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This qualitative study aims to analyze the suitability of the English textbook "Bahasa Inggris, Pathway to English, SPLASH Smart Path to Learning English" used by senior high school students in Rejang Lebong Regency, with a specific focus on its alignment with the Merdeka Curriculum. The research employs a content analysis approach to assess the extent to which the textbook's materials support the Merdeka Curriculum's principles, particularly in terms of studentcentered learning, competency-based development, and real-life context application. The research questions focus on determining the level of alignment between the textbook's content and the indicators of the Merdeka Curriculum, especially in areas of listening, reading, speaking, and writing. The findings indicate that a majority of the textbook's activities align with the Merdeka Curriculum, particularly in fostering critical thinking, real-world application, and independent learning. However, there are gaps in certain areas such as speaking activities related to spontaneous reasoning and explanation. The study provides an insightful evaluation of how well the textbook supports the implementation of the Merdeka Curriculum in the classroom and offers recommendations for enhancing alignment in future educational resources. This research contributes to understanding the practical application of the Merdeka Curriculum and provides a basis for further curriculum development in senior high schools.

Keywords: Merdeka Curriculum, English textbook, student-centered learning, competency-based education

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#### **CHAPTER I**

#### INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides the rational for conducting the present study. The discussion of this chapter will cover the background of the research, research question, the objectives of the research, the delimitation of the study, significance of the research, and the definition of the key terms.

#### 1.1 Background of The Research

The one important factor can influence teacher teaching and student learning is textbooks. Textbooks are essential in education as they contain teaching materials for various subjects. Textbook could be an important resource for teachers and students in language teaching and also the role of textbooks in language lessons should be carefully planned and monitored. The teaching of English as a second language is related to the teaching of culture. In studying English where English is not the main language for students, teachers are required to use learning media that is appropriate to the material for students. Textbooks also provide assessments and activities for students. In learning, the textbook is the tool that sets the direction of the classroom.

Therefore, special attention is needed to prepare and customize educational content in training materials as one of the main elements in the educational design to design effective learning plans. English textbook play a crucial role in English

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Richards, *International Perspectives on Materials in ELT*, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1057/9781137023315\_2">https://doi.org/10.1057/9781137023315\_2</a>, diakses pada 12 Februari, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Eka Apriani, Paidi Gusmuliana, and Via Armu Manangsa, "Teaching English by Using Andragogy Approach for EFL Students," Journal of English Education and Teaching 4, no. 3 (2020): 386–400, https://doi.org/10.33369/jeet.4.3.386-400.

teaching and learning as they determine the components and learning strategies, control the content and methodology, and serve as instructional tools for teachers and helping students catch up on missed material, making it easier for teachers to convey lessons, and serving as valuable learning resources.

Recently, changes occurred in the education system in Indonesia. These developments can be seen from the policies and renewal of applicable education standards, such as curriculum changes. One of the learning tools that educational institutions must complete is the curriculum.<sup>3</sup> One of the suitable materials is textbooks containing an adequate amount of genre-based input in texts.<sup>4</sup> The government of Indonesia through the ministry of education, culture, research, and technology of the Republic of Indonesia has introduced a new curriculum, namely Merdeka curriculum. Basically, the Merdeka curriculum was created to give teachers the freedom to co-create quality learning based on students' needs and learning environment.<sup>5</sup> The Merdeka Curriculum is designed to enhance students' interests and abilities by focusing on essential subjects, character development, and student competencies. It emphasizes student-centered learning, in contrast to previous teacher-centered approaches. English lessons now start from primary school, highlighting the language's importance in the current era. In addition, English lessons in the Merdeka curriculum have learning outcomes that must be achieved by students.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Faiz, *Paradigma Baru dalam Kurikulum Prototipe*. EDUKATIF: JURNAL ILMU PENDIDIKAN, https://doi.org/10.31004/edukatif.v4i1.2410, 2023, 03-05.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Leffi Noviyenty, *Analysis of English Alive Textbook in Terms of Genres and Lexical Density*, Al-Ishlah: Jurnal Pendidikan, <a href="https://www.journal.staihubbulwathan.id/index.php/alishlah">http://www.journal.staihubbulwathan.id/index.php/alishlah</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pratycia, Analisis Perbedaan Kurikulum 2013 dengan Kurikulum Merdeka. Jurnal Pendidikan Sains Dan Komputer, https://doi.org/10.47709/jpsk.v3i01.1974, diakses pada 15 maret, 2024, 58–64.

The government of Indonesia has emphasized the importance of textbooks in the Regulation of Minister of Education, Culture, Research and Technology Republic of Indonesia number 25 of 2022, about educational book assessment. Stipulates that Textbooks are books that are prepared for textbooks are books prepared for learning based on the National Education Standards and the applicable curriculum and main textbooks are textbooks that must be used in learning based on the applicable curriculum and provided by the central government free of charge. The use of the term phase in the Merdeka curriculum is done in order to facilitate the level of students' English language skills. Textbooks are a major part of the learning process in the classroom that helps teachers to present materials according to the curriculum as well as can be one of the learning media for students.

In the *Merdeka* curriculum, English lessons have the target of providing opportunities to open up insights about themselves, social relations, culture, and employment opportunities available globally. Textbooks are one aspect that is quite important in the success of a curriculum, because books can help the teaching and learning process and guide the direction of classroom goals. asserted that textbooks are the most important part of the education system as they help define the curriculum and can significantly assist teachers in the teaching and learning process in the classroom. the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology Agency for Standards, Curriculum, and Educational Assessment, Center for

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Susanto, STRATEGI PENYUSUNAN PERANGKAT PEMBELAJARAN MATA PELAJARAN BAHASA INGGRIS MELALUI PETA KONSEP DALAM KURIKULUM MERDEKA. (Kanigara: 2022), hal. 351–363.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Astari, *Pengembangan Buku Teks dalam Implementasi Kurikulum Merdeka di Sekolah Dasar*, (Madako Elementary School : 2022), hal. 163–175.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Niaz, Encyclopedia of Science Education Textbooks Impact on Curriculum, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-007-2150-0">https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-007-2150-0</a> 181/ di akses pada 15 maret 2024

Bookkeeping publishes English textbooks to support learning in the *Merdeka* curriculum such examples three English textbook.

The *Merdeka* Curriculum expects textbooks to support active and flexible learning, with tasks that encourage students to think critically and engage in discussions<sup>9</sup>. Textbooks should be relevant to the local context and culture of the students while also providing a global perspective that enriches their knowledge. Textbooks must be flexible to allow teachers to adapt the material to meet students' needs and should support character development, including social skills and empathy. Furthermore, textbooks should integrate technology and support digital learning. They must also include various forms of assessment, such as projects and portfolios, to measure students' development comprehensively. Overall, textbooks should support holistic, inclusive learning and assist students in becoming independent learners.

Before the researcher mention the titles of that three English textbooks researcher have done observed the English textbooks using by five different tenth grade senior high school in Rejang Lebong. The first titled English textbook tittled "Pathway to English" this English textbook using by SMAN 01 Rejang Lebong, SMAN 02 Rejang Lebong and SMAN 08 Selupu Rejang. And then, the second English textbook with the tittle "Bahasa Inggris" using by SMAN 04 Rejang Lebong. And then the last English textbook with the tittled "SPLASH Smart Path to Learning English" using by SMKN 02 Rejang Lebong.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Oktaviani, D., & Hidayati, D. (2023). *Buku Teks Dalam Implementasi Kurikulum Merdeka di Sekolah Dasar*. Jurnal Pendidikan dan Pembelajaran, 5(1), 45-57. Retrieved from https://ojs.fkip.umada.ac.id/index.php/mes/article/download/56/27

Investigating textbooks at the senior high school level is crucial for the successful implementation of the *Merdeka* Curriculum because textbooks need to align with the curriculum's goals of flexibility, student-centered learning, and critical thinking. The Merdeka Curriculum encourages student autonomy, so textbooks must support independent learning and allow teachers to adapt lessons to meet diverse student needs. They should also integrate 21st-century skills like problem-solving and collaboration, which are key components of the curriculum. Additionally, textbooks need to be culturally relevant, reflecting local and global perspectives, and should offer inclusive resources for students with different learning styles and abilities. By investigating textbooks, we ensure they support the holistic, flexible, and personalized approach that the Merdeka Curriculum promotes, helping both teachers and students achieve the curriculum's goals.

The implementation of Kurikulum Merdeka in English language education has introduced several challenges related to curriculum design and the textbooks used by teachers. One of the primary issues is teacher preparedness, as many educators report difficulties in adapting to the flexible, student-centered approach of the new curriculum. Many teachers feel unprepared to design lessons that cater to the diverse needs and learning styles of students. Additionally, aligning assessments with the revised Bloom's Taxonomy within the Merdeka Curriculum framework has been a significant concern, as teachers struggle to ensure that assessments effectively measure various cognitive levels. Resource availability also remains a challenge, as the shift to a more flexible curriculum has highlighted the scarcity of resources and professional development opportunities for teachers,

hindering effective implementation.

In terms of textbooks, there are issues with the design of tasks. While analyses of English textbooks under *Kurikulum Merdeka* show a variety of task types, there is inconsistency in their alignment with curriculum objectives. Some textbooks place more emphasis on certain task types over others, potentially disrupting the balance of skills development. Another challenge is the relevance of content; some teachers have pointed out that certain textbooks do not fully reflect the diverse cultural and contextual needs of students, leading to disengagement and reduced effectiveness in learning. Furthermore, the lack of comprehensive guidance on integrating textbooks with the new curriculum has left teachers to navigate these changes with limited support, which impacts the overall quality of English instruction.

#### **1.2 Question of The Research**

Based on focus of the study above, then the question of research is formulated as follows.

1. To what extend the suitability level of the Merdeka curriculum material contained in the tenth grade English textbook in terms of suitability referring to Merdeka Curriculum Indicators?

#### 1.3 Objectives of The Research

The objectives of the research is to ensure and analyze the material contained in the English textbooks in accordance with the *Merdeka* curriculum which refers referring to Merdeka Curriculum Indicators.

#### 1.4 Significances of The Research

The results of this study are expected to contribute both theoretically and practically go to follows:

#### 1. Teacher

It is hoped that teachers can be careful in using textbooks in the teaching and learning process in the classroom and then teachers are also expected to gain better knowledge of the *Merdeka* curriculum so that they can use the English textbook appropriately according to the *Merdeka* curriculum.

#### 2. Schools

This research is expected to be used as a guideline for schools to choose a curriculum according to the school's ability, besides that schools are expected to conduct a brief evaluation before using textbooks as teaching materials.

#### 1.5 Delimitation of The Research

This research just focused to find out the most high contents of English textbooks has suitable with Merdeka curriculum grade X which is equivalent Standart of English language learning. The analysis is connected to the **Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Republik Indonesia**. (2021). *Kurikulum Merdeka: Panduan Pembelajaran di Sekolah Dasar dan Menengah*. Jakarta: Kementerian Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan.

