxi
fizikal = physical	mesin = machine	tekstil = textile
flegma = phlegm	minit = minute	tekstur = texture
fleksibel = flexible	misi = mission	telefon = telephone
fokus = focus	model = model	televisyen = television
forum = forum	moden = modern	tema = theme
foto = photo	motif = motive	tenis = tennis
futuristik = futuristic	motivasi = motivation	teori = theory
galaksi = galaxy	motor = motor	terapi = therapy
galeri = gallery	motosikal = motorcycle	terma = term
garasi / garaj = garage	musik = music	terminal = terminal
gaun = gown	mutan = mutant	terminologi = terminology
gelas = glass	muzium = museum	tiket = ticket
generasi = generation	naïf = naïve	tol = toll
geng = gang	naratif =narrative	tomato = tomato
gerenti = guaranty	negatif = negative	tona = tone
global = global	nombor = number	topik = topic
globalisasi = globalization	normal = normal	tradisi = tradition
gol = goal	nota = note	tradisional = traditional
grafik =graphic	notis = notice	trafik = traffic
gril = grill	objektif = objective	trak = truck
hansem = handsome	operasi = operation	transformasi = transformation
harmoni = harmony	oren = orange	trauma = trauma
herba = herbal	orkestra = orchestra	troli = trolley
hobi = hobby	pakej = package	t-shirt = t-shirt
hospital = hospital	pam = pump	tuala = towel
ikon = icon	panel = panel	tuisyen = tuition
ilusi = illusion/ illustrate	panik = panic	unit = unit
imaginasi = imagination	paracut / parasut =parachute	universiti = university
imej = image	parasit = parasite	vaksin = vaccine
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impersonal = impersonal	park = park	van = van
impulsif = impulsive	parlimen = parliament	vel = veil
indikasi = indication	parlimen = parliament	versi = version
individu = individual	parti = party	video = video
industri = industry	pasar = bazaar	virus = virus
infiniti = infinity	pastri = pastry	visi = vision
informasi = information	pek = pack	wain = wine
inovasi = innovation	pelan = plan	wiski = whisky
inovatif = innovative	pensel = pencil	zon = zone
sekolah = school	pen = pen	

Tables 6, 7 and 8 show the phonological adaptations of Arabic and English Loan Words in Bahasa (Al-Jarf, 2011; Al-Jarf, 2003; Al-Jurf, 1995; Al-Jarf, 1994a; Al-Jarf, 1994b).

Morphologically, Malay suffixes are added to the base form of the Arabic loan word (jawaban answers), and Bhasa Malaysia noun suffixes to some English loan words as in destin-asi (destination); inform-asi (information).

Semantically, most Arabic loanwords in Bhasa Malaysia have retained the same meanings as in the Arabic language except for few words that have acquired a new meaning such as menara which means tower in modern Bhasa Malaysia but means minaret or beacon in Arabic. In few cases, the meaning of the Arabic loan word in Malay has been narrowed due to absorbing only one meaning of the loan word which has several meanings in Arabic as in dewan which means hall in Malay, but means board, council, assembly, body, senate in Arabic. Unlike Arabic, English loan words have the same meaning in Malay and English.

Table 1. The Malay Sound System

		Labial	Dental	Alveolar	Post-alveolar/ Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal		<u>m</u>		<u>n</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>n</u>	
Stop/	voiceless	<u>p</u>		<u>t</u>	$\widehat{\underline{\mathfrak{tf}}}$	<u>k</u>	( <u>3</u> )
Affricate	voiced	<u>b</u>		<u>d</u>	<u>d3</u>	<u>g</u>	
Approximant	central				i	W	
	lateral			<u>1</u>			
Fricative	voiceless	( <u>f</u> )	( <u>θ</u> )	<u>s</u>	(1)	( <u>x</u> )	<u>h</u>
	voiced	( <u>v</u> )	( <u>ð</u> )	( <u>z</u> )		( <u>y</u> )	
Trill				<u>r</u>			

Source: Malay Languange (Wikipedia)

Table 2. Vowel Phonemes of Standard Malay

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Mid	e	Э	0
Open		a	

Source: Malay Languange (Wikipedia)

Table 3. Borrowed Arabic Consonants in Bahasa Malaysia

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Distinct	Assimilated	Example
/ <b>x</b> /	/k/. /h/	khabar, kabar "news"

/ <u>v</u> /	/g/, / <u>r</u> /	ghaib, raib "hidden"
/ <u>ð</u> /	/ <u>d</u> /, / <u>l</u> /	redha, rela "good will"
$/\mathbf{Z}^{\varsigma}/$	/ <u>l</u> /, / <u>z</u> /	lohor, zuhur "noon (prayer)"
/ <u>\$</u> /	/ <u>3</u> /	saat, sa'at "second (time)"

Source: Malay Languange (Wikipedia)

