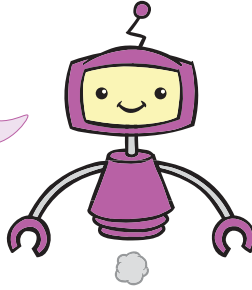


# How about some other time?

Asking for assistance can be easy, as long as the other person agrees. If not, we need to know how to negotiate, and politely.



**LINKS TO:**

Stage 3, Module 2

Learning Object 3: *Could you please help me?*

**PRIOR LEARNING:**

**Stage 2**

Module 9 Work Sheet 3: *Are you coming to the movie premiere?*

**Stage 1**

Module 3 Work Sheet 8: *What news?*

## 1 Just a few minutes

The dialogue below shows Peter successfully asking another person for help in filling out a survey. Notice the way in which Peter asks for assistance, and politely explains what the person needs to do. Note that Peter did not forget to thank the person for their help.

Notice Peter’s response to the person’s initial question, ‘*Berapa lama surveinya?*’

You have learnt previously that *makan waktu* refers to the amount of time an activity requires. In this case Peter is telling the other person that the survey will only take a few minutes to complete – a good way to convince someone that they will not be too inconvenienced, as long as it is true!

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*Maaf. Apa Anda bisa membantu saya? Saya melakukan survei mengenai hiburan.*



Person  
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*Berapa lama surveinya?*

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*Hanya makan waktu beberapa menit saja.*



Person  
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*Hmmm ... saya pikir saya punya waktu. Saya harus apa?*

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*Silakan jawab pertanyaannya.*



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Person

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*Ya, baiklah.*

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*Terima kasih untuk bantuan Anda. Selamat siang.*

Peter

Person

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*Kembali.*

## 2 What time suits you?

Sometimes people may not be so ready to give their valuable time. In such cases, you may need to do some negotiating. The following are some phrases you can use when politely negotiating with another person.

*Maaf, saya benar-benar tidak punya waktu.*  
I'm sorry, I really don't have time.

*Tidak apa-apa. Terima kasih untuk waktu Anda.*  
No problem. Thank you for your time.

*Terima kasih untuk bantuan Anda. Selamat siang.*  
Thank you for your help. Good day.

*Bagaimana kalau lain waktu?*  
How about another time?

*Kembalilah nanti siang.*  
Come back later today.

*Apakah jam 12.30 cocok untuk Anda?*  
Is 12.30 pm suitable for you?

*Jadi sekitar jam 12.30?*  
So about 12.30 pm then?

*Mungkin sebaiknya jam 1.00.*  
It may be better if we make it 1.00 pm.

*Saya sibuk sekali pagi ini.*  
I'm really busy this morning.

*Saya sibuk sepanjang hari.*  
I'm busy all day.

*Bagaimana kalau nanti siang?*  
How about later today?

*Saya lakukan cepat saja sekarang.*  
I'll do it quickly right now.

*Terima kasih. Sampai nanti.*  
Thank you. See you later.

# Exercises

## Exercise 1

Using the examples provided in Block 2, write a dialogue in which Peter has to negotiate a time with another person to complete his survey.

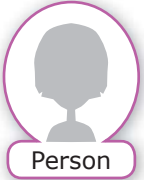
Try to be creative by changing the language and adding in anything else you might need, based on what you already know about conversing politely.

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*Maaf. Apa Anda bisa membantu saya?  
Saya melakukan survei.*



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