

EXPLANATION TEXT : WRITING

A. Tujuan Pembelajaran

Setelah *Kegiatan Pembelajaran* ini, peserta didik diharapkan mampu:

1. Merancang teks eksplanasi sederhana
2. Menggunakan kalimat pasif dalam tense yang benar
3. Menulis teks eksplanasi sederhana

B. Uraian Materi

Pada *Kegiatan Pembelajaran* ini Kalian akan berlatih menyusun teks eksplanasi sederhana. Agar Kalian terampil menulis teks eksplanasi tersebut dalam bahasa Inggris, mari berlatih menulis. Tetapi sebelum itu, Kalian harus mempelajari lagi unsur kebahasaan yang ada dalam teks tersebut. Coba Kalian baca dan pahami uraian materi berikut ini

Example

Active Voice	Passive Voice
The teacher is going to explain the lesson.	The lesson is going to be explained by the teacher.
She closed the door.	The door was closed by her.

Forming Passive Voice

Tense	Be +Past Participle	Example
Present Simple	am, is, are + made	The painting is made by her.
Present Progressive	am, is, are+ being+ sent	The book is being sent right now.
Present Perfect	has, have +been +sold	The copyrights of the books have been sold.
Past Simple	was, were+ invited	He was invited by Carl.
Past Progressive	was, were + being+ washed	Their bikes were being washed while they were running in the park.
Past Perfect	Had+ been+ hired	All the employees had been hired before the school started.
Future (will)	Will be +signed	A contract will be signed by her.
Future (going to)	am, is , are+ going to be + built	A bridge is going to be built by them within the next few years.
Future Perfect	Will+ have been+ started	The job will have been started by the first of June.

Table 8.2 Formatting of passive voice

Mudah bukan untuk memahami konsep di atas? *Good*. Setelah Kalian mempelajari dan paham tentang piranti dalam menulis teks eksplanasi di atas, saatnya Kalian membuat *draft* teks eksplanasi dengan bantuan *writing organizer dibawah ini*. Kalian juga harus mempelajari dan memahami deskripsi dari sebuah teks eksplanasi.

An annotated explanation text

Structure	How volcanoes are formed	Linguistic features
Introduction	Have you ever wondered how volcanoes are formed?	
Opening statement	A volcano is a vent or an opening on the earth's surface which allows molten rock called magma , volcanic ash and gas to escape out onto its surface.	Present tense
Explanation Sequence 1	Volcanoes are formed whenever there is a crack in the crust of the earth. A tube-like passage connects a chamber of magma (molten rock) at the centre of the earth to the earth's crust.	Technical terms
Explanation Sequence 2	When the pressure builds up in the chamber, the magma, gases and ash are pushed up through to the top of the tube on the earth's surface known as vent.	Action verbs
Explanation Sequence 3	The red-hot magma that escapes to flow over the Earth's surface is called lava which, when cools, forms into rocks.	Conjunction
Conclusion	In fact, the mountains we see today are nothing but solidified lava from previously erupted volcanoes.	Technical language

Table 8.3 Description of explanation text

C. Rangkuman

Untuk memudahkan Kalian mengingat dan memahami uraian materi pada *Kegiatan Pembelajaran* ini, bacalah rangkuman berikut ini.

1. Dalam menyusun teks eksplanasi ada unsur kebahasaan yang harus diperhatikan yaitu: penggunaan kalimat pasif dan tense.

Rules for changing Active Voice to Passive one:

- a) Identify the Subject, the Verb and the Object
 - b) Change the subject into Subject
 - c) Put the suitable helping verb or auxiliary verb. In case the helping verb is given, use the same verb but note that the helping verb given agrees with the Object.
 - d) Change the Verb into the past participle form e)
- Add the preposition *by*

f) Change the Subject into Object

Examples:

- a) A letter is written by me.
 - b) American was discovered by Columbus
 - c) Macbeth was written by Shakespeare
 - d) The door was opened by his son
 - e) The new ideas were suggested by Edo
2. Pahami deskripsi penyusunan teks eksplanasi yang benar.
3. Buatlah *draft* dengan bantuan *writing organizer* agar teks yang dihasilkan benar sesuai dengan fungsi sosial, struktur teks dan unsur kebahasaan sebuah teks eksplanasi.

