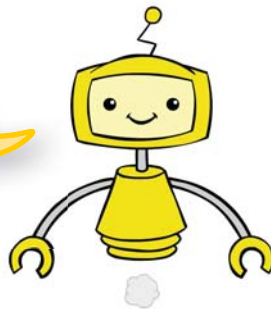


# Expressing obligation

Sometimes you just have to do things — like homework! And sometimes you know that you *should* do things — like tidying your room!

Let's find out more ...



## LINKS TO:

Stage 2, Module 5

Learning Object 2: Anna's wish

## 1 I have to and I must ...

To say that you have to do something, use the word **harus**. *Harus* is an example of a 'modal auxiliary verb'.

In statements and questions, a modal auxiliary verb must be followed by the main verb.

For example:

*Saya harus mengerjakan PR.* I have to do my homework.

**Tidak harus** means 'don't have to' and **tidak perlu** means 'don't need to'. The main action should indicate which of these two options is the most appropriate.

For example:

*Saya tidak harus ikut her karena sudah lulus ujian.*  
I **don't have to** retake the exam because I already passed.

*Saya tidak perlu pergi ke swalayan hari ini.*  
I **don't need to** go to the supermarket today.

## Note:

**Her** (pronounced 'hair' with the 'r' rolled) is a 'make-up' exam.

Indonesian students are given the opportunity to retake their school-based exams if they fail them.

## 2 Obligations

There are two ways of asking if you have to do something.

▶ The first is by using the question marker **apakah**:

For example:

**Apakah** *saya harus pergi ke pesta?* **Do I have to** go to the party?

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But remember that in spoken Indonesian, **apakah** is often shortened to **apa**:

For example:

**Apa** aku harus beli kamus?      Do I have to buy a dictionary?



The second way is by forming a question word from *harus*. To do this, you place **harus** at the beginning of the sentence and add the suffix **-kah**:

For example:

**Haruskah** saya membawa makanan?      Do I have to bring food?

You will often see the word **seharusnya**.

It is made up of the prefix *se-* + *harus* + the suffix *-nya* and is used to say what someone *should* do.

*Seharusnya* can be placed *before* the subject, or immediately *after* the subject:

For example:

**Seharusnya** kamu beli kamus.      You **should** buy a dictionary.

Saya **seharusnya** pulang sekarang.      I **should** go home now.

**Note:** You will learn more about giving advice using *seharusnya* later.

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## Asking about homework

The word for 'homework' is **pekerjaan rumah**.

It is commonly abbreviated to **PR** in both spoken and written Indonesian.

There are two common ways of asking about homework:



One way uses the subject focus construction:

*Ada PR apa untuk Matematika?*

What homework is there for Maths?



And the other one uses the object focus construction:

*Apa yang harus dikerjakan untuk PR Matematika?*

What needs to be done for Maths homework?

## Exercise 1

Below is a copy of Anna's homework diary for one week:

<p><b>02 MEI    SENIN</b></p> <p>Geografi: Membuat peta Jawa dan Sumatera BATAS WAKTU: 04/05</p> <p>Bahasa Indonesia: Belajar untuk ujian BATAS WAKTU: 06/05</p>	<p><b>05 MEI    KAMIS</b></p> <p>Matematika: Belajar untuk ujian aljabar minggu depan BATAS WAKTU: 09/05</p>
<p><b>03 MEI    SELASA</b></p> <p>Ilmu Peng. Alam: Selesaikan catatan dari percobaan Kimia BATAS WAKTU: 05/05</p> <p>Bahasa Inggris: Membaca 'Lord Of The Rings' sampai Bab 20 BATAS WAKTU: 06/05</p>	<p><b>06 MEI    JUMAT</b></p> <p>Musik: Membuat poster dari artis/grup kesayangan. BATAS WAKTU: 13/05</p> <p>KOMENTAR:</p>
<p><b>04 MEI    RABU</b></p> <p>Olahraga dan Kesehatan: Membuat grafik pie chart tentang kebiasaan makan siswa BATAS WAKTU: 06/05</p>	<p>TANDA TANGAN GURU:</p>

Nina has been away at school camp all week. She telephones Anna each day to ask what homework has been set by her teachers.