Table 4. The English Sound System

English consonants	/p/ - /b/- /d/- /k/ - /g/ - /ts/ - dj/ - /f/ - /v/ - /Th/ - /TH/ - /s/ - /z/ - /vision - /l/- /m/- /n/ - /ng/ - /h/ - /w/ - /y
English vowels	/a/, /e/, /i/, /u/, /I/- /e/ - /oo/ - /a:/
English diphthongs	/ev/ - /iv/ - /ow/- /uw/- /av/- /aw/- /ov/ - /ie/

Source: Malay Languange (wikipedia)

Table 5. The Arabic Sound System

Arabic Consonants	/b/- /t/- /d/- /T/- /D/ / k/ - /q/- /?/- /f/- /X/- /ニ/ - /9/- /h/- /T/- /D/ -
	/D5/ - /s/ -/z/- /S/ - /dj/ - /r/ - /l/ - /m/ - /n/- /w/ - /y/
Arabic Vowels	/i/ - /ii/ - /u/ - /uu/ - /a/ - /aa/
Arabic Diphthongs	/aw/ - /ay/
Arabic alphabet	أبت ثج ح خد ذر زسش صض طظع غف ق ك ل م
	ن ه و ي ء

Source: Malay Languange (Wikipedia)

# Phonological Adaptations of Arabic Loan Words In Bahasa

1 monorogram rump monorogram or rum mono zomn (v or monorogram)
<ul> <li>Bahasa plural suffix addition:</li> <li>Jawab-an إجابة جواب answer</li> </ul>
2) Consonant substitution: /ك by /s/:  o Isnin ( يوم الاثنين Monday)
3) Consonant substitution: /ح/ by /h/:
4) Consonant substitution: /خ/ by /kh/:  o Akhir خير last
5) Consonant substitution: /ص/ by /s/:  o Asabiah (عصبية)
<ul> <li>6) Consonant substitution: /ك /by /s/:</li> <li>o Sabur عبر patience</li> </ul>
7) Consonant substitution: /ض/ by /d/:  o Abyad أبيض White
8) Consonant substitution: /ض/ by /z/:  o ziya (ضياء light)
9) Consonant substitution: /ك by /t/:  o Atar (عطر perfume)
10) Consonant substitution: /ظ/ by /z/:  o Zahiri (ظاهري)
Consonant substitution: /خ/ by /g/:  o galib (غالب)

- 11) Consonant substitution: /ق/ by /k/:
  - o Qadir (قدير)
- 12) Consonant Substitution: glottal stop by /a/:
  - o Masalah (مسألة issue)
- 13) Consonant Substitution: glottal stop by /y/:
  - o Tahniya (تهنئة)
- 14) Consonant Substitution: /ɛ/ by /k/ in word final position:
  - o Jamek (جامع)
- 15) Consonant substitution:  $\xi$  to a
  - o adas (lentils); Adala (عدالة); adil (just); adat (عادة)
- 16) Consonant substitution: ∠ T to t
  - o aflaton (Plato)
- 17) Consonant substitution  $_{\mathcal{L}}$ H to h:
  - o Ahad (Sunday);Ahadiyat (unity) أحادية
- 18) Diphthong reduction to single vowel: ay to e:
  - o Medan (مجال ميدان field)
- 19) Long vowel shortening:
  - o Dewan (قاعة ديوان hall)
- 20) Final consonant addition:
  - o Adat (عدالة; habit); adalat (عدالة; justice).
- 21) Final vowel insertion to break final consonant cluster ending with t:
  - O Wagt-u (قت stime); Sabt-u (السبت Saturday).
- 22) Geminated consonant reduction to single consonant:
  - o asabiah (عصبية)
- 23) Medial consonant insertion (n & b):
  - ♦ Adnan (adn عدن Eden); absah (أصحّ )
- 24) Same pronunciation
  - o Aman (آمن أمان secure, safe); takaful (ننيا solidarity); wakil ( وكيل agent); dunia (ننيا agent); dunia (ننيا
- 25) Substitution of glottal stop with by a:
  - o Masalah (مسألة issues)
- 26) Substitution of & with a:
  - o Adala
- 27) Vowel /u/ insertion to break final consonant cluster:
  - o Sabur (صبر patience)
- 28) Vowel change:
  - o Atar (عطر perfume); menara (منارة tower)

# Phonological Adaptations Of English Loan Words In Bahasa

Change sh > s & change vowel:

o Stesen (station); imigresen (immigration)

# Change stress position

○ *Kompleks (complex)* 

# Change vowel quality (use a instead of u)

o Bas (bus)

# Consonant devoicing (v to f)

• Adiktif (addictive); aglitinatif (agglutinative); ajufan (ajuvant);

# Consonant devoicing: v to f

Interactif (interactive); atraktif (attractive);

#### Final consonant clusters reduction to a single consonant

 Produk (product); statistic (statistics); managmen (management); restoran (restaurant); , ogos (august), absorben (absorbent); amaun (amount) ekonomi

