

You can't please everybody

Answers

LINKS TO:

Stage 2, Module 10

Learning Object 3: I agree

Exercise 1

Sample answers:

1.1 Kriket adalah olahraga yang menyenangkan.

Peter Kriket adalah olahraga yang sangat menarik. Pada musim panas ada pertandingan setiap akhir minggu. Bermain kriket menyenangkan sekali.

Ardi Aku setuju! Kriket adalah olahraga yang sangat menarik.

Tono Aku sama sekali tidak setuju! Kriket sangat membosankan dan aturan mainnya terlalu sulit untuk dimengerti.

Peter Memang aturan kriket lebih banyak daripada hockey, tetapi aku masih suka banget sama kriket.

1.2 Jack Thompson aktor yang sangat meyakinkan.

Peter Jack Thompson adalah aktor yang sangat hebat. Filmnya semua menarik dan menyenangkan.

Ardi Saya tidak setuju! Kamu salah! Jack Thompson pemain film yang kurang baik. Aku lebih suka Johnny Depp.

Tono Aku setuju denganmu! Jack Thompson tidak keren.

Peter Jangan salah lho! Jack Thompson sangat terkenal dan gagah.

1.3 Vegemite adalah makanan yang sehat dan enak.

Peter Vegemite makanan yang sehat dan enak sekali.

Ardi Ih! Vegemite sama sekali tidak enak!

Tono Jangan salah! Vegemite enak sekali. Aku makan Vegemite dengan roti panggang setiap pagi.

Ardi Ih! Enggak bisa saya makan!

Exercise 2
2.1 What are the three contributions about?
2.1.1 Contribution 1:

This opinion states that Indonesian movies are the best and that Rano Karno is a talented actor. The reader does not like American films and feels the magazine should devote more attention to Indonesian films.

2.1.2 Contribution 2:

This reader thanks the magazine for its recent article on the former Indonesian badminton champion, Susi Susanti, who won a gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, and now gives up much of her time to pass on her knowledge and skills to the next generation of young badminton players.

2.1.3 Contribution 3:

This reader thanks the magazine for the Spanish spaghetti recipe in the July edition of the magazine. She has asked the magazine to provide some recipes which use tofu as the main ingredient.

2.2 Would you say that the overall tone of each contribution is positive or negative?

Sample answers:

2.2.1 Contribution 1:

The general tone of this contribution is negative. Although the writer is praising Indonesian movies as *terbagus* (the best) and saying that *Rano Karno adalah seorang aktor yang paling hebat* (Rano Karno is a really good actor), the writer also says that American movies are *kurang begitu menarik* (not all that interesting) and that the magazine should write more about Indonesian movies.

This tells me that perhaps the magazine has concentrated on articles about American movies, when the writer of the contribution would prefer articles about the Indonesian film industry.

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2.2.2 Contribution 2:

The tone of this contribution is positive. The writer thanks the magazine for the article and uses expressions such as *sangat hebat* (really awesome) and *rendah hati* (humble) to describe her perceptions of Susi Susanti and her work with the next generation of young badminton stars. This tells me that she really enjoyed reading it.

2.2.3 Contribution 3:

The tone of this contribution is generally positive. The writer thanks the magazine for the *spaghetti ala Spanyol* recipe. Although the adjective *aneh* (strange) appears in the contribution, this is just the writer's mother's opinion. The writer thought that the recipe was *lezat* (delicious) and would like to see additional recipes published that use tofu as the main ingredient.

2.3 Who do you think is the target audience of the magazine?

I think the magazine is aimed at teenage girls, because it covers a wide range of topics of interest to this age group (for example, movies, sports stars, and recipes). Also, all the 'Letters to the Editor' are from teenage girls, giving me another reason to think that this is the target market.

Exercises 3

3.1 Does your family eat any food item that might be considered *sangat tidak enak* by an Indonesian?

We all love Vegemite in our house. We spread it thickly on our toast in the morning and sometimes even use it in our sandwiches for lunch. Because it is a dark colour and has a strong smell and taste, it may be considered *sama sekali tidak enak* by Indonesians, even though Indonesians normally like salty foods.

3.2 Based on your knowledge of Indonesian culture, if you asked your Indonesian guest if they liked the food you suggested in 3.1 above, how do you think they would answer?

I think that even if they thought Vegemite was *sama sekali tidak enak* they would be too polite to say this. They would probably evade the question and give a vague answer, such as *Saya kurang suka rasanya. Dibuat dari apa?* (I'm not sure about the taste. What is it made from?) After being informed of the ingredients, they might then justify their distaste for the product in terms of not liking the ingredients that constitute Vegemite.

For example:

Saya kurang suka bahannya.

I don't really like the ingredients.