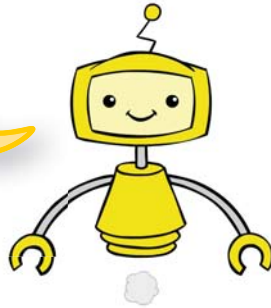


Writing a recount

In this learning object you helped Peter add a recount and poem to the visitors' book about his time in Sekarsari. Now it is time to practise writing a recount of your own. Let's get started.



LINKS TO:

Stage 2, Module 18
Learning Object 4: Visitors' book

PRIOR LEARNING:

Stage 2

- Module 12 Work Sheet 1: *The daring adventures of fantastic Zak*
- Module 17 Work Sheet 1: *Sightseeing in Sekarsari*
- Module 17 Work Sheet 2: *An excerpt from the book of Zak*



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You have already learnt about writing a recount in Module 17. A recount is a type of narrative. It has the following features:

- It is told in the past tense.
- It is written in first person plural (*we*), or first person singular (*I*).
- It features linking words, such as *first*, *then*, *afterwards* and *later*, that help the reader follow the order of events.

The structure of a recount includes:

- an orientation, in which the context of the story is established
- a body, in which the events are related in chronological order
- a conclusion, which may include a reflective comment on the events

Remember that to retell events in the past tense in Indonesian, all that is required is either the past tense marker, *sudah*, or the use of time expressions such as *kemarin* (yesterday), which indicate when the action took place.

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Exercises

Exercise 1

Now it is time to use some of the skills you have learnt in this module to write a recount. When Zak visited Australia he decided to join some other tourists as they climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge. He was enjoying himself until he encountered an unexpected gust of wind.

Imagine that you are Zak and write a recount of the experience from Zak's viewpoint.

The first step is to decide on the basic elements that will be included in your recount by answering the following questions, in English.

1.1 WHO? Who is the narrator of the recount? Who are the other people who will be mentioned in the recount?

1.2 **WHAT? What is the recount about?**

1.3 **WHEN? When did the trip take place?**

1.4 **WHERE? Where is the destination? Are there any other places you will include in your recount (such as where you set out from)?**

1.5 **WHY? Why is the recount about the destination or the trip interesting for the reader?**

1.6 The introduction to a recount is a paragraph that provides context for the reader, usually by stating the 'who, what, when, where and why' of the story: all the details you have worked out in the steps above.

Based on the planning you have completed above, write the introduction to your recount, in Indonesian. Remember that you need to write your recount in past tense, and in the first person (either plural or singular).
