

Identifying and describing

In Learning Object 1: 'Driving to the hotel' you heard the people in the van identifying and describing various sites in Jakarta.

For example, Pak Sugianto identified the National Monument by saying:

Itu Monas. That's the National Monument.

Mr Smart responded by giving a description:

Tinggi sekali. Literally: Very tall.

Identifying:

To identify someone or something in Indonesian, use the demonstrative pronoun *Ini* (meaning 'This is ...') or *Itu* (meaning 'That is...'). *Ini* and *Itu* are placed **before** the noun.

For example:

Ini Anna. This is Anna.
Itu hotel. That's a hotel.
Ini koper dia. This is her suitcase.

Describing:

Ini and *Itu* are also used to describe someone or something. In this case, they are placed **after** the noun.

For example:

Orang ini orang Indonesia. This person is Indonesian.
Hotel ini bagus sekali! This hotel is great!
Koper itu berat sekali. That suitcase is very heavy.

Once the person or thing has been identified, it is not necessary to repeat *Ini* or *Itu* in the descriptive sentences. For example, In Learning Object 1: 'Driving to the hotel' Pak Sugianto identified Monas and Mr Smart described it. Mr Smart did not repeat *Itu*. It was sufficient for him to use only the adverb and adjective.

Pak Sugianto: *Itu Monas.* That's Monas.
Mr Smart: *Tinggi sekali!* (Literally: Very tall!)

NOTE:

However, if a person identifies someone or something and then proceeds with a description, the description often begins with the repetition of the name followed by *ini* or *itu*.

For example:

Ini Brisbane. Brisbane ini indah sekali. This is Brisbane. (Literally: This (city of) Brisbane is very pretty.



Exercise



1. Create your own photo album about famous places and tourist attractions in Jakarta.

Write captions for each of the photos provided. Each caption should include two sentences – one to identify and the other to describe the attraction. Use the adjectives you have already learnt.

Example:



*Ini bandar udara Soekarno – Hatta.
Bandar udara ini besar.*



a)



b)



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d)



e)



f)



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