

Guess who's coming to dinner

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Stage 3, Module 8

 Learning Object 4: *Sorry, what was that?*

Exercise 1

Sample answers:

- 1.1 First, choose a general field of interest, and give your blog a title that relates to that interest.**

I really love eating, but my cooking ability is only basic. I think a lot of food writing is written mainly to appeal to a female audience and this is probably one reason why I feel a little reluctant about wanting to improve my cooking skills. None of those recipes appeal to me! But I have many experiences with food, so my blog is going to be all about food— food and guys who can't cook. (Like me!) I'm going to call it '*Cowok Punya Selera (juga)*'.

- 1.2 Think of some ideas for a blog post for your blog. List at least six ideas, in English.**

Food for before exams (brain food).

Snacks for big eaters.

Packed lunches for dudes.

The best burger in town.

Cooking for a girl.

The Little Black Book (the essential recipes every dude should know how to cook).

Big breakfasts.

Totally awesome smoothies.

- 1.3 Choose one of your blog post ideas and, on a separate piece of paper, write down as many images, phrases, ideas or quotations as you can think of that relate to your idea. If you like, you can also include photographs or drawings that relate to the topic.**

Note your ideas in English, Indonesian or a combination of both.

Cooking for a girl:

Being able to serve her a good meal

Having acceptable table manners

Paying attention to her likes and dislikes (allergies and so on)

Making sure she's comfortable

Creating atmosphere

Conversation

Paying attention to her while she's there

Attention to details

- 1.4 Highlight or circle the ideas that you would like to include in your blog post. Choose the ideas that you think are the most interesting or unique and that would work well together.**

See answer to 1.3.

Exercise 2

Sample answer:

Plan the content of your blog post, which will be four paragraphs long. In English, write some dot points about ideas you can include in each of the paragraphs.

Introduction

context, a picnic

Paragraph 1

planning and preparation

menu planning

considering her dietary preferences or needs

various courses

Paragraph 2

presentation

creating atmosphere

Conclusion

What are your ideas?

Exercise 3

Sample answer:

In Indonesian, use your notes to write a four-paragraph blog post for your themed blog. Be sure to include a title.

Title: Mau kencan!

Ini kencan kami yang keempat, dan kali ini, aku benar-benar akan ambil resiko besar. Aku mau ajak si Dia piknik ke Kebun Raya. Semua persiapan piknik aku yang atur. Kupikir ini cara yang hebat untuk nunjukin padanya kalau aku bersedia untuk repot demi dia dan bahwa aku juga pintar mengatur kencan istimewa. Kami akan pergi ke tempat favoritku di Kebun Raya untuk jalan-jalan. Di sana ada sungai kecil juga jadi kami bisa mancing kalau mau. Tapi anak muda harus makan dan begitu juga teman kencannya. Nah, kita semua tahu bahwa jalan menuju hati seorang cowok

adalah lewat perutnya, tapi apa itu sama buat seorang cewek? Kuharap begitu, karena begitu dia mencoba lapis legit yang akan kubeli dari toko kue Indonesia itu, dia pasti jatuh cinta kepadaku!

Biasanya, aku akan bawa sosis, roti dan saus tomat kalau pergi piknik. Banyak daging dan karbohidrat. Tapi si Dia punya selera yang lebih canggih. Dan dia nggak makan daging! Jadi, aku sudah atur menu yang terdiri dari gado-gado dan ikan bakar ala teman kosku. Kalau tidak bisa masak, orang harus pintar berimprovisasi. Teman kosku jago masak, jadi nggak ada salahnya kugunakan kepandaian itu. Semua ini gampang dibawa dan dijaga kesegarannya dalam sebuah Esky (juga milik si teman kos). Dan tentu saja, nggak ketinggalan kue lapis legit istimewa itu sebagai pencuci mulut. Untuk alamat toko kuenya, lihat posting minggu lalu: Toko kue jempolan. Gampang disiapkan, enak dimakan dan digaransi pasti mengesankan!

Menciptakan suasana yang tepat gampang dilakukan. Kebun Raya cantik sekali, dan ada banyak tempat teduh yang asyik di pinggir sungai. Untuk menciptakan kesan berkelas, aku akan bawa tikar duduk besar yang nyaman, bantal-bantal besar yang empuk, serbet kain (bukan kertas!), sendok garpu dan gelas, dan lilin sereh.

Kuharap si Dia terkesan!

Gimana dengan kamu? Pernah membuat si Dia-mu terkesan dengan makanan yang kamu siapkan? Ada petunjuk untuk sesama cowok? Jangan sungkan!