

Informal Invitations

The Smarts received a number of informal invitations via mail, email and SMS in Learning Object 2 'You're invited'. The language used in these invitations is informal. Salutations such as **hai** or **halo** were used. They are acceptable between friends.

However, even in informal invitations, there can be a difference in the level of informality of the language used. For example, the phrase **Semoga bisa datang** means 'I hope you can make it'. This might be used in an informal invitation sent by one adult to another.

On the other hand, teenagers might use a less formal version, such as **Datang, ya** which is the equivalent of 'Try and make it, okay?' Teenagers also like to abbreviate the words for birthday, **ulang tahun**, to **ultah**.

As with formal invitations, Indonesians are not expected to reply to informal invitations. However, some people might still choose to send a quick response in the form of a short email, an SMS or a phone call. You will learn more about responding to invitations in Worksheet 4.

Both formal and informal invitations give details of the date, time and place at which the event will take place. In formal invitations, this information is given in a set, formulaic way using dot points. In informal invitations, the same information is usually given in sentences. The general tone of an informal invitation is more conversational.

Exercises



1. Read these two invitations. Invitation A is formal. Invitation B is an informal one sent via email.

Invitation A:

Kepada YTH Bapak / Ibu

Dengan hormat,

Atas nama panitia, saya mengundang Bapak / Ibu untuk menghadiri Pameran Seni SMU II yang akan diadakan:

Hari / Tanggal: Sabtu, 27 September, 2010
Tempat: SMU Negeri II, Jakarta
Waktu: Jam 09:00 sampai 15:00

Atas kehadiran Bapak / Ibu saya mengucapkan terima kasih.

*Hormat saya,
Ketua Panitia*

Budi Yuwono

Invitation B:

Hai Yuli,

Pa kabar? Besok, pada hari Sabtu, tanggal 15 Oktober ultahku.

Aku mau mengundang kamu ke pesta ultahku. Pestanya mulai pada jam 3 sore sampai malam.

Tempatnya di restoran Masakan Enak, di Jalan Melati 18, Jakarta.

Datang ya?

Budi.

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Now, list five differences you notice about the lay-out of the invitations and the language used in them.

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- b) Now, write a formal invitation to the Company Representative and his wife, *Bapak dan Ibu Sugianto*, whom you would like to invite to your birthday celebration.

Use information from Invitation B on Page 1 for help.

Kepada _____

Dengan _____,

Saya mau mengundang _____