D. Penugasan Mandiri

Untuk lebih memahami tentang penggunaan kalimat pasif yang benar, ayo kita coba kerjakan latihan soal berikut ini.

Choose the right passive voice form!

1. Mommy cleans the room every day.
 - A. The room was clean by mommy every day
 - B. The room is clean by mommy every day
 - C. The room is cleaned by mommy every day
 - D. Mommy is cleaned the room every day
 - E. The room was being cleaned by mommy every day
2. *My uncle fixed the toy yesterday.* The passive voice of the sentence is
 - A. My uncle was fixed the toy yesterday
 - B. The toy was fixed by my uncle yesterday
 - C. The toy was fix by my uncle yesterday
 - D. My uncle was being fixed the toy yesterday
 - E. The toy had been fixed by my uncle yesterday
3. Joe has taken a Mandarin course.
 - A. Joe has been taken a Mandarin course
 - B. A Mandarin course taken by Joe
 - C. A Mandarin course has been taken by Joe
 - D. Mandarin courses have taken by Joe
 - E. Mandarin course will be taken by Joe
4. In the 1920's, this TV
 - A. is manufactured
 - B. was manufactured
 - C. will be manufactured
 - D. is going to manufactured
 - E. would manufacture
5. She ... to my wedding party.
 - A. are invited
 - B. have been invited
 - C. has been invited
 - D. invited
 - E. has invited
6. Her first novel ... tomorrow morning.
 - A. is launched
 - B. was launched
 - C. will be launched
 - D. has launched
 - E. have launched

E. Latihan Soal

Sekarang, ayo kita berlatih lebih banyak lagi tentang penyusunan teks eksplanasi dengan mengingat kembali bagian-bagian dari teks eksplanasi.

1. Drag and drop the 4 boxes below to the table given to give the generic structure of the text below by giving the name for every paragraph in boxes given.

Generic Structure	Explanation Text
	<i>Biodiesel is a clean burning substitute for petroleum based diesel fuel. Biodiesel is made of vegetable oil</i>
	<i>To make or manufacture Biodiesel, you must first start with raw materials. The raw materials needed in the production of Biodiesel are a small amount of methanol and a ready supply of vegetable product. One of the most common vegetables used in the production of Biodiesel is corn, although depending on the geographic location of the manufacturing facility many other plants are used as well (rapeseed, soybeans, flaxseed, etc.). The first step is to use the raw vegetable product to make vegetable oil. Vegetable oil by itself will not be what you need to power a car, from here it has to be processed into Biodiesel.</i>
	<i>The process for converting vegetable oil into Biodiesel is sometimes called ester interchange. To complete this process the vegetable oil has to be combined with a smaller amount of methanol and then put in the presence of a small quantity of an alkaline catalyst (for example, 5% to 1% sodium hydroxide). Vegetable oil is made up of so-called triglycerides, which is a compound of the trivalent alcohol glycerin with three fatty acids. The goal of ester interchange is to separate the glycerin molecule from the three fatty acids and replace it with three methanol molecules</i>
	<i>This process then yields roughly 90% Biodiesel and 10% of a glycerin byproduct. The glycerin byproduct can be used in a number of other chemical processes for different industries.</i>

Closing

General Statement

Sequenced Explanation

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Bagaimana? Apakah Kalian telah mampu mengidentifikasi bagian-bagian dari sebuah teks eksplanasi yang disajikan di atas?

Nah, setelah memahami bagian-bagian dari teks eksplanasi, coba Anda kerjakan latihan berikut ini.

2. Write an explanation text telling about how rainbow is formed. Don't forget to make a draft and include passive voices in your text.