# Reduction of yu to u

o Akurasi (accuracy)

# Same pronunciation (no change)

o Komputer, elektronik, fokus, university, sians, geografi, local

#### Shorten vowel

o Tren (train), trek (track)

# Substitute I with r & sh with s

o Inggeris (English)

#### Substitution of ch with t

Akupunctur (acupuncture);

#### Substitution of e with i

o Autintisit<u>as</u> (authenticity)

# Substitution of ey with a

• Aglutinat (agglutinate)

# Substitution of f with p

○ Autotrop (autotroph); kope (coffee)

# Substitution of j sound with g sound

o Teknoogi (technology); energi (energy)

#### Substitution of sh with s

• Nasional (national); tradsional (traditional); avanalns (avalanche)

#### Substitution of suffix –tion with -si

• Konsumsi (consumption); produksi (production); imigrasi (ommigration); infeksi (infection); destinasi (destination); informasi (information)

#### Substitution of th with t

o Agatis (agathis); Autintisitas (authenticity); antitesis (antithesis)

#### Substitution of v with f

Interactif (interactive); atraktif (attractive)

# Suffix substitute by Bahasa Suffix

• Destinasi (destination); Imigrasi (immigration)

#### Vowel e insertion to break consonant cluster

o Kelab (club) gelas (glass)

# **Examples of English Loan Words in Bahasa That Only Differ in Spelling**

science (sains); geography (geografi), university (universiti); college (kolej); psychology (psikologi); economy (ekonomi); sociology (sosiologi); counter (Kaunter); computer (Komputer); television (televisyen).

# **Implications For Language Learning By Arab Students**

Finding Arabic and English loan words in Bahasa will help Arab college students discover that they already know some Bahasa Malaysia vocabulary (pronunciation and meaning) by recognizing Arabic and English cognates. This will help the students learn Bahasa Malaysia faster and the students will have more time to focus on the structure of the language. The following are some tip that will facilitate the learning of Bahasa Malaysia with regards to the Arabic and English loan words in it.

# Loanwords can help the student learn Bahasa

The student can find Arabic and English loan words in Malay that are familiar to him/her and which he/she can understand easily without translating. The student will be surprised at how much he/she can understand from shared Arabic-Malay and English-Malay vocabulary. However, some aspects need to be considered such as: Not all the words that look similar are loanwords (saat means seconds, not hour as it is the case in Arabic). What makes the matter even more difficult is that not all loanwords are pronounced or spelled exactly in the same way and thus the student may not recognize them right away as in tuisyen; musytari; syamsi; syamsu; syukur; televisyen; fiksyen; syampu; losyen; simpati; psikotik; syukur; Isnin; Sabur; ziya, kelab; dakwah; kelas; solat; jamek due to the phonological and spelling changes they have undergone.

# Where to Look for Arabic and English loanwords in Bahasa

Looking for loanwords can help the student get a jumpstart on his/her Malay language because he/she will get a lot of vocabulary effortlessly. To find shared words between Arabic and Malay, and English and Malay, the student can do the following: (1) search the web for loanwords from Arabic and English in Malay; (2) find lists of loan words in Malay on Wikipedia; (3) There are also some specific websites that contain loanwords in Malay; (4) Read signs in the malls, trains stations, airport, university, streets, restaurants, menus...etc. and write down words that he/she can see; (5) Read the sample list of Arabic and English loan words in the Appendix of this article. (3) Perform a loan word analysis taking into consideration the phonological adaptation rules of Arabic and English loan words in Malay shown in Tables 6, 7, & 8. This way, the student can expand his/her repertoire of vocabulary in Malay by identifying English and Arabic words. Remember that when languages borrow words from other languages, they modify the pronunciation and sometimes the meaning of the word in the source language, in addition to adding the recipient language suffixes to the borrowed words. For example, the Arabic loan word 'menara' in Bahasa means 'tower', whereas in Arabic it means 'minaret & beacon'. Likewise, 'dewan' in Bahasa means 'hall', but in Arabic it has several meanings such as 'board, council, assembly, body, senate'. (4)Being the language of Islam and knowing that 62% of Malay people are Muslim, Malay has many Arabic Islamic words such as: Suhoor, Solat صلاة; Zakat; Ediful Fitr; Eidul Adha; Ziarah الحج; omrah; fitnah; halal; haram; Korban; Allah; ayah; munafik; najis (See Sample Arabic loan word list in the Appendix). (5) Different homogenization processes are applied to English and Arabic loan words depending on the differences between Arabic and Bahasa, and English and Bahasa sound systems, syllable structure and morphological systems. Those are explained in detail in sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 above. (6) Familiarize yourself with the sounds that do not exist in Malay

especially the Arabic consonant sounds in Table 3 and English long vowels. (7) Familiarize yourself with the Malay alphabet and spelling system and how some letter combinations are pronounced as in sye & sya in televisyen; fiksyen; syampu; losyen which are pronounced /sh/

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