

## LINKS TO:

Stage 2, Module 1

Learning Object 2: A pack of welcomes

## Exercise 1

Sample answers:

- 1.1 Provide an appropriate title for the passage in Indonesian. Explain in English why you have chosen this title.**

A suitable name for this passage would be 'Sistem Sekolah Di Indonesia'. This is because the focus of the passage is about the primary school, junior high school and senior high school education system in Indonesia.

- 1.2 According to the passage, what aspects of Indonesia's education system are similar to those of Australia and the USA?**

According to the passage, the aspect of the Indonesian education system that is similar to both Australia and the USA is that students must study for six years to complete their primary school phase of education.

- 1.3 How is the Indonesian school year structured? Is this similar to or different from the Australian school year?**

The Indonesian school year is divided into two semesters. The first semester is from July until December and the second semester is from January until June. The school year for most areas of Australia is also divided into two semesters; however, unlike Indonesia, our first semester is from January until June and second semester is from July until December. In other words, our academic year begins in January, whereas the Indonesian academic year begins in July.

- 1.4 How is information provided in Exercise 1 different from the information given at the beginning of this work sheet?**

The passage written in Indonesian has a different focus from the passage written in English. It is simply a summary of the three stages (primary, junior high and senior high) of the Indonesian education system. The passage in English goes into more detail about some of the interesting aspects of the Indonesian

education system such as the flag-raising ceremony and the Scout Movement. It also explores the issue of the drop-out rate during the compulsory years of Indonesian schooling and some of the reasons for this problem.

- 1.5 How does senior high school in Indonesia (SLTA) cater for the diverse needs of students?**

In Indonesia there are two types of senior high school. The first of these is Sekolah Menengah Atas (SMA), which follows an academic curriculum preparing students for further study in tertiary institutions. The second is Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan (SMK), which follows a vocational curriculum and prepares students for the workforce.

- 1.6 Would you choose to study at an SMA or SMK if you were to spend one year as an exchange student at a senior high school in Indonesia?**

If I was an exchange student in senior high school in Indonesia for one year I would have to consider my future career aspirations before deciding on the type of school I would like to attend. If I intended to go to university upon my return to Australia, I would probably be better served by going to an SMA where the subjects would be similar to those needed for university entrance in Australia. If, however, I had no desire to attend university, I might be able to find an SMK that specialised in an area in which I was interested, which would better prepare me for the workforce when finishing school in Australia.