

'Why' and 'because'

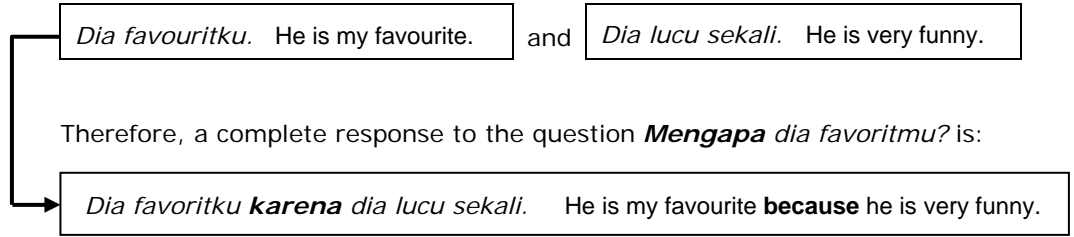
Study the following dialogue from Learning Object 6 'What's on in Jakarta?':

Joni Boseni bintang filem favoritku. Joni Boseni is my favourite movie star.
Mengapa dia favoritmu? **Why** is he your favourite?

*Dia favoritku **karena** dia lucu sekali.* He is my favourite **because** he is very funny.

Did you notice that:

- **Mengapa** is used to ask why. It is placed at the beginning of the question.
- **Karena** is a conjunction which means 'because'. Conjunctions are words that connect words, clauses or sentences. In the example above, *karena* connects two sentences:



Therefore, a complete response to the question **Mengapa** dia favoritmu? is:

*Dia favoritku **karena** dia lucu sekali. He is my favourite **because** he is very funny.*

However, in informal, spoken Indonesian, it is acceptable to respond by beginning straight away with *karena*.

For example:

Mengapa dia favoritmu? Why is he your favourite?

Karena dia lucu sekali. **Because** he is very funny.

Exercises



1. Look at these pictures and read the questions beside them. Then, complete the responses under the pictures by using *karena* and choosing appropriate phrases from the list in the box. Refer to the vocabulary list on page 4 for help.

a)



Mengapa Zak merasa takut?

Zak merasa takut _____

b)



Mengapa Zak merasa haus?

Zak merasa haus _____

c)



Mengapa Zak merasa lapar?

Zak merasa lapar _____

d)



Mengapa Zak merasa sedih?

Zak merasa sedih _____

es-krimnya tumpah

televisinya rusak

dia belum makan

tidak ada bantal

dia belum minum

handuknya kotor

tempatnyanya gelap

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2. Answer the questions a) to e) below in complete Indonesian sentences.

Hints:

There are **two different kinds** of questions in this exercise.

- The first is a Yes / No question which you must answer in full.

Example:

A: *Apakah kamu suka sekolah?*

B: *Suka, saya suka sekolah.*

Or,

B: *Tidak, saya tidak suka sekolah.*

- The second question asks for reasons.

Example:

A: *Menagapa kamu suka / tidak suka sekolah?*

B: *Saya suka sekolah karena ada banyak teman dan sekolah menyenangkan.*

Or,

B: *Saya tidak suka sekolah karena saya tidak bisa tidur siang.*

Refer to the vocabulary list on Page 3 and use the words and phrases from the box below to help you write your answers.

<i>lucu</i>	<i>membosankan</i>	<i>tidak ada PR</i>	<i>rasanya enak</i>
<i>mungil</i>	<i>ada banyak teman</i>	<i>menakutkan</i>	<i>menyenangkan</i>
<i>menarik</i>	<i>bisa tidur siang</i>	<i>membuat saya mengantuk</i>	

a) *Apakah kamu suka Zak?*

Mengapa kamu suka / tidak suka Zak?

b) *Apakah kamu suka liburan sekolah?*

Mengapa kamu suka / tidak suka liburan sekolah?

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c) *Apakah kamu suka pizza?*

Mengapa kamu suka / tidak suka pizza?

d) *Apakah kamu suka PR?*

Mengapa kamu suka / tidak suka PR?

e) *Apakah kamu suka filem horor?*

Mengapa kamu suka / tidak suka filem horor?

Vocabulary:

<i>bantal</i>	pillow
<i>handuk</i>	towel
<i>kotor</i>	dirty
<i>tumpah</i>	to spill
<i>tempat</i>	a place
<i>gelap</i>	dark
<i>lucu</i>	funny
<i>membosankan</i>	boring
<i>menarik</i>	interesting
<i>rasanya enak</i>	... its flavour is delicious/yummy
<i>ada banyak teman</i>	... I have many friends
<i>mungil</i>	cute
<i>menakutkan</i>	scary
<i>menyenangkan</i>	enjoyable
<i>tidak ada PR</i>	... there's no homework
<i>tidur siang</i>	to have an afternoon sleep
<i>mengantuk</i>	sleepy
<i>membuat saya mengantuk</i>	... makes me sleepy
<i>PR (Pekerjaan Rumah)</i>	homework
<i>(PR is pronounced 'Pay Air')</i>	