**Using the information in the diary, write down what you think Nina's questions about her homework will be, and Anna's replies, in the spaces provided on the next page.**


Alternate between the subject focus and object focus constructions.

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Question example:

Answer example:



Nina

or

**Ada PR apa untuk Seni Lukis?**  
What homework is there for Art?

**Apa yang harus dikerjakan untuk PR Seni Lukis?**  
What needs to be done for Art homework?



Anna

**Kita harus melukis Monas untuk PR Seni Lukis.**  
We have to paint a picture of Monas for Art.

**Hint!** Use *harus* to indicate obligation.

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Exercise 2

Anna is asking her parents about her obligation to participate in the various activities shown in the box:

- Ikut berbelanja di Mal Gajah Mada.
- Datang ke pertemuan orangtua dan guru di sekolah.
- Menonton acara Berita Seputar Dunia setiap malam.
- Ikut ke acara makan malam di rumah Pak Hassan.
- Berpuasa selama bulan Ramadan.
- Menonton pertandingan hockey timnya Peter pada hari Sabtu.

### Compose the questions Anna might ask her parents.

Provide either an affirmative or negative response from her parents along with the reason, or excuse, for their response to each question.

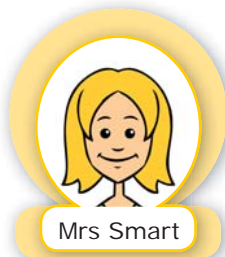
Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Think carefully whether the parents would use *harus* or *perlu* in their responses.

Example answer:



*Bu, apakah aku harus ikut berbelanja di Mal Gajah Mada pada hari Kamis malam?*  
Mum, do I have to go shopping with you at Gajah Mada Mall on Thursday night?



*Tidak, kamu tidak perlu ikut kalau kamu ada PR.*

No, you don't need to come along if you have homework.

or

*Ya, kamu harus ikut karena saya perlu bantuanmu.*

Yes, you must come along because I need your help.

Question:

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Answer:

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### Exercise 3

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Mrs Smart is planning a weekend trip with Anna to Taman Safari in a fortnight's time. She has made the following notes in her diary to remind her to speak to Anna closer to the trip.

#### Buku Agenda

##### Jumat pagi

##### Jumat siang

Cepat pulang dari sekolah

Bersihkan kamar

Kerjakan PR

Tidur lebih awal

##### Sabtu Pagi

##### Sabtu siang

Bangun jam 5 pagi

Naik kereta api ke Taman Safari

Bertemu dengan Ibu Tobing

di Taman Safari

Pulang malam bersama Ibu Tobing

Using the information in the diary, complete the sentences on the following page expressing Anna's obligations. Add an appropriate adjunct of reason, beginning with either *karena* (because) or *sebab* (as).

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**3.1 Seharusnya Anna cepat pulang dari sekolah**

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**3.2 Anna seharusnya membersihkan kamarnya**

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**3.3 Seharusnya Anna mengerjakan PRnya**

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**3.4 Anna seharusnya tidur lebih awal**

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**3.5 Seharusnya Anna bangun pagi-pagi**

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## Exercise 4

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Anna has received the following brief email from Ella on Wednesday, 4 May, asking her if she is able to go to the cinema that night or the following night. Have another look at Anna's homework diary in Exercise 1.

To...	peterandannasmart@hotmail.com.au
cc...	
Subject	Mau nonton???

Hai Anna,

Apa kabar? Aku mau tanya, apakah Anna mau nonton di bioskop nanti malam atau besok malam? Ada film kartun baru dari Amerika. Ikut, deh! Pasti menyenangkan!

Tolong cepat balas, yach.

Salam manis,

Ella

**Write Anna's reply to Ella's email in which Anna explains that she is unable to go to the cinema because of her homework obligations.**

In her email, Anna makes an alternative suggestion to go to the cinema on Saturday because she doesn't have any plans for the weekend or homework to do then.