#### 1.6 The Definition of Key Terms

The definition of key terms are described as follows:

#### 1. Curriculum Merdeka

Kurikulum Merdeka is an educational framework introduced by the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture with the aim of providing a more flexible and student-centered approach to learning. It emphasizes the development of critical thinking, creativity, and independence among students<sup>10</sup>. Unlike traditional curricula that focus heavily on standardized content delivery, Kurikulum Merdeka allows for greater autonomy for teachers to tailor learning experiences based on the needs and interests of their students. The curriculum promotes holistic development, including cognitive, emotional, social, and ethical growth, and is designed to foster lifelong learning skills. Additionally, it integrates the use of technology and encourages the development of competencies, such as problem-solving, collaboration, and communication, that are crucial for students to thrive in the 21st century.

#### 2. English Textbook

Textbooks are a key component in most language program. A textbook is a book that has been carefully compiled to provide a thorough explanation of a particular field of study. A textbook is a book that has been thoroughly compiled with the goal of explaining the material in a particular field of

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Kementerian Pendidikan, Kebudayaan, Riset, dan Teknologi Republik Indonesia. (2021). Kurikulum Merdeka: Panduan Pembelajaran di Sekolah Dasar dan Menengah. Jakarta: Kementerian Pendidikan, Kebudayaan, Riset, dan Teknologi Republik Indonesia. Retrieved from https://www.kemdikbud.go.id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Leffi Noviyenti, "Analysis of English Alive Textbook in Terms of Genres and Lexical Density," AL-ISHLAH: Jurnal Pendidikan 13, no. 2 (2021): 799–812, https://doi.org/10.35445/alishlah.v13i2.587

study. Typically, textbooks are created in educational institutions to fulfill the demands of teachers. Textbooks and other books used in classrooms are called schoolbooks. Textbooks play a dominant role in English teaching in Indonesia. Indonesian English teaching is dependent to the roles of textbooks since they are considered to provide clear instructions and procedural guidance.

#### **CHAPTER II**

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

This chapter presents a literature study in regard to a survey of related theories, including definition of Textbook, Merdeka Curriculum, Indicator of English textbook based Merdeka Curriulum, Content Analysis Based on Merdeka Curriculumn and previous study

#### 2.1 Concept of Textbook

#### a) The Definition of Textbook

According to Seguin, textbooks serve as a pedagogical tool in the process of teaching and learning, and it is essential that they are compatible with the curriculum with regard to objectives, content, and instructional approach for each discipline. <sup>12</sup> It plays a crucial role in fostering a productive learning environment within the classroom. Textbooks are considered indispensable educational resources that come in both printed and digital forms. In the regulation of the Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia Number 3 of 2017 verse 5-7, it states that textbook is divided into two categories main textbook and compulsory textbook.

The primary textbooks are the books that the government provides without charge, and the required textbooks are the course books that are created by the public and are approved by the government. The primary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Seguin, R. (1989). The elaboration of school textbooks. Citeseer.

textbook and the required textbook must both be aligned with the curriculum. It is clear from the discussion above that textbooks are a useful instructional tool for the teaching and learning process. Textbooks are fundamental educational materials or papers that are available in both printed and digital form. Textbooks serve as a mediator and facilitator of shared learning progress for educators and students.

#### b) Advantages and disadvantages of textbook

The advantages of using textbooks in education include providing a structured program and syllabus, promoting standardization and quality, offering a variety of learning materials, saving time for teachers, potentially serving as effective language models and sources of feedback, and generally being visually appealing and engaging for students.<sup>13</sup> Textbooks have been demonstrated to influence the order of instruction and pedagogical approaches employed by educators.

Furthermore, textbooks are commonly regarded as the authoritative reservoir of knowledge in numerous classrooms. Abdel Wahab asserts that textbooks offer a plethora of learning resources that enhance the learning experience for students. <sup>14</sup> These resources may include workbooks, CDs, cassettes, videos, and other similar materials. While it is true that not all textbooks come with accompanying CDs or cassettes, the workbook can still offer significant value and interactivity for students.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Tsiplakides, Selecting an English Coursebook: Theory and Practice. Theory and Practice in Language Studies, 1(7), 758, 764, https://doi.org/10.4304/rpls.1.7.758, 764

<sup>1(7), 758–764.</sup> https://doi.org/10.4304/tpls.1.7.758-764

14 AbdelWahab, Developing an English language textbook evaluative checklist. IOSR Journal of Research & Method in Education, 1(3), 55–70.

Furthermore, the utilization of textbooks in contemporary educational institutions persists due to its advantages for both educators and learners. Regarding students, textbooks are subject to change. This is a learning resource that can be accessed for s reading both within and beyond the confines of the educational institution. Likewise, the textbook may also produce disadvantages effects have observed that a growing number of educators depend on textbooks, which may lead to a perception that teachers are relieved of their responsibilities. It is possible for educators to overlook the significance of their position within the classroom setting, as it remains a crucial component that cannot be substituted by mere instructional materials.

Furthermore, it is possible for educators to overlook the fact that the primary objective of the instructional process is to address the requirements of the learners. According to Soori et al., (2011) utilizing solely textbooks from beginning to end without any additional resources may not be the most effective method for fulfilling the educational requirements of students. According to Allen (2008), there are persistent weaknesses in current foreign learners' textbooks with regard to the content and form. According to Tok (2010), Allwright contends that textbooks exhibit excessive inflexibility and tend to reflect the authors' pedagogical, psychological, and linguistic biases.

#### c) Evaluating Textbook

#### 1. Textbook evaluation

Since Due to the significant role that textbooks play in the classroom, the selection process of textbooks should be approached with caution. It is possible for schools in Indonesia to adopt varying textbooks for the same academic level. Textbook evaluation is a crucial aspect in ensuring a suitable alignment between the content of a textbook and the requirements of the learning/teaching context. Evaluation holds significant importance in the realm of education, particularly for educators, as it can furnish valuable insights for future classroom strategies, curriculum development, and student learning task management.

Furthermore, the scrutiny and assessment of textbooks not only aid educators in their professional growth, but also provide them with significant perspectives on the fundamental nature of the discipline. Moreover, it is imperative to conduct an assessment aimed at verifying the coherence of the English textbook. Language acquisition principles should guide the development of ELT materials, and it is preferable for all content units to be principled, appropriate, and coherent.

#### a. Steps of Textbook Evaluation

According to Ur, there are three stages of textbook evaluation<sup>15</sup>

a. **Deciding on criteria**. In this step, analysts must examine the criteria for textbook evaluation and determine the significance of each criterion using codes such as "very important," "fairly important," and "uncertain".

 $<sup>^{15}</sup>$  Ur, "A course in language teaching trainee book". Cambridge University Press : 1999 )

- b. **Applying criteria**. After determining the significance of the criteria, the criteria are applied to the analysis. The criteria from the initial stage can be used to evaluate the textbook.
- c. **Summary**. The overall evaluation. The concise description of the evaluation's outcome. The textbook could be graded based on previously assigned codes.

#### b. Criteria for Textbook Evaluation

According to Cunningsworth, there are criteria for textbook evaluation. <sup>16</sup>

- a. The overall evaluation. A brief summary of the evaluation's outcome. The textbook may be graded using the previously assigned codes. The textbook should convey learners' current and future uses of the language.
- b. The textbook should consider students' requirements as learners and facilitate their learning processes rather than enforcing a rigid "method" dogmatically.
- c. Textbooks should have a clear position as a learning aid. It acts as a bridge between the target language and the learner.

#### 2.2 Indicator of English textbook based Merdeka Curriulum

Merdeka curriculum which focuses on strengthening skills in using English six language skills, namely listening, speaking, reading, viewing, writing, and presenting or presenting inclusively, in a variety of text types. there are some key indicators for analyzing an English textbook based on the Merdeka.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Cunningsworth, "Choosing your coursebook", (Macmillan Publishers Limited: 1995)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Kementerian Pendidikan, Kebudayaan, Riset, dan Teknologi Republik Indonesia. (2021). *Kurikulum Merdeka: Panduan Pembelajaran di Sekolah Dasar dan Menengah*. Jakarta: Kementerian Pendidikan, Kebudayaan, Riset, dan Teknologi Republik Indonesia.

Table 2.1

English Textbooks Indicators Based on Merdeka Curriculum

Indicator	Description	
Alignment with the	The textbook should focus on developing students'	
<b>Competency-Based</b>	competencies, such as language skills (speaking,	
Approach	listening, reading, and writing) and critical thinking,	
	with real-life applications.	
Student-Centered	The textbook should encourage a student-centered	
Learning	learning approach, allowing students to actively	
	engage, work independently, and explore topics of	
	personal interest.	
Flexibility for Teachers	The textbook should provide flexibility for teachers	
	to adapt materials to diverse student needs,	
	including varied learning activities, project-based	
	tasks, and open-ended questions.	
Development of 21st	The textbook should integrate activities that foster	
<b>Century Skills</b>	communication, collaboration, creativity, and	
	problem-solving, encouraging students to engage in	
	group work and real-world tasks.	
<b>Character and Social</b>	The textbook should promote values like empathy,	
Skills Development	responsibility, and teamwork, and encourage	
	students to reflect on ethical and social issues.	
<b>Inclusion of Local and</b>	The textbook should be relevant to both local	
<b>Global Perspectives</b>	culture and global issues, fostering global	
	citizenship through materials on international events	
	and cultural exchanges.	
Integration of	The textbook should provide opportunities to	
Technology	engage with digital tools, apps, and multimedia,	
	enhancing the learning process and making English	
	study more dynamic.	
<b>Holistic Assessment</b>	The textbook should support assessments beyond	
Methods	traditional exams, offering formative assessments	
	such as projects, portfolios, self-assessments, and	
	peer reviews.	
<b>Encouragement of</b>	The textbook should encourage students to analyze	
Critical Thinking and	texts, form opinions, and engage in discussions that	
Reflection	promote critical thinking and reflection on broader	
	life contexts.	

<b>Cultural Sensitivity</b>	The textbook should respect and reflect cultural	
and Diversity	diversity, offering materials that expose students to	
	various English-language cultures, promoting	
	inclusivity and respect.	

#### 2.3 Concept of Merdeka Curriculum

#### A. Definition of Curriculum

According to BSNP curriculum is a set of plans and arrangements regarding the objectives, content, and learning materials as well as used as a guideline for organizing learning activities to achieve the objectives. <sup>18</sup> Furthermore, the curriculum can be understood as a structure or tool to extend cognitive activities beyond building knowledge that students do in everyday life. <sup>19</sup> Curriculum is also one of the elements that can make a significant contribution to the process of creating the potential qualities possessed by students. <sup>20</sup> All activities related to students are curriculum, even the interaction of students with teachers or with other students is also a curriculum.

