

# Replying to invitations

**Balasan** (a reply) is a noun formed from the verb **membalas** (to reply).

As you learnt in Worksheet 1, people in Indonesia are not expected to write written replies to formal invitations. It is quite acceptable simply to turn up at the event.

However, there are other circumstances when a written reply to a less formal event could be sent. For example, if a friend sends an invitation for a get-together via email, a short, email response would be appreciated.

## 'UNTUK' OR 'ATAS'?

In Module 11, Worksheet 6, you learnt that **untuk** means 'for' when referring to people.

For example:

*T-shirt ini terlalu kecil **untuk** Pak Smart.*      This T-shirt is too small **for** Mr Smart.

In Module 4, you learnt that **atas** means 'on top' or 'above'. However **atas** also means 'for' when replying to invitations. When sending a reply, use **atas** and not **untuk**.

For example:

*Terima kasih **atas** undangan Anda.*      Thank you **for** your invitation.

## POSITIVE RESPONSES:

A phrase you can use when accepting an invitation is **dengan senang hati** which literally means 'with a happy heart'.

For example:

***Dengan senang hati** saya bisa datang ke pestamu.*      **I am pleased** to be able to come to your party.

*Undangan Anda saya terima **dengan senang hati**.*      I accept your invitation **with pleasure**.

## NEGATIVE RESPONSES:

If you are unable to accept an invitation, use the word **maaf** which means 'I'm sorry'.

For example:

***Maaf.** Saya tidak bisa datang.*      **I'm sorry.** I can't make it.

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When giving a reason for your inability to accept an invitation, you do not need to go into specific details. It is sufficient to say that you have another engagement. Use the phrase **ada acara lain**. *Acara* means 'an event' and *lain* means 'another'.

For example:

*Maaf. Saya tidak bisa datang karena ada acara lain.*

I'm sorry. I can't make it because I have **another engagement**.

Another phrase you can use is **sayang sekali** which means 'unfortunately'.

For example:

*Terima kasih atas undangan Anda. **Sayang sekali** saya tidak bisa datang.*

Thank you for your invitation. **Unfortunately**, I can't make it.

## Exercises



1. Read this invitation that Ibu Sugianto sent to the Smart family.

*Jumat 10 September*

*Kepada YTH. Bapak dan Ibu Smart,*

*Kami mau mengundang Bapak dan Ibu Smart sekeluarga ke rumah kami untuk afternoon tea.*

*Jam : 4 sore*

*Tanggal : Hari Minggu, 19 September.*

*Semoga bisa datang.*

*Salam hangat,*

*Yeni Sugianto*

Now, write a reply to Ibu Sugianto. You can be either Michael or Susan Smart. You can write a positive or negative reply. Be sure to include the new phrases from Page 1.

Use the blank form on Page 3 to write your invitation.

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*Kepada* \_\_\_\_\_

*Terima* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Salam* \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Imagine you are Peter or Anna.

You are already committed to a number of events that are marked on the calendar on days in June and July. In the meantime, you have received invitations to three other events. They are on Page 4 and Page 5.

Read these invitations and decide if you are free to attend each event or not. Write appropriate replies on the lines provided.

<i>Senin</i>	<i>Selasa</i>	<i>Rabu</i>	<i>Kamis</i>	<i>Jumat</i>	<i>Sabtu</i>	<i>Minggu</i>
<b>26</b> <i>Berkemah di hutan bersama kelas</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Berkemah di hutan bersama kelas</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Berkemah di hutan bersama kelas</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Pesta Ulang tahun bapak Sabtu sore</i>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Konser di sekolah Jam 7 malam</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Menonton filem bersama teman jam 3 sore</i>	<b>23</b>

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a)

*Hai Peter dan Anna,*

*Apa kabar?*

*Saya mau mengundang kamu berdua ke rumah saya untuk pesta. Acaranya pada hari Sabtu, tanggal 8 Juli, jam tiga sore.*

*Semoga bisa datang.*

*Salam,*

*Ardi*

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b)

*Dari: Wahyu <WSupriono@indomail.id*

*Kepada: Peter dan Anna <peterandannsmart@netmail.com.au*

*Tanggal: 30 Juni*

*Subject: Menonton DVD*

*Halo Peter. Halo Anna.*

*'Pa kabar?*

*Besok, tanggal 1, ada acara atau tidak? Apa kalian mau datang ke apartemen saya untuk menonton DVD? Jam 7 malam.*

*Datang ya?*

*Salam,*

*Soni.*

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c)

*Hai Peter dan Anna,*

*Apa kabar?*

*Aku mau mengundang kalian ke pesta UITah-ku di restoran 'Selamat Makan', pada tanggal 29 Juni, jam 7 malam.*

*Semoga bisa datang.*

*Salam hangat,*

*Yuli*

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