

CHAPTER 1

Talking About Self

Vocabulary buliding

Match the words/phrases in coloumn A to their correct meaning in coloumn B.

The first one has been done for you.

English	Indonesia
pen pal	kereta komuter
suond	sangat menyukai
run	jauh
(be into)	nampaknya
attend	sahabat pena
distant	bahasa pertama
commuter train	bersekolah/kuliah
magnificent	anak tengah
mother tongue	mengelola
half sister	lulus
graduate	saudara tiri
middle child	luar biasa

Read the following text carefully

Text 1 : An email from Hannah

Hello, Alia! Let me introduce myself. My name is Hannah.

I know your name from my friend, Caroline. She told me that you sent her an email telling her that you would like to have more **pen pals** from the US. I'd really like to be your E-pal. You **sound really cool!**

I guess I'd better tell you something about myself first. I'm 16 years old and I attend Thomas Edison High School here in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. I have two brothers and two **half sisters** and I'm the middle child. My father died a few years ago so my mother **runs** the house and the family business. My father was a barista.

I have lots of hobbies. I like music – mostly classical music and folk music – but I don't play an instrument. I like sports, especially tennis and basketball. At school I'm in the basketball team and I spend most of my extra-curricular time playing basket ball. **I'm into** animals very much. My sister and I have three dogs. They need

lots of attention as you can imagine. My favorite subjects at school are art and geography. I think I'd like to become a park ranger when I graduate, perhaps work for the National Parks Service.

I don't like reading but I love drawing and painting. How about you? Please drop me a line, Alia ! Can't wait to hear from you !

Hannah

Text 2 : A letter from Saidah

Assalamu'alaikum Alia,

It was very interesting to read your letter about yourself and your hometown. I would really like to be your pen friend.

I'm a sixteen-year-old school student from Johor Bahru in Malaysia. Actually I **attend** an Islamic boarding school just outside the city but my family live in Kuala Lumpur. My eldest sister is a medical doctor. My younger brother is an elementary school student.

My favorite subjects are social sciences. I like history very much; it helps me know more how different countries existed in the past. At school we are supposed to use English at all times, so we have become quite fluent although sometimes we slip back into Malay, which is our **mother tongue**.

As for hobbies, **I'm really into** songs and music. My favorite boy band is One Direction. My favorite Malay singer is, of course, Siti Nurhaliza. I also like watching movies, especially comedies. The actor I like best is Tom Cruise.

I'm really into books. I like reading novels and short stories. I like some writers in English, like JK Rowling, and Indonesian writers too, like Andrea Hirata and Ahmad Fuadi. My dream, when I'm older, is to be a writer of science fiction books.

I'd really love to come to Indonesia some day, especially to the magnificent Raja Ampat in Papua. What about you, do you want to visit my country ?

Wassalam.

Cheers, Saidah