The curriculum includes student-related school experiences that focus on their essential skills and strategies for sharpening critical thinking and creativity, problem-solving skills, teamwork, communication, effective writing, reading and research.<sup>21</sup> There needs to be a focus on the curriculum

<sup>20</sup> Lestari, "Analysis of 2013 curriculum problems so it is changed into a merdeka curriculum", (JURNAL PENDIDIKAN DASAR NUSANTARA, Vol. 8 No. 2, 2023) hal. 263–274

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> BSNP, *Panduan Penyusunan Kurikulum Tingkat Satuan Pendidikan Jenjang Pendidikan Dasar dan Menengah*, (Badan Standar Nasional Pendidikan : 2006)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Young, What is a curriculum and what can it do? (The Curriculum Journal :2006), hal 7–13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Brown, Mindfulness: Theoretical Foundations and Evidence for its Salutary Effects, Psychological Inquiry, Vol. 18 No. 4, hal. 211–237.

in the learning process rather than the outcome process, and that the curriculum framework needs to include space for innovation, creativity and inventiveness to ensure relevance for learners. One way to achieve this is to provide opportunities for students to play an active role in the curriculum development process.<sup>22</sup>

It is believed in the education system that the curriculum is a set of plans and arrangements regarding the content and domain of learning and the methods used as guidelines in organizing learning activities. Based on the above definition, the researcher could be concluded that the curriculum is a set of parts of an education. The curriculum is the content, objectives, and even learning materials that are arranged in such a way. Activities that involve students can be called a curriculum. Student creativity must be accommodated by a curriculum. Interests, subject matter, and goals are all aspects of the curriculum.

#### 1. Definition of Merdeka Curriculum

The education curriculum in Indonesia has undergone several changes. Recently, the Indonesian government has introduced a new curriculum, namely *Merdeka* curriculum. In order to meet the needs of students and the challenges of the times, the curriculum must be adaptive to the times and the development of science and technology.<sup>23</sup> However,

 $^{22}$  Bovill, How conceptualisations of curriculum in higher education influence student-staff co-creation in and f the curriculum. Higher Education, Vol. 78, No. 3, 2019, hal 407–422.

<sup>23</sup> Prastowo, TRANSFORMASI KURIKULUM PENDIDIKAN DASAR DAN MENENGAH DI INDONESIA, JIP Jurnal Ilmiah PGMI: 2018, 4(2), hal. 111–125.

because the Merdeka curriculum is a new curriculum issued by the government not all schools in Indonesia have implemented the curriculum, there needs to be time for schools to implement it because of one aspect and another asserted one of the most important factors in curriculum change is the readiness of educators to implement the new curriculum or program.

However, the Merdeka curriculum is a new curriculum with a new approach that replaces the previous curriculum. Nevertheless, this curriculum is only an option for education units and is not directly implemented in all education units since its release. Merdeka curriculum was developed as a curriculum that is more flexible and focuses on core material as well as shaping student character and competencies.<sup>24</sup> Character and competence of students, the characteristics that are the focus of this curriculum support the restoration of project-based learning to develop soft skills and character in line with the Pancasila student profile. While focusing on essential materials so that they can make the most of their time to master basic competencies such as literacy and numeracy.<sup>25</sup>

Moreover, the concept in the Merdeka curriculum is a manifestation that emphasizes students as the center of learning (student-centered learning). Through the learning process, students should be able to learn independently, not depend on the educational environment, and choose their

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Barlian, "Implementasi kurikulum merdeka dalam meningkatkan mutu Pendidikan". Journal of Educational and Language Research, 1(12), JOEL 2022, hal. 2105–2118.

<sup>25</sup> Zainuri, "Planning for the Merdeka Belajar Curriculum at the Ar-Riyadh Palembang Islamic Boarding

School". Borneo Educational Journal 5(1), Borju 2023, hal. 88-96.

own methods that they will use in the learning process.<sup>26</sup> The Merdeka curriculum structure is divided into two main learning activities, namely: (a) regular or routine learning which is an intracurricular activity; and (b) student profile strengthening project Pancasila in the Merdeka curriculum there are phases that must be achieved by students, which the Merdeka curriculum divides the grade levels from grade 1 to grade 12, namely Phase A for grade 1 elementary school to phase F for grade 12 high school.

#### 2. The main characteristics of *Merdeka* curriculum

#### a. Soft skills and character development

Merdeka Curriculum strengthens student character development education with Pancasilais student character values, which includes 6 dimensions, each of which each dimension is described in detail into each element, which consists of faith in devotion to God Almighty, global diversity, cooperation, independence, critical and creative.<sup>27</sup> One of the important aspects in humans is character and good character can be formed early to create quality human resources.<sup>28</sup>

#### b. Focus on essential material

The development of a Merdeka curriculum is based on the lagging literacy and numeracy of learners. With Merdeka Curriculum, learning is

<sup>26</sup> Fathurrahman, "The Influence of School Management on The Implementation of The Merdeka Belajar Curriculum". Jurnal Manajemen Pendidikan Islam, 6(4), AL-TANZIM:2022, hal.1274–1286

<sup>27</sup> Rahmadayanti, "Potret Kurikulum Merdeka, Wujud Merdeka Belajar di Sekolah Dasar". Jurnal Basicedu 6 (4)

2022, hal. 7174–7187.

<sup>28</sup> Komalasari, "Integration Of The Living Values Education Program (LVEP) In The Merdeka Curriculum. Elementary School". Jurnal Pendidikan Dan Pembelajaran Ke-SD-An, 10 (1), 2023, hal. 61-69.

focused on essential understanding and improving the competence of students according to their stages and learning is more in-depth, meaningful, not boring, and fun.<sup>29</sup>

#### 1. Flexible learning

The scope of Merdeka Belajar, Merdeka Curriculum directs the application of varied learning based on student characteristics, including in terms of student learning styles.<sup>30</sup> Therefore, this curriculum is designed for teachers to create conditions so that students have the awareness to be able to manage their learning independently according to their learning style. This curriculum gives schools, teachers, and students the freedom to innovate, learn independently and creatively, which starts with the teacher as the driving force.<sup>31</sup>

#### 2. Indicator competencies in Merdeka curriculum

Learning outcomes are organized by stage and learning outcomes are written in paragraphs that summarize the knowledge, attitudes, and skills to be achieved, reinforce and improve competencies . The learning outcomes in the *Merdeka* Curriculum are an update of the Core Competencies and Basic Competencies designed to strengthen the focus of learning on competency building. Learning outcomes are further simplified into TP (learning objectives). In the Merdeka

<sup>30</sup> Hardiansyah, "Implikasi empat modalitas belajar Fleming terhadap penerapan Kurikulum Merdeka di sekolah

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Priantini, "Analisis Kurikulum Merdeka dan Platform Merdeka Belajar untuk Mewujudkan Pendidikan yang Berkualitas". Jurnal Penjaminan Mutu, 8 (02) 2022, hal. 238–244.

dasar". The Elementary School Teacher Education Journal, 1(2), Sangkalemo 2022.

31 Miladiah, "ANALISIS PENERAPAN KURIKULUM MERDEKA DI SMP BINA TARUNA KABUPATEN BANDUNG 2023". Jurnal Ilmiah Mandala Education, 9(1), Bandung 2023.

curriculum, learning objectives do not have to contain audiences, behaviors, conditions, and degrees, it is enough to have audiences and behaviors that can represent learning objectives. The purpose of learning objectives is made to simplify learning outcomes so that learning designed by educators can run according to targets every day.<sup>32</sup>

The following are the learning outcomes that students must achieve in each phase.

- a. Phases A, B, C (for grades 1-6 elementary school)
- b. Phases D (for grade 7-9 junior high school)
- c. Phases E, F (for grade 10-12 senior high school

Table 2.2 Indicator Learning outcomes phase E Merdeka curriculum<sup>33</sup>

Element	Learning Outcomes E Phases
Listening-Speaking	By the end of Phase E, students use English to communicate with teachers, peers and others in a range of settings and for a range of purposes. They use and respond to questions and use strategies to initiate and sustain conversations and discussion. They understand and identify the main ideas and relevant details of discussions or presentations on youth-related topics. They use English to express opinions on youth-related issues and to discuss youth-related interests. They give and make comparisons. They use non-

 $<sup>^{32}</sup>$ Rindayati, "Kesulitan Calon Pendidik dalam Mengembangkan Perangkat Pembelajaran pada Kurikulum Merdeka". Jurnal Tindakan Kelas, 3(1), PTK 2022, hal. 18–27.

33https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://sman8bpp.sch.id/download/Capaian Pembelajaran/uploads/7a. Bahasa Inggris.pdf&ved=2ahUKEwjUpN739duHAxVuwTgGHYEvKjAQFnoECBYQAQ&usg=AOvVaw13yBtBwkbjOgTSxMaPbeba diakses pada 3 Agustus 2024

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	verbal elements such as gestures, speed and pitch to be understood in some contexts.
Reading-Viewing	By the end of Phase E, students read and respond to a variety of texts, such as narratives, descriptions, procedures, expositions, recount and report. They read to learn or to find information. They locate and evaluate specific details and main ideas of a variety of texts. These texts may be in the form print or digital texts, including visual, multimodal or interactive texts. They are developing understanding of main ideas, issues or plot development in a variety of texts. They identify the author's purposes and are developing simple inferential skills to help them understand implied information from the texts.
Writing-Presenting	By the end of phase E, students write a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, through guided activities, showing an awareness of purpose and audience. They plan, write, review and redraft a range of text types with some evidence of self- correction strategies, including punctuation and capitalization. They express ideas and use common/daily vocabulary and verbs in their writing. They present information using different modes of presentation to suit different audiences and to achieve different purposes, in print and digital forms.

#### 2.4 Merdeka curriculum structure

The  $\mathit{Merdeka}$  curriculum structure is divided into two main learning activities.  $^{34}$ 

 $^{34}$  Qomariyah, "Transisi kurikulum 2013 menjadi kurikulum merdeka: peran dan tantangan dalam lembaga pendidikan" (Conference Series, Gunung Djati : 2022 ), hal. 105–115.

#### 1) Regular or routine learning which is intracurricular

The *Merdeka* curriculum is a curriculum with intracurricular learning so that learners have sufficient time to explore the material and strengthen competencies. Intraculricular learning, also known as routine learning, is undertaken by students 70- 80% of the lesson hours. The purpose of the *Merdeka* curriculum is to give schools and local governments the authority to organize their own education according to the circumstances in their area.<sup>35</sup>

# 2) Learning projects related to with strengthening the Pancasila student profile.

Merdeka curriculums launch program is a teacher mobilization program and to direct this program provides a stimulus for teachers to develop themselves better and refer to the values of Pancasila. By applying about 20%-30% of lessons specifically on strengthening the Pancasila profile for learning, the characters of students can be formed into Pancasila characters.

