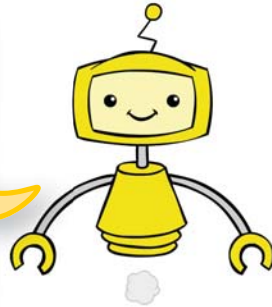


Thanks for everything

I absolutely love getting gifts. The more the better! Whenever I receive a gift or someone does something nice for me, it never seems enough to just say thank you. My dear old mum always says you need to thank people properly. Peter, Anna, our master class for good manners is about to begin! You'd better pay attention!



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Learning Object 4: Are there other ways of being?

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How to say thank you

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Every day we find ourselves making decisions about the language we choose, and questioning whether our choices are appropriate.

When making these language choices in Indonesian, you need to think about the person's age, status and the formality of the situation.

Since arriving in Jakarta, many people have helped Peter and Anna to settle in to their new surroundings. Peter and Anna have accepted many invitations to explore the city and all it has to offer. Along the way, they have also received some very special welcome gifts.

Peter and Anna know that it is appropriate to thank their close friends via a phone call, text message or an email. The thank-you message to friends in these forms uses 'everyday spoken', 'informal' and 'colloquial' language.

There are times when a more formal thank you is needed, such as a letter or a card.

Peter and Anna have experienced situations where they were confused about what to do. If you ever find yourself in a situation where you are unsure of how to thank someone, follow the simple rule of using more formal language with elders, teachers and unfamiliar adults, and informal language with people your own age or younger.

Note:

It is becoming more popular in Indonesia to give someone a gift as a way of expressing thanks, rather than writing a formal letter or note.

Exercise 1

In Module 5, Learning Object 2, *Anna's wish*, the Smart family accepted a dinner invitation from the company president and his wife.

After the dinner, Anna and Peter wrote a thank-you letter to the company president. As you look closely at the features of the thank-you letter, you will notice that there are many similarities to, and a few differences from, the way Australian thank-you letters are written.

Read the following letter.

Place and date	Jakarta, 20 Februari 2011
Purpose of the letter	Hal: Ucapan Terima Kasih
Addressee's name with appropriate title	Yth. Bapak Hassan Tobing Presiden Direktur PT Oz-Indo Logistik Jalan Puri Emas 123A Jakarta Barat 11610
Salutation	Bapak Hassan yang terhormat,
Outline specific reasons for gratitude	Atas nama keluarga kami, Peter dan saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih atas undangan makan malam di Restoran Gloria Sabtu malam. Kami benar-benar senang bertemu Anda dan istri Anda serta menikmati santapan yang sangat lezat Peter dan saya telah penggemar Jacki Topp untuk waktu yang lama dan sangat bersemangat untuk bertemu dengannya. Terima kasih untuk memperkenalkan dirinya kepada kami. Kami akan selalu menghargai tanda tangan dan foto bersamanya. Kami berdua sangat berterima kasih pula atas dua tiket untuk menonton film Jacki Topp baru. Kami sudah menonton film itu dan benar-benar menyukainya.
Conclude by reiterating your thanks	Sekali lagi, terima kasih atas semuanya.
Complimentary close	Hormat kami,
Full name of sender/s	Anna dan Peter Smart

Use the information in the text above to answer the following questions.

1.1 Describe the register used in this thank-you letter.

Support your answer with examples from the text.

1.2 Explain why Peter and Anna have used this register when writing their thank-you letter.

1.3 Look at your answer to Exercise 1.2. What does this reveal about the relationship between the sender and the receiver?

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1.4 What are the similarities to and the differences from the way a thank-you letter is written in Indonesian and in English?

1.5 Do you think the company representative would be pleased with Anna and Peter's thank-you letter?

Give specific examples from the text to support your answer.

Exercise 2

Read the thank-you letter again and answer the questions.

2.1 When and where did the dinner take place?

2.2 Do you think Anna and Peter enjoyed the dinner? Why? Why not?

Justify your answer using specific examples from the text.

Exercise 3



All of this talk about good manners has Peter and Anna thinking about how they should thank Nina for the hockey tickets she gave them to the local league match.

3.1 Help Peter and Anna create a thank-you message to Nina.

Use the space below to write your answer.

3.2 Look at the thank-you message you wrote on behalf of Peter and Anna and answer the following questions.

3.2.1 What text type have you chosen to use for your thank-you message?

3.2.2 Why did you choose this text type to deliver your thank you?

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3.2.3 Compare the thank-you message you wrote to Nina and the one Peter and Anna wrote to the company representative. What are the similarities and what are the differences?

3.2.4 If Peter and Anna had used the same text type to thank the company president as the one chosen for Nina, how do you think they would be perceived by the company president and his wife?
