

LINKS TO:

Stage 2, Module 2

Learning Object 4: You've got a friend

Exercise 1

Note: These are sample answers, individual responses may vary.

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Sekolah Buka Bulan Juni

1.4.1 Sekolah Harapan Bangsa akan dibuka pada bulan Juni dalam rangka Program Sekolah Terbuka. Pendaftaran dari anak akan diterima untuk program khusus ini yang berlangsung dari tanggal 7 Juni s/d 12 Juni.

1.4.2 Akhirnya, anak-anak akan diberikan waktu untuk melaksanakan tugas dari kegiatan yang tercantum diatas.

Formulir pendaftaran telah dibagikan kepada semua siswa. Pendaftaran harus diserahkan sebelum hari Rabu tanggal 25 Mei. Hanya 25 tempat yang tersedia dalam program ini. Registrasi siswa akan ditentukan berdasarkan urutan pengembalian formulir pendaftaran.

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1.4.3 Kegiatan yang akan diselenggarakan berupa:

- Darmawisata ke Jawa Timur untuk mendaki Gunung Bromo (2 hari)
- Kegiatan kreatif (membatik dan melukis)
- Kegiatan musik (vokal dan perkusi gamelan Jawa)
- Lokakarya penulisan

Halaman 1

1.1 *What is it?* Format: An item from a school newsletter

1.2 *What is it all about?* Topic: School holiday program for students

1.3 *Who is it for?* Audience: Parents

1.4 *What's the gist?* See newsletter above for the three main ideas:

1.4.1 A school holiday program is available at Sekolah Harapan Bangsa from 7th to 12th June.

1.4.2 Enrolment forms must be in by 25th May due to the availability of only 25 places allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

1.4.3 A number of different activities are being offered throughout the week.

1.5 Decoding strategies

If the word didn't stop me from understanding the sentence then I read on.

Example 1:

In the first section I didn't understand the words *rangka*, *pendaftaran*, *diterima* and *khusus*. However, these did not prevent me from understanding the overall gist of this section. It was notifying parents that the school was opened for one week during the June holidays for a holiday program. I also didn't understand the word *berlangsung*. However, by its placement in the sentence immediately before the dates, I assumed *berlangsung* meant 'to be held'.

If I couldn't understand some words, then I tried the decoding strategies we learnt in class.

Example 2:

When I looked closely at the word *pendaftaran* I recognised part of the word contained '*daftar*' which means 'list'. I also noticed *formulir*, which means 'form', was coupled with *pendaftaran* a couple of times. From this I gathered that a *formulir pendaftaran* was an application form to be completed if students wished to participate in the holiday program. The unfamiliar word *kegiatan* appeared frequently in the middle section of the article. Since this section contained a list of activities on offer during the holiday program, it made sense that *kegiatan* meant 'activities'.

Example 3:

There were a few words I didn't know, like *diselenggarakan*, *tersedia*, *ditentukan* and *berdasarkan*, which I could not find in the dictionary. My teacher pointed out these words had prefixes and I needed to identify the root word in each instance. With the teacher's help I was able to find the definitions of these words in the dictionary, which clarified the overall meaning of the newsletter.

Exercise 2

Sample answers:

2.1 In Suryani's opinion students should be allowed to wear jeans or denim skirts, T-shirts with various patterns or motifs, and sneakers or sandals to school.

2.2 Advantages and disadvantages

Advantages

Students don't have to fuss over choosing what to wear every day.

Wearing uniforms is convenient.

Students don't have to compete with each other to see who is the most fashionable.

Differences in social status are not evident if everybody wears the same uniform.

All students share a common identity by wearing a uniform.

Disadvantages

School uniforms are not trendy or elegant.

Everybody looks the same and you cannot show off your individuality or personality.

2.3 Compulsory uniforms:

Suryani:

Suryani is more interested in herself and her appearance. She feels the school uniform does not allow her to freely express her personality and individualism. Her community values do not appear to be a high priority. Suryani doesn't seem to appreciate or care that less fortunate people would be disadvantaged if there was no common school uniform. Her attitude and opinion on school uniforms appears self-centred.

Ronny:

Ronny has more of a social conscience. He realises school uniforms are beneficial in two ways. Not only are they convenient, but necessary to preserve social unity where large financial gaps exist between Indonesian classes. By wearing a school uniform, students from less-fortunate families will not stand out and be looked down upon. They receive equal treatment at school and equal access to an education.

2.4 Passionate argument

Suryani presents a passionate personal argument against having to wear a uniform because she feels it inhibits her right to personal expression. However, she does not consider the circumstances, or feelings, of students who come from less fortunate families who cannot afford to buy fashion-label clothing.

In contrast, Ronny's arguments are more socially responsible. He understands and appreciates the difficulties faced by less-fortunate families in trying to provide an education for their children. Having a basic national school uniform means these families do not have to spend large sums of money. It also means these children fit in and are accepted by the wider school community.

2.5 Opinion about school uniforms

I personally agree with having a school uniform. Having to wear the same uniform every day is more convenient than having to decide what clothes to wear every morning.

We go to school for an education, not for a fashion parade or to show off our personal wardrobe. If there were no school uniforms, some students would abuse this freedom and come to school dressed inappropriately. School uniforms also provide a degree of security and safety to students. It is much easier to identify a stranger who has entered the school grounds if everyone else is dressed in a school uniform. In summary, uniforms are a cheap, convenient, respectful and responsible form of clothing to wear to school.