Unlike the previous curriculum that regulated lesson hours per week in the *Merdeka* curriculum, lesson hours are regulated per year. Education units have the flexibility to organize the allocation of learning time to achieve the lesson hours that have been determined. Education units can apply the learning organization approach in organizing learning. The learning organization approach can be subject-based, thematic, or integrated.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Redana, "IMPLEMENTASI KURIKULUM MERDEKA DI SMA NEGERI 4 SINGARAJA". Locus, 15(1), 2023, hal. 77–87.

# 3 English subject in Merdeka Curriculum

According to Kemendikbud English is one of the main languages used globally in education, commerce, business, science, law, tourism, international relations, health, and technology, among others.<sup>36</sup> Learning English gives learners, the opportunity to interact with citizens from different cultural backgrounds. By mastering English, learners will have wider opportunities to interact with a variety of texts. From their interactions, they acquire knowledge and learn skills, and human behaviors necessary to live in diverse world cultures.

English language subjects at primary and secondary education levels in the national education curriculum provide opportunities for learners to expand their knowledge related to themselves, social relationships, culture, and employment opportunities available globally. And employment opportunities were available globally. Learning English allows learners to gain opportunities to access the outside world and understand different perspectives. This can enhance their socio-cultural understanding and intercultural knowledge. By understanding other cultures and their interaction with Indonesian culture, they increase their in-depth understanding of Indonesian culture, strengthening their self-identity, and appreciating differences.

*Merdeka* curriculum is designed to help students improve their English language skills in six key areas: listening, speaking, reading viewing, writing,

 $^{36}$  Kemendikbud, "Capaian Pembelajaran Mata Pelajaran Bahasa Inggris Fase A-Fase F" ( $^{16}$ BADAN STANDAR, KURIKULUM, DAN ASESMEN PENDIDIKAN KEMENTERIAN PENDIDIKAN, KEBUDAYAAN, RISET, DAN TEKNOLOGI REPUBLIK INDONESIA : 2022 )

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and presenting inclusively, in a variety of contexts.<sup>37</sup> The English language subject in the *Merdeka* curriculum focuses on strengthening English language skills of listening, speaking, reading, viewing, writing, and presenting.

# 2.5 Content Analysis Based on Merdeka Curriculum

According to Krippendorff, content analysis is the use of research methods for making use of the context that is replicable and valid inferences from texts. In li ne with Krippendorff, Colorado State University stated that content analysis is a tool to define the relation of some words and concepts and make inferences of the meaning within texts, the writer, the audience, etc.<sup>38</sup> Which is part of this area. The texts can be specified as books, book chapters, essays, interviews, discussions, newspaper headlines and articles, historical documents, speeches, conversations, advertising, theater, informal conversation, or any occurrence of communicative language. From the definition above, we can conclude that content analysis is a scientific tool to analyze the concept of the specified text that can be replicable and valid inferences from the texts.

Moreover, content analysis is the systematic analysis of reading the body of texts, images, and symbolic matter. The items that can be analyzed in the content analysis divided into five types, which are:

**Table 2.3** Types of content analysis

<sup>37</sup> Pouw, "Kurikulum 2013 dan Kurikulum Merdeka Dalam Pembelajaran Bahasa Inggris Di jenjang SMA". Jurnal Inspirasi Ilmu Manajemen, 1(2), 2023 , hal. 77–82.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Krippendorff, "Content analysis: An introduction to its methodology", Sage publications: 2018.

Types	Items
Written Text	Documents, books, papers, newspapers, etc.
Oral text	Sound, speeches, audio messages, lectures, etc.
Iconic Text	Graphs, paintings, posters, drawing, etc.
Audio	Films, MMS, video, etc.
Hypertext	Text from the internet.

According to the various types of content analysis above, this study uses the written text of the book, which means that this study analyzes the content of the material from the English textbook work in progress grade X. The textbook is generally analyzed based on the achievement of English subject elements in the *Merdeka* curriculum.

 Table 2.4 English subject elements and their descriptions

Elements	Description
Listening	Ability to understand information, give appreciation to the interlocutor, and understand the information heard, to be able to deliver relevant and contextualized responses. process that occurs in listening includes activities such as listening, identifying, understanding, interpreting language sounds, then understanding the meaning.
Reading	The ability to understand, use and reflect on texts according to their purpose and importance, to develop one's knowledge and potential so that one can participate in society.

Speaking	The ability to convey ideas, thoughts, and feelings orally in social interactions.
Writing	The ability to convey, communicate ideas, express creativity and create in a variety of written text genres, in a way that is effective and comprehensible, as well as of interest to readers with appropriate organizational structure and linguistic element's appropriate organizational structure and linguistic elements.

Data resource: EDUCATION STANDARDS, CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AGENCY MINISTRY OF

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Meanwhile, textbooks are one of the supports of the success of a curriculum. Textbooks are representations and interpretations that strongly influence the curriculum to be taught. The influence of the textbooks used is very strong on the curriculum that was and is being implemented, and when curriculum makers also create textbooks, this influence will be very pronounced.

#### 2.6 Review of Related Findings

There are several similar studies related to textbook analysis "A Content Analysis of the English Textbook". The first study came from Fidian and Supriani this study aims to find out the suitability of the material contained in English textbooks for class VII junior high school on the basic components in the syllabus of the Education Unit Level Curriculum (KTSP). In this study, there are four books studied, namely When English the Bells, Let's Speak English, Brigth, and Headline English in the four textbooks analyzed based on

the 2013 curriculum. The instruments used in this research are a list of teacher interview questions and student interviews. The data in this study were analyzed using 14 criteria put forward by Tomlison about evaluating textbooks. The findings obtained in this study are that the material in the textbook is not in accordance with the basic competencies of the syllabus and not all textbook content is in accordance with the basic competencies in the 2013 curriculum. In addition, textbooks do not facilitate students' needs and desires. <sup>39</sup>

The second study is from Ayu and Indrawati conducted research on textbook evaluation to analyze simple to complex tasks and distributions presented in a high school English textbook entitled "Bahasa Inggris SMA/MA/SMK/MAK Kelas X Semester 1" published by the national education department. This research uses a qualitative study with content analysis as its design. Data collection in this study was taken qualitatively using an instrument called a tentative checklist for textbook evaluation and the data was measured using a 5-point Likert scale. The focus of this study was on the tasks presented in the textbook. The results of this study show that the English textbooks studied have interesting tasks that are aligned with the objectives of the 2013 <sup>40</sup>curriculum and a good distribution of tasks across chapters and throughout the book.

 $<sup>^{39}</sup>$  Fidian, Conformity of English Textbooks for Seventh Grade with Curriculum 2013,  $\frac{\text{https://doi.org/}10.36597/\text{jelp.v1i1.2790}}{\text{pdiskses } 15 \text{ mei } 2024}.$ 

<sup>40</sup> Ayu, M., & Indrawati, The Analysis of Tasks Presented in English Textbook, https://doi.org/10.33365/ts.v16i1.87 diakses 15 mei 2024.

From the previous research described above, it can be seen that the two previous studies have looked at the suitability of the material in English textbooks seen with the suitability of the curriculum. From the four studies, there are differences in the tools to measure the suitability of the material contained in English textbooks with the curriculum. The instruments used to measure the suitability of the material include Cunningsworth theory, Harmer theory, BSNP, teacher interview questions, student interviews, and tentative checklists using a 5-point Likert scale. There are several things that differentiate between previous research and current research. For example, in previous research, the suitability of the material in English textbooks was seen from the 2013 curriculum, while in this study, the suitability of English textbooks based on the Merdeka curriculum with data collection through a checklist rubric, while this study will use the instrument to collect the data needed in this study.

#### **CHAPTER III**

#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter elaborates the research methodology for the present. It consists of kind of the research, data of the research, Research Instrument and Technique for Analysis Data.

#### 3.1 Kind of The Research

This research method uses a qualitative approach and focuses on analyzing documents used as primary data. Qualitative research is research that focuses on analyzing the broader meaning to understand every word that will be collected and this research needs to explore the problem to gain a deeper understanding.<sup>41</sup> The design used in this research is content analysis. Content analysis in general is a qualitative research technique that is widely used for research. 42 Content analysis is often presented by using phrases such as credibility, dependability, conformability, transferability, and authenticity.<sup>43</sup> On the content analysis design, Textbooks, essays, newspapers, novels, magazines, articles, recipes, songs, political speeches, advertisements, pictures, and even content from almost any type of communication can be analyzed.<sup>44</sup>

In this study, the researcher used three English textbooks document was launched to support the Merdeka curriculum during the teaching and learning process. This study aims to determine the high relevance of the material

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Creswell, "Education Research: Planning, Conducting, and Evaluating Quantitative and Qualitative Research (fourth edition)" Boston: 2012 Pearson.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Hsieh, "Three Approaches to Qualitative Content Analysis". Qualitative Health Research, 15(9) 2005, hal. 1277–1288.

43 Elo, "Qualitative Content Analysis". 4(1), SAGE Open 2014, 215824401452263.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Fraenkel, "How to Design and Evaluate Research in Education 8th edition" (McGraw-Hill Education: 2011)

contained in three textbook of the English textbook with the learning outcomes of each element in the English language subject class X in the *Merdeka* curriculum. There are 6 chapters from those each English textbooks that will be used for this research sample.

#### 3.2 Data of the Research

This research data is presented in the form of tables and narratives in the form of words, phrases, and sentences. The primary source of data in this study are three English textbooks used by different fifth senior high school in Rejang Lebong which is that three English text books refers to the learning outcomes of the *Merdeka* curriculum. The tittle and the resource of those English textbook will presented in table below.

**Table 3.1** The English Textbook Used by Senior High School in Rejang Lebong

No.	Th	e Scho	ool	The English Textbook
1.	SMAN Lebong	01	Rejang	"Pathway To English" Published by Erlangga the Author Th. M. Sudarwati & Eudia Grace
2.	SMAN Lebong	02	Rejang	"Pathway To English" Published by Erlangga the Author Th. M. Sudarwati & Eudia Grace
3.	SMAN Lebong	08	Rejang	"Pathway To English" Published by Erlangga the Author Th. M. Sudarwati & Eudia Grace
4.	SMAN Lebong	04	Rejang	"Bahasa Inggris"  Published by Grafindo Media

				Pratama the Author Windi Asariastika and Priscillia Evalita Meliala				
5.	SMKN Lebong	02	Rejang	"Splash Smart Path To Learning English" Published by Erlangga the Author Anik M. Indriastuti				

From the data English Textbook above, the researcher also show the data of each chapter in those English textbook. The contents of the data will be analyzed. Each of English textbook has 6 chapter and unit. The data from those English textbook will presented in the table below.

