

RECOUNT: NOTES

STRUCTURE	SHARED READING TEXT	LANGUAGE FEATURES
Title	Hari Raya Celebration	<i>Written in simple present tense</i>
Orientation Who Where when why	A long time ago when I was little. I asked my father and uncle Hasri on how they spent their Hari Raya in the 70's. They told me that in the 70's they celebrated Hari Raya differently from how it is today. According to them, Hari Raya was remembered as a special day to celebrate after the fasting month of Ramadhan, wore new clothes made by their mother, visited relatives and most of all they had fun.	<i>Subject specific vocabulary</i> <i>e.g. fast, Ramadan, Hari Raya Aidilfitri, festival</i>
Events 1 2 3 4 5 6	<p>Before Hari Raya, they were asked by their mother to clean the house thoroughly and decorate it with oil lamps. There were no fancy lighting bulbs at that time. It was all hard work and at that time they do not have the modern cleaning appliances then.</p> <p>According to them, first day of Hari Raya starts by wearing new clothes made by their mother. Back then, there were only a few tailor shops in town to make new clothes and it was expensive to make one. So their mother bought some materials and sewed them to make new clothes for everyone. Each of them had a pair of new clothes for Hari Raya every year with new songkoks.</p> <p>Then, they gathered together in the mosque early in the morning to perform Hari Raya prayers. The mosque was filled with other Muslims and other residents of the Kampong Ayer. Most of them wore new clothes at the mosque on that day. It is a colourful sight.</p> <p>After prayers, they went home and before breakfast they asked for forgiveness from their parents. The day was spent by visiting relatives and friends while indulging in extravagant meals. There were plenty of traditional Malay delicacies unlike the modern cakes and biscuits served today.</p> <p>The most exciting moment for them were when they were given gifts in the form of money normally coins and not paper notes. Their friends and children often look forward to getting this money on Hari Raya. There were not put in green packets like today. Today the gifts are put inside a packet usually green in colour with paper notes in them.</p>	<i>Present and present continuous tense</i> <i>Use of sequence markers</i> <i>Information organized in paragraphs</i>
Conclusion	Sometimes they miss how they used to celebrate Hari Raya. Overall, Hari Raya will always be a joyous occasion for them and me.	

- ✓ Write a **LETTER** to your friend in **another country** telling him/her how you celebrate your last Hari Raya Aidilfitri. **Your writing must be based on your own Recount (from Day 1).**
- ✓ Write it on a foolscap paper / test pad.

Sample of a letter:

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