 Table 3.2 The content of Each Unit English Textbook

NO	The English Textbook	The Contents
1	Bahasa Inggris	Chapter 1 ( Famous Athletes I Know ) Found on Page 1, Chapter 2 ( Sports Events I Went To ) Found on Page 27, Chapter 3 ( How Sports Keep Us Healthy ) Found on Page 59, Chapter 4 ( Healthy Foods ) Found on Page 89, Chapter 5 ( Graffiti, A Beautiful Art ) Found on Page 137, Chapter 6 ( Have You Read Ftractured Stories ) Found on Page 165.
2	Pathway to English	Unit 1 ( Language, Lens of Understanding ) Found on Page 1, Unit 2 ( Unlock The Ideas to Arts ) Found on Page 29, Unit 3 (when a Disease was Declared as a Pandemic ) Found on Page 53, Unit 4 ( Good Habits during Pandemic ) Found on Page 81, Unit 5 ( Smart Teenagers in a Smart Community ) Found on Page 109, Unit 6 ( Help the Planet we call home ) Found on Page 137.

3	SPLASH Smart Path to Learning English	Unit 1 (What Fables Do You Like to Read?) Found on Page 1, Unit 2 (What Is It?) Found on Page 37, Unit 3 (Could You Show Me How to Operate It?) Found on Page 73, Unit 4 (Which Issues Do You Agree with?) Found on Page 103, Unit 5 (Share Your Story) Found on Page 133, Unit 6 (How Do We Write Report Texts?) Found on
		Page 173.

#### 3.3 Instrument of the Research

Qualitative research data is collected using a variety of methods and interestingly, one of these data collection methods is the researcher herself because this is the reason why most experts regard the researcher as an instrument. Instrument used in this study is the researcher itself. The reason the researcher qualifies as an instrument is because the researcher has an expertise and deep understanding of the research topic and its various components, the researcher is the one who conducted the research and analysed the data.

In this research, researcher used the instrument to analyzed the data. Document Analyzed in this study using checklist rubric. A'ccording to Mukundan and Nimehchisalem a checklist is an instrument used to help teachers or researchers in the field of English Language Teaching (ELT) to evaluate teaching and learning resources such as textbooks.<sup>46</sup> The checklist

<sup>45</sup> Wa-Mbaleka, "The Researcher as an Instrument In Computer Supported Qualitative Research: New Trends on Qualitative Research". Springer International Publishing 2020, page 33-41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Mukundan, "Evaluative Criteria of an English Language Textbook Evaluation Checklist". Journal of Language Teaching and Research, 3(6) 2012

rubric is used to see whether or not the English textbook is relevant to the *Merdeka* curriculum based on indicators from Official guide on the Merdeka Curriculum, outlining its principles and goals, useful for evaluating textbooks according to curriculum standards. The researcher determined the criteria to analyzed the data used in the checklist rubric; high, low, and null base of the material suggested.

**Table 3.3** Checklist Rubric of Research Instrument

Book :

Published:

Objective : To analyze the material contained in the English textbook in

accordance with the Merdeka curriculum Official guide on the Merdeka Curriculum, outlining its principles and goals, useful for evaluating textbooks according to curriculum standards

Instruction : Give checklist  $(\sqrt{})$  for the level based on the indicator of each

unit/chapter

Skill	Indicators			Suita nit/C	Note			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Listening	Textbook suggests to understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.							
	Textbook suggests to understand the main point of many radio or TV programmes on current affairs or topics of personal or professional interest when the delivery is relatively slow and clear.							
Reading	Textbook suggests to understand factual texts on subjects related to his/her interests that consist mainly of high frequency everyday							

	Textbook suggests to recognise				
	significant points in				
	straightforward newspaper articles				
	on familiar subjects				
	Textbook suggests to understand				
	the description of events, feelings				
	and wishes and the reading text				
	must comply wi				
Speaking	Textbook can exploit a wide range				
	of simple language to deal with				
	most situations likely to arise				
	whilst travelling				
	Textbook can enter unprepared				
	into conversation on topics that are				
	familiar, of personal interest				
	orpertinent to everyday life (e.g.,				
	family, hobbies, work, travel and				
	current events) and can keep going				
	comprehensibly in order to				
	describe experiences and events,				
	dreams, hopes and ambitions				
	Textbook can briefly give reasons				
	and explanations for opinions and				
	plans				
	Textbook can narrate a story or				
	relate the plot of a book or film				
	and describe reactions.				
Writing	Textbook suggests to write simple				
	texts on topics which are familiar				
	or of personal interest by linking a				
	series of shorter discrete elements				
	into a linear sequence				
	Textbook suggests to write				
	personal letters describing events,				
	experiences and impressions				

# 3.4 Technique for Analyzing The Data

The data in this study were adapted from the data analysis proposed. There are four components in the sequence or stages of data analysis.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Miles, "Qualitative Data Analysis A Methods Sourcebook (third)". Sage Publications, Inc : 2014

#### 1. Data selecting.

The first step, with the researcher understanding each the contents of three English textbook one by one in depth, then the researcher selects data that is in accordance with the 4 elements of learning outcomes in the *Merdeka* curriculum in class X high school from each those chapter in three English textbook. After the data was collected, the researcher started the next step.

#### 2. Data Display.

The second step, the researcher displays the data that has been collected in the data selection process in the textbook based on the 4 elements of the English language subject class X senior high school in the *Merdeka* curriculum which is displayed in the form of tables and narrative format. After that, the researcher identifies the text by displaying the data in tabular form and then compares the material in the *Merdeka* curriculum and the material in the textbook using a checklist rubric table, to find out whether the content of the material in the textbook is in accordance with the material in the *Merdeka* curriculum on the 4 components of learning outcomes in English language subjects class X high school.

### 3. Data interpreting

This process includes the interpretation of data that has been categorized and displayed which includes the material contained in three English textbook "

Pathway to English textbook, Bahasa Inggris work in progress and SPLASH Smart

Path to Learning English" and 4 elements of the learning outcomes of those English language subject class X senior high school of the Merdeka curriculum. This process also includes retrieving the results of data analysis, drawing conclusions

from the observed correlations, and applying those conclusions to reach a conclusion.

# 4. Drawing conclusion.

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After describing the data, the researcher did the final stage to draw conclusions. The researcher simply concluded the data analysis process based on the data that had been obtained. The researcher also emphasized the main points of the research. Readers can also see whether the results of data analysis have met the research objectives or not. And the researcher also can conclude what is the English textbook has high the most suitability

#### **CHAPTER IV**

#### FINDING AND DISCUSSION

In this chapter, the results of the research and discussion are explained to find out the suitability level of the Merdeka curriculum material contained in the tenth grade English textbook in terms of suitability referring to the implementation of Merdeka Curriculum.

# 4.1 Finding

In this chapter, findings and discussions by study area are discussed. The data are presented as a presentation of Three English textbook "Bahasa Inggris, Pathway to English and Splash Smart Path to Learn English". This study's conclusion investigates whether the textbook's materials correlate with those suggested by the *Merdeka* curriculum in learning outcome. The first English textbook is Bahasa Inggris was published by Windi Asariastika & Priscilia Evalita Meliala on 2022. This book has 228 pages consisting of 6 Chapter's.

- a) Chapter 1 is titled Famous Athletes I Know.
- b) Chapter 2 is titled Sports Events I Went To.
- c) Chapter 3 titled is How Sports Keep Us Healthy.
- d) Chapter 4 is titled Healthy Foods.
- e) Chapter is 5 titled Graffiti, A Beautiful Art.
- f) Chapter 6 is titled Have You Read Ftractured Stories.

The second English textbook is Pathway to English was published by Th. M. Sudarwati & Eudia Grace on 2022. This English textbook has 166 pages consisting of 6 unit's.

- a) Unit 1 is titled Language, Lens of Understanding.
- b) Unit 2 is titled Unlock The Ideas to Arts.
- c) Unit 3 is titled when a Disease was Declared as a Pandemic.
- d) Unit 4 is titled Good Habbits during Pandemic.
- e) Unit 5 is titled Smart Teenagers in a Smart Community.
- f) Unit 6 is titled Help the Planet we call home.

The Third English textbook is Splash Smart Path to Learn English was published by Anik Muslikah Indriastuti on 2022. This book has 214 pages consisting 6 unit's.

- a) Unit 1 is titled What Fables Do You Like to Read?.
- b) Unit 2 is titled What Is It?.
- c) Unit 3 is titled Could You Show Me How to Operate It?.
- d) Unit 4 is titled Which Issues Do You Agree with?.
- e) Unit 5 is titled Share Your Story.
- f) Unit 6 is titled How Do We Write Report Texts?.

The data for this study were collected from each chapter in each English textbook. This study aims to ensure that every content contained in this textbook is relevant to the *Merdeka* Curriculum in the four elements of the English language such as: Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writin

The findings of this study provided in this section based on the emphasis and research questions posed in the previous chapter. The results can be presented as follows. The tables below show the suitability of the material

contained in three English textbook with the *Merdeka* curriculum. The tables below show each chapter in each English textbook. The first table's can present the English textbook's Bahasa Inggris. The next is present the English textbook Path Way to English. And the last can present the English textbook Splash Smart Path to Learning English.

# a) English Textbook "Bahasa Inggris"

**Table 4.1** The Result of the conformity of the Material with the *Merdeka* curriculum

Skill	Indicators	Alignment with Merdeka Curriculum	Number of Activities in Accordance	Total Number of Activities	Note
Listening	Understands main points of clear standard speech on familiar topics (work, school, leisure, etc.).	Supports competency- based learning with real-life context and active listening practices, aligning with Merdeka's flexible, student- centered approach.	10 out of 12	12	This aligns with Merdeka's emphasis on active listening and practical engagement.
	Understands the main points of radio/TV programs on current affairs or topics of personal interest.	Encourages listening to diverse, authentic media, promoting critical thinking and real-world application.	5 out of 6	6	Encourages critical thinking and listening to real-world media, enhancing global awareness.
Reading	Understands factual texts on subjects of personal interest and	Promotes reading comprehension of relevant texts,	14 out of 18	18	Supports the development of reflective reading skills, an essential aspect

	familiar everyday topics.  Recognizes significant points in straightforward newspaper articles on familiar subjects.	emphasizing the importance of critical thinking and understanding in context.  Encourages comprehension of texts related to global and local issues, fostering analytical reading skills.	3 out of 5	5	of the Merdeka Curriculum.  Aligns with fostering analytical thinking and engagement with news/media, a key element of global competency.
	Understands descriptions of events, feelings, and wishes.	Aligns with Merdeka's approach to reading, focusing on real-life application and developing reflective thinking skills.	4 out of 5	5	Builds understanding of emotions and experiences, which is important for personal reflection and emotional literacy
Speaking	Can engage in conversations on familiar, everyday topics (e.g., family, hobbies, work, travel).	Promotes speaking practice in real- life contexts, encourages personal expression and collaboration, in line with Merdeka's student- centered learning approach.	17 out of 24	24	Supports interactive and communicative practices in real- life settings, a core part of Merdeka's approach to spoken language development.
	Can briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.	Supports student- centered learning, promoting self- expression and reasoning skills,	6 out of 6	6	Enhances reasoning and communication skills, preparing students for logical and

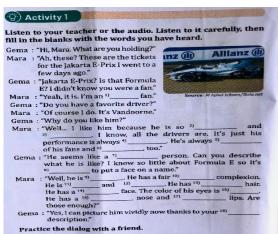
a key			persuasive
component of 21st-century	f		interactions.
skills in			
Merdeka.	2		
Encourages narrative skill critical reflection, and personal experience sharing.	d	3	Promotes creative and reflective expression through story narration, aligning with Merdeka's holistic language approach
Encourages creative writing, independent expression, an organization of ideas, fostering writing skills essential for the Merdeka Curriculum's holistic approach.	of ng he	12	Focuses on creativity, clarity, and organization in writing, encouraging self-expression and structured communication
Promotes personal expression, reflection, and communication in writing, aligning with the Merdeka Curriculum's focus on social and emotional learning.	on al	6	Reinforces social and emotional learning through reflective writing, enhancing self-awareness and empathy.
Textbook supports Merdeka Curriculum with a strong focus on acti		97	
Curriculu with a stro	ong cti	ong ctive,	ong ctive,

competency- based learning. Incorporates	
21st-century	
skills and real-	
life contexts.	

Based on the data provided, the English textbook activities largely align with the indicators set forth by the Merdeka Curriculum, focusing on the development of language skills, student-centered learning, and competency-based education:

1. In the **Listening** section, the textbook supports students in understanding the main points of clear, standard speech on familiar matters, as well as radio or TV programs on current affairs or topics of personal or professional interest. This approach aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum's emphasis on competency-based learning, as students practice listening to real-life, contextually relevant material. The textbook addresses 10 out of 12 activities in accordance with the indicators, demonstrating a strong focus on active listening skills.

Figure 4.1 example of listening task



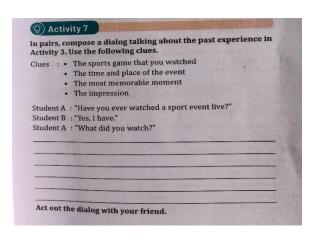
**Activity Example**: Understanding the main points of clear, standard speech on familiar matters (work, school, leisure, etc.)

**Example**: In the textbook, students listen to a dialogue between two friends discussing their plans for the weekend. The activity asks students to identify the main topics discussed and answer comprehension questions.

**Alignment with Merdeka**: This activity focuses on developing students' ability to understand clear, everyday conversations, encouraging active listening and real-world application.

2. For Speaking, the textbook provides activities that encourage students to engage in conversations on familiar topics, describe experiences, and give reasons for opinions and plans. It also allows students to narrate stories and describe plots of books or films, promoting real-life communication and personal expression. With 17 out of 24 activities meeting the indicators, this section supports the development of speaking skills, in line with the Merdeka Curriculum's emphasis on student-centered learning and 21st-century skills such as communication and collaboration.

Figure 4.2 example of speaking task



**Activity Example**: Understanding radio/TV programs on current affairs or topics of personal or professional interest

**Example**: Students listen to a segment of a news broadcast about climate change and answer questions related to the main ideas and details.

**Alignment with Merdeka**: This aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum's competency-based approach by exposing students to media content, improving listening comprehension, and understanding of current events.

3. In **Reading**, the textbook provides activities that help students understand factual texts related to their personal interests, as well as newspaper articles on familiar subjects. It also includes materials that help students comprehend the description of events, feelings, and wishes, in line with *Merdeka* curriculum. With 14 out of 18 activities meeting the indicators, the textbook demonstrates a strong

focus on reading for understanding and critical analysis, essential components of the Merdeka Curriculum's competency-based approach.

Figure 4.3 example of reading task



**Activity Example**: Understanding factual texts on subjects of personal interest

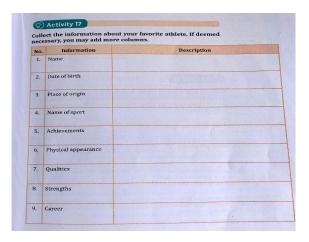
**Example**: Students read an article about the importance of sports in daily life and are asked to summarize the main ideas and express their opinion on the subject.

**Alignment with Merdeka**: This aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum by encouraging students to engage with reading material related to their personal interests, supporting independent thinking and analysis

**4. In the Writing section**, the textbook includes tasks that help students write simple texts, such as personal letters, and link short elements into a coherent sequence. These activities align with the Merdeka Curriculum's goal of encouraging independent and creative writing. The 10 out of 12 activities that meet

the indicators show a focus on the development of writing skills, fostering students' ability to express themselves clearly and logically.

Figure 4.4 example of writing task



**Activity Example**: Writing simple texts on familiar topics, linking short elements into a coherent sequence

**Example**: Students write a paragraph describing a typical day at school, linking ideas such as "waking up," "arriving at school," "attending classes," and "going home."

**Alignment with Merdeka**: This activity encourages students to practice organizing their thoughts logically and coherently, a skill that is crucial in both writing and communication

### b) English Textbook Pathway to English

Below is a table that analyzes the data from the English textbook "Pathway to English," showing which sections and activities align with the Merdeka curriculum indicators:

 Table 4.2 The Result of the conformity of the Material with

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Skill	Indicators	Alignment with Merdeka	Number of Activities in	Total Number of	Note
		Curriculum	Accordance	Activities	
Listening	Understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters (work, school, leisure, etc.).	Focuses on active listening, promoting comprehension of real-life, contextually relevant material.	9 out of 12	12	Supports active listening practices, which is crucial for comprehension in real-life scenarios, aligning with Merdeka's approach to real-world application.
	Understand the main point of radio/TV programs on current affairs or topics of personal or professional interest when the delivery is slow and clear.	Supports competency- based listening skills, ensuring comprehension of current, personal, and professional topics.	5 out of 6	6	Encourages comprehension of media in a real-world context, helping students apply listening skills in personal and professional settings
Reading	Understand factual texts related to personal interests, using high-frequency everyday vocabulary.	Encourages reading for understanding, helping students relate texts to their personal interests.	14 out of 18	18	Focuses on developing reading comprehension with materials relevant to students' everyday lives and interests.
	Recognize significant points in straightforward newspaper articles on	Focuses on comprehension of familiar, informational texts, in line with Merdeka's emphasis on	4 out of 6	6	Helps develop practical reading skills, allowing students to engage with global and local

	familiar	practical			issues through
	subjects.	learning.			accessible texts
	Understand	Encourages	5 out of 6	6	Enhances
	descriptions of	critical thinking			comprehension
	events,	and			skills while
	feelings, and	understanding,			encouraging
	wishes aligned	ensuring the			reflection on
	with Merdeka	text is suitable			emotional and
	Curriculum's	for students'			experiential
	indicators.	developmental.			contexts.
Speaking	Use simple	Promotes	6 out of 6	6	Prepares
	language to	speaking skills			students for
	deal with	that are			practical,
	situations	applicable in			everyday
	likely to arise	real-world			communication,
	while	situations,			aligning with the
	traveling.	focusing on			Merdeka
		communication			Curriculum's
		in context.			emphasis on
					context-driven
					learning.
	Enter	Encourages	5 out of 6	6	Focuses on
	unprepared	speaking			conversational
	conversations	fluency,			fluency and
	on familiar	spontaneity,			personal
	topics (e.g.,	and personal			expression,
	family,	expression,			promoting
	hobbies, work,	supporting			critical
	travel) and	21st-century			communication
	describe	communication			skills in informal
	experiences,	skills.			settings
	dreams, hopes,				8
	and ambitions.				
	Give reasons	Aligns with the	0	6	A key area for
	and	Merdeka		-	development;
	explanations	Curriculum's			encourages
	for opinions	focus on critical			deeper reasoning
	and plans.	thinking and			and explanation
	1	reasoning in			skills, enhancing
		oral			persuasive and
		communication.			logical
					communicationA
					key area for
					development;
					encourages
					deeper reasoning
					deeper reasoning

	Narrate a story or describe the plot of a book or film, and describe reactions.	Supports expressive communication and storytelling, fostering creativity and verbal expression.	1 out of 6	6	and explanation skills, enhancing persuasive and logical communication  Promotes creativity and verbal expression through storytelling, a key skill for both communication and self-reflection
Writing	Write simple texts on familiar topics, linking short discrete elements into a coherent sequence.	Promotes clear and logical writing, enhancing students' ability to structure and articulate ideas.	12 out of 12	12	Focuses on structured writing skills, crucial for students' ability to communicate clearly and logically in both academic and everyday contexts.
	Write personal letters describing events, experiences, and impressions.	Supports personal expression and writing practice, encouraging reflection and communication.	6 out of 6	6	Enhances reflective writing and personal communication, emphasizing emotional literacy and social interaction
Overall Total	Total Activities with Merdeka ( Indicators		67 out of 90	90	The activities align well with the Merdeka Curriculum's emphasis on competency-based, real-world learning, but there is room for

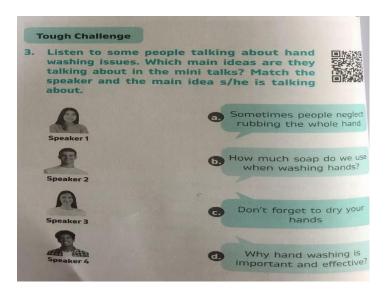
		improvement in
		oral reasoning.

Based on the data provided, the English textbook activities largely align with the indicators set forth by the Merdeka Curriculum, focusing on the development of language skills, student-centered learning, and competency-based education:

1. The textbook aims to improve students' listening skills by including activities where students can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar topics like work, school, and leisure. It also focuses on understanding radio or TV programs on current affairs or topics of personal or professional interest when the delivery is slow and clear.

The **Merdeka Curriculum** prioritizes competency-based learning, emphasizing real-life, contextually relevant material. In **listening**, the textbook aligns with these objectives by offering activities that help students practice listening comprehension in meaningful situations. These activities reflect a focus on both fluency and understanding, promoting active learning and engaging with real-world contexts, which is essential for the development of listening skills in the 21st century. The textbook includes 9 out of 12 listening activities that match the indicators, reflecting a strong alignment with the **Merdeka Curriculum** goals.

**Figure 4.5** example of listening task



*Indicator*: Textbook suggests understanding the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.

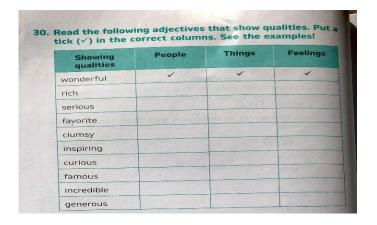
**Example from the textbook:** An activity where students listen to a conversation people discussing about hand washing issues. The conversation covers familiar topics like hobbies and leisure activities, allowing students to practice identifying the main ideas in everyday speech.

Alignment with Merdeka Curriculum: The activity aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum by exposing students to real-life contexts, enhancing their ability to comprehend standard speech they are likely to encounter in daily life, such as in work, school, or leisure settings.

2. In the **reading** section, the textbook offers activities designed to help students understand factual texts on subjects that are related to their

interests. It includes texts that consist of high-frequency everyday vocabulary, and also encourages recognizing significant points in straightforward newspaper articles on familiar topics. The reading materials help students understand descriptions of events, feelings, and wishes. The **Merdeka Curriculum** emphasizes critical thinking, relevance to students' lives, and competency-based education. The reading activities in the textbook align with these by exposing students to texts that not only relate to their personal interests but also promote comprehension of current affairs and global issues. The inclusion of materials that support students' understanding of emotions, events, and personal experiences aligns with the curriculum's holistic approach to learning. There are 14 out of 18 reading activities that follow the indicators, showing a solid focus on developing students' reading comprehension and critical analysis skills.

**Figure 4.6** example of reading task



*Indicator*: Textbook suggests understanding factual texts on subjects related to their interests that consist mainly of high-frequency everyday

vocabulary.

**Example from the textbook**: A reading passage about sustainable fashion, which discusses current trends and environmental impacts. The vocabulary used is relevant to students' everyday lives and helps them understand practical information.

Alignment with Merdeka Curriculum: The reading material reflects students' interests and provides exposure to global issues (such as sustainability), encouraging critical thinking and application of knowledge in everyday contexts.

3. The **speaking** activities in the textbook encourage students to use simple language to handle common situations, such as traveling or engaging in casual conversations about familiar topics like family, hobbies, and work. The textbook also includes activities where students can narrate stories, express their opinions, and provide reasons and explanations for their thoughts and plans. The **Merdeka Curriculum** highlights the importance of communication skills, collaboration, and student-centered learning. Speaking activities in the textbook support these goals by encouraging active, real-life conversations and fostering both fluency and creative expression. By including tasks where students describe experiences, dreams, and opinions, the textbook promotes both personal engagement and critical thinking, two core elements of the Merdeka Curriculum. With

11 out of 24 speaking activities meeting the indicators, the textbook demonstrates a significant effort in developing students' speaking skills. However, there is room for improvement, especially in encouraging more frequent activities that require giving reasons and explanations for opinions.

Figure 4.7 example of speaking task

7. Read and practice the dialogue with a partner.

Anabel: King Arthur was such a powerful man, wasn't he? What do you think?

Akbar: Right. He was so strong that he was able to pull a sword out of a stone easily. He beat all hollow.

Anabel: What else could Arthur do? How did he win the competition?

Akbar: Well, he could do what others couldn't. That's why he was the winner. You must read the myth. It's one of the most famous tales of King Arthur.

Anabel: Is it 'The Legend of the Sword in the Stone'?

Akbar: Exactly. How could you ask me when you have read the myth?

*Indicator*: Textbook can exploit a wide range of simple language to deal with most situations likely to arise while traveling.

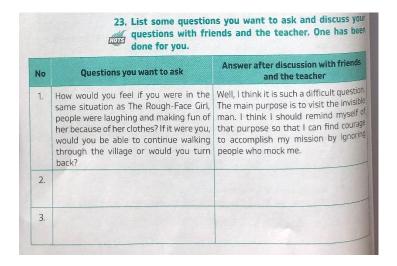
**Example from the textbook**: A role-playing activity where students practice asking for directions in English at an airport. They use simple phrases to understand and give directions in a travel-related context.

Alignment with Merdeka Curriculum: This activity supports the Merdeka Curriculum by promoting real-world communication, allowing students to apply language skills in practical scenarios, and developing their ability to use English confidently in travel situations.

4. The **writing** section of the textbook focuses on tasks where students write simple texts on familiar topics and organize their ideas in a

coherent sequence. It also includes activities like writing personal letters to describe events, experiences, and impressions. Writing is a crucial component of the **Merdeka Curriculum**, which encourages students to express themselves creatively and logically. The textbook supports these goals by providing a range of writing activities that help students practice writing in various formats, such as letters and simple descriptive texts. These activities promote clear and logical expression, which is essential for students' development of written communication skills in a flexible and independent learning environment. All 12 writing activities align with the indicators, highlighting a strong focus on developing students' writing skills in accordance with the curriculum's goals.

**Figure 4.8** example of writing task



*Indicator*: Textbook suggests writing personal letters describing events, experiences, and impressions.

**Example from the textbook:** A writing activity where students write a letter to a friend describing a recent trip, including details about places they visited, people they met, and their impressions of the experience.

Alignment with Merdeka Curriculum: This task encourages creative expression and personal reflection, which aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum's goal of encouraging students to write for meaningful purposes and develop communication skills.

# c) English Textbook Splash Smart Path to Learning English

Below is a table that analyzes the data from the English textbook "
Splash Smart Path," showing which sections and activities align with the
Merdeka curriculum indicators.

**Table 4.3** The Result of the conformity of the Material with the *Merdeka* curriculum

Skill	Indicators	Alignment with Merdeka Curriculum	Number of Activities in Accordance	Total Number of Activities	Note
Listening	Textbook suggests understanding the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.	This aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum's focus on real-life, context- based learning, where students practice listening to everyday conversation	7 out of 12	12	The activities support active listening skills, with 7 out of 12 aligning with the curriculu m's competenc y-based approach.
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	Textbook	This activity	0	6	No
	suggests	helps			specific
	understanding	students			activities
	the main point of	engage with			were
	many radio or	various			aligned
	TV programs on	media,			here in the
	current affairs or	supporting			data.
	topics of	competency			
	personal or	in listening			
	professional	and			
	interest when the	comprehensi			
	delivery is slow	on of real-			
	and clear.	world topics,			
	dia cicar.	as per			
		Merdeka's			
		competency-			
		based			
		learning			
		approach.			
Reading	Textbook	This	14 out of 18	18	14 out of
Keauing	suggests	supports the	14 Out 01 10	10	18
	understanding	Merdeka			activities
	factual texts on	Curriculum's			
					align well with
	subjects related	emphasis on			
	to personal interests that	reading for understandin			Merdeka's
					competenc
	consist mainly of	g, with a			y-based
	high-frequency,	focus on			and
	everyday	materials			student-
	vocabulary.	that students			centered
		find .			approach.
		engaging			
		and relevant			
		to their lives.			
	Textbook	This	1 out of 6	6	Only 1
	suggests	promotes			activity
	recognizing	critical			out of 6
	significant points	reading and			aligns
	in	analysis,			with this
	straightforward	encouraging			specific
	newspaper	students to			indicator.
	articles on	engage with			
	familiar subjects.	current			
		events and			
		develop their			
		reading			

		comprehensi			
		on.			
	Textbook	This	3 out of 6	6	3
	suggests	supports			activities
	understanding	students'			out of 6
	descriptions of	ability to			are
	events, feelings,	understand			aligned
	and wishes, and	more			with the
	the reading text	complex			indicators.
	must comply	reading			
	with Merdeka	texts, which			
	curriculum	is crucial for			
	indicators.	developing			
		language			
	m .1 .1	proficiency.	4		
Speaking	Textbook can	This	4 out of 6	6	4
	exploit a wide	encourages			activities
	range of simple	students to			out of 6
	language to deal	use simple			meet this
	with most	but effective			indicator,
	situations likely	language in			focusing
	to arise while	practical			on
	traveling.	contexts,			practical
		supporting			language
		their ability			use.
		to speak			
		confidently			
		in real-life			
	m .1 .1	scenarios.	- COA		_
	Textbook can	This is a	5 out of 24	6	5
	enter unprepared	core aspect			activities
	conversations on	of Merdeka's			out of 6
	topics that are	emphasis on			support
	familiar, of	developing			spontaneo
	personal interest,	communicati			us and
	or pertinent to	on skills and			practical
	everyday life	student-			speaking
	(e.g., family,	centered			skills.
	hobbies, work,	learning by			
	travel, and	engaging in			
	current events)	spontaneous,			
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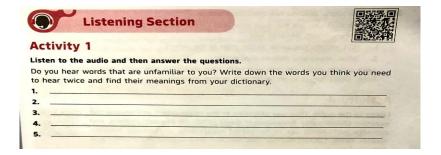
	reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.	Merdeka's focus on fostering independent thinking and the ability to articulate personal thoughts.			from the textbook specificall y align with this indicator.
	Textbook can narrate a story or relate the plot of a book or film and describe reactions.	This supports the development of storytelling and expressive speaking skills, which are key for both academic and personal development .	2 out of 6	6	activities from the textbook meet this indicator.
Writing	Textbook suggests writing simple texts on familiar topics or personal interests by linking shorter discrete elements into a linear sequence.	This aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum's focus on independent writing, critical thinking, and clear organization of ideas.	12 out of 12	12	All activities align with this indicator, fully meeting Merdeka's goals for writing.
	Textbook suggests writing personal letters describing events, experiences, and impressions.	This supports self-expression and personal reflection through writing, a key component	12 out of 12	12	All activities support this indicator, demonstra ting strong alignment with Merdeka's

		of Merdeka's focus on holistic			objectives for writing skills.
		education.			
Overall	The activities alig	n well with	60 out of 96	96	
Total	the Merdeka Curriculum's emphasis on competency-based, real-world learning, but there is room for improvement in oral reasoning.				

Based on the data provided, the English textbook activities demonstrate alignment with various Merdeka Curriculum indicators across the four main language skills: Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing.

1. The listening activities in the textbook align with Merdeka's emphasis on competency-based learning, where students are expected to develop real-world listening skills. Specifically, 7 out of 12 activities focus on helping students understand the main points of clear, standard speech on familiar matters, such as those encountered in work, school, and leisure. This supports Merdeka's approach of equipping students with the skills to comprehend everyday conversations and contexts. However, there is no alignment with activities related to understanding radio or TV programs, which suggests a gap in the textbook's coverage of this aspect.

Figure 4.9 example of listening task

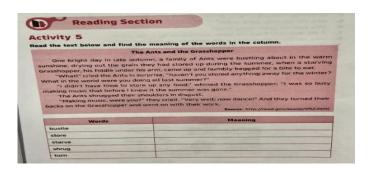


**Example**: The textbook features an audio activity where students listen to a conversation between two friends discussing their plans for the weekend. The activity asks students to identify details such as the activities the friends will do, the date, and the reason for their choice of plans.

Alignment with Merdeka: This activity reflects the Merdeka Curriculum's emphasis on understanding clear speech in everyday contexts such as school or leisure. The activity encourages students to listen actively to familiar topics, which is an essential competency of language learning in Merdeka.

2. In the **reading** section, 14 out of 18 activities align with Merdeka Curriculum indicators. These activities encourage students to understand factual texts related to their interests and engage with high-frequency, everyday vocabulary. This supports Merdeka's focus on providing students with relevant, real-world materials that stimulate their critical thinking. The textbook also encourages students to recognize key points in newspaper articles on familiar subjects, although this alignment is limited to just 1 out of 18 activities. Additionally, 3 activities support comprehension of texts that describe events, feelings, and wishes, which aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum.

Figure 4.10 example of reading task



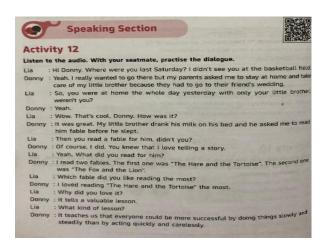
**Example**: One reading activity involves a passage about the importance of protecting the environment. Students are asked to identify the key points about environmental issues and the suggested solutions.

**Alignment with Merdeka:** This activity aligns with Merdeka's objective of encouraging students to engage with factual texts related to their interests, in this case, environmental issues. It promotes critical reading skills and provides content that is both relevant and important to current global discussions, encouraging critical thinking and reflection.

3. The **speaking** activities in the textbook show moderate alignment with the Merdeka Curriculum's focus on developing communication skills. Of the 24 activities, 11 align with the curriculum's emphasis on practical language use in real-life contexts, such as traveling and engaging in conversations on personal topics. However, there are gaps in other areas, such as activities that encourage students to give reasons and explanations for opinions, which are not addressed in the textbook. On the other hand, 2 activities support the ability to narrate a story or describe the plot of a book or film, demonstrating the textbook's focus on developing

expressive speaking skills. Overall, there is a strong emphasis on conversational skills, but some areas still need more focus, especially on explanation and reasoning.

Figure 4.11 example of speaking task



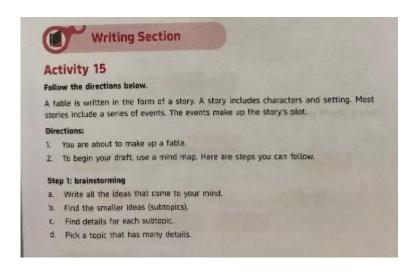
**Example:** Another speaking activity asks students to discuss their future plans and dreams with a classmate. They are encouraged to explain their reasons for these plans and how they hope to achieve them.

**Alignment with Merdeka:** This activity aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum's goal of enabling students to articulate their opinions and ideas. It fosters critical thinking and allows students to practice speaking with clarity and coherence, while also promoting self-expression and reflection.

4. The **writing** section is where the textbook most fully aligns with the Merdeka Curriculum. All 12 activities in this section are designed to support students in writing simple texts on familiar topics or personal interests by organizing their thoughts coherently. This aligns with Merdeka's emphasis on independent writing, critical thinking, and clarity

in communication. Furthermore, the textbook provides activities related to writing personal letters, which encourages students to express their thoughts, experiences, and impressions, further supporting Merdeka's student-centered approach to writing.

Figure 4.12 example of writing task



**Example:** In one writing activity, students are asked to write a letter to a friend, describing a recent experience or event, such as a holiday or a school project. The task requires students to link short sentences into a coherent text.

**Alignment with Merdeka:** This writing activity supports Merdeka's focus on helping students express themselves in writing. By linking shorter elements into a coherent sequence, students practice organizing their thoughts and communicating clearly.

#### 4.2 Discussion

The analysis of the tenth-grade English textbook "Bahasa Inggris, Pathway to English, SPLASH Smart Path to Learning English" in terms of its

alignment with the Merdeka Curriculum reveals both strengths and gaps in meeting the curriculum's demands. The Merdeka Curriculum, which emphasizes student-centered learning, competency-based approaches, and the development of 21st-century skills, requires teaching materials that foster real-life application, critical thinking, and active participation. This discussion will explore the extent to which the textbook supports these goals, with reference to relevant theories and recent research on curriculum implementation.

#### 1. Alignment with Student-Centered Learning

The Merdeka Curriculum is grounded in student-centered learning, which focuses on engaging students in meaningful learning experiences that encourage them to take responsibility for their own learning and make connections to their lives and futures. According to Freeman et al, student-centered learning improves engagement, motivation, and the application of knowledge in real-life contexts. In this study, the textbook's alignment with Merdeka's emphasis on real-world contexts is evident in several key areas<sup>48</sup>.

For instance, the listening activities in the textbook are well-aligned with the Merdeka Curriculum's focus on real-life communication. 10 out of 12 activities involve understanding the main points of clear standard speech on familiar topics such as work, school, and leisure. This focus on everyday, context-based listening practices encourages students to engage with authentic spoken materials. This aligns with Bransford, Brown, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Freeman, M., & Stoddard, H. (2015). *Active learning: A practical guide for college faculty*. National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition.

Cocking's assertion that real-world application is crucial in developing active listening skills and fostering competency-based learning<sup>49</sup>. However, while the textbook includes 5 out of 6 activities that address listening to radio and TV programs on current affairs, it still lacks a full emphasis on diverse, authentic media, which is crucial in promoting critical thinking and exposure to global issues.

In speaking, the textbook encourages students to engage in conversations on everyday topics, such as family, hobbies, and travel. 17 out of 24 speaking activities align with this focus on real-life interactions, which is consistent with Vygotsky's social constructivist theory. Vygotsky's theory emphasizes that language learning is a social process, and that students learn best when they engage in meaningful dialogue with peers and teachers<sup>50</sup>. This focus on spontaneous conversations mirrors the Merdeka curriculum's goal of developing practical communication skills. However, there is a gap in activities related to giving reasons and explanations for opinions, where 0 out of 6 activities are aligned. This limitation prevents students from developing higher-order cognitive skills such as reasoning and justifying opinions, which are critical in the 21st-century learning framework.

#### 2. Competency-Based Learning and Skill Development

A central tenet of the Merdeka Curriculum is competency-based

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Bransford, J. D., Brown, A. L., & Cocking, R. R. (2000). *How people learn: Brain, mind, experience, and school.* National Academy Press

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Vygotsky, L. S. (1978). *Mind in society: The development of higher psychological processes.* Harvard University Press

learning, which focuses on developing specific skills that students can apply in real-world contexts. In this regard, the textbook demonstrates both strengths and weaknesses. The reading activities in the textbook are mostly aligned with this goal. 14 out of 18 activities focus on understanding factual texts on personal interests and familiar topics, which is in line with the Merdeka curriculum's emphasis on reading for comprehension. As Sadler explains, formative assessments that focus on understanding materials relevant to the student's world are essential for fostering competence in critical reading<sup>51</sup>. However, only 1 out of 18 activities encourages recognizing significant points in newspaper articles on familiar subjects, which limits students' engagement with current events and global issues. This gap suggests the textbook could benefit from a stronger focus on analytical reading and understanding complex texts, which are vital for fostering global citizenship and critical media literacy.

In writing, the textbook excels in supporting competency development through creative writing and personal expression. 12 out of 12 activities are designed to help students write simple texts on familiar topics and personal letters that describe events and experiences. This reflects the Merdeka Curriculum's goal of fostering holistic education through independent writing, personal reflection, and the organization of ideas. According to Harris, writing activities that encourage personal expression

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Sadler, D. R. (2010). *Beyond feedback: Developing student capability in complex appraisal.* Assessment & Evaluation in Higher Education, 35(5), 535-550

and self-reflection are crucial for developing a well-rounded learner, supporting both academic and emotional growth<sup>52</sup>. The alignment of these activities with Merdeka's goals suggests that the textbook provides solid support for students' writing development.

#### 3. Real-Life Contexts and Practical Application

The Merdeka Curriculum aims to integrate real-life application in both the content and skills students develop. In terms of listening, the textbook successfully integrates real-life contexts into the materials, allowing students to engage with topics they may encounter in daily life, such as school, work, and leisure. This aligns with the work of Wiggins and McTighe, who argue that curriculum materials should focus on preparing students to perform tasks that mirror real-world challenges<sup>53</sup>. However, the lack of alignment in the area of listening to radio/TV programs on current affairs highlights a gap in providing students with exposure to diverse sources of media and current events, which are necessary for developing media literacy and critical thinking.

In speaking, the textbook offers a range of activities that support conversational skills and the ability to narrate stories or describe experiences. However, it does not provide sufficient opportunities for students to engage in complex, unprepared discussions that challenge them to think critically and respond dynamically, as suggested by Facione in his

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Harris, M. (2017). Writing to learn: How to incorporate reflective writing in your classroom. Routledge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Wiggins, G., & McTighe, J. (2005). *Understanding by design*. Pearson Education

work on critical thinking skills. Given that the Merdeka Curriculum emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving as part of 21st-century skills, there is a need for the textbook to incorporate more activities that push students to reason and articulate their thoughts in unpredictable or challenging situations<sup>54</sup>.

#### 4. Holistic Education and Emotional Development

The Merdeka Curriculum is also focused on holistic education, which includes fostering emotional intelligence, social skills, and personal reflection. The writing activities in the textbook are well-aligned with this goal, as they encourage students to write personal letters and describe experiences. This type of writing activity is key to developing self-awareness and empathy, as suggested by Goleman, who emphasizes that emotional intelligence is an essential component of effective communication and social interaction<sup>55</sup>.

However, the textbook could better support emotional and social learning by incorporating more activities that ask students to reflect on their own feelings and experiences in relation to global issues, as well as their personal growth. This would align more closely with the Merdeka Curriculum's goal of nurturing students who are emotionally and socially competent in addition to being academically skilled.

#### 5. Limitations and Areas for Improvement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Facione, P. A. (2015). *Critical thinking: A statement of expert consensus for purposes of educational assessment and instruction. The Delphi Report.* The California Academic Press. <sup>55</sup> Goleman, D. (1995). *Emotional intelligence: Why it can matter more than IQ.* Bantam Books

While the textbook demonstrates significant alignment with the Merdeka Curriculum, several areas need improvement. Notably, there is a lack of activities that foster critical thinking and problem-solving skills, especially in speaking and listening tasks. Activities that require students to explain, justify, and defend their opinions are crucial for fostering higher-order thinking. As Bloom et al. noted in their work on the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy, the ability to analyze, evaluate, and create is fundamental for developing the competencies required in today's globalized world<sup>56</sup>.

Additionally, the textbook's limited engagement with current events and media literacy in reading and listening activities is a significant gap. To better prepare students for a rapidly changing world, the curriculum should encourage critical engagement with diverse media sources and complex texts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Bloom, B. S., Engelhart, M. D., Furst, E. J., Hill, W. H., & Krathwohl, D. R. (1956). *Taxonomy of educational objectives: The classification of educational goals. Handbook I: Cognitive domain.* David McKay Company

#### **CHAPTER V**

#### **CONCULUSION AND SUGGESTION**

Based on the result of an analysis English textbook "Pathway to English textbook, Bahasa Inggris work in progress and SPLASH Smart Path to Learning English" grade X based on Merdeka curriculum, it can be concluded as follows:

#### 5.1 Conclusion

The "Bahasa Inggris, Pathway to English, SPLASH Smart Path to Learning English" textbook generally supports the Merdeka Curriculum's goals of student-centered learning, competency-based development, and real-life application. It effectively supports listening, speaking, and writing skills, with a strong focus on personal expression and communication. However, there are areas for improvement, particularly in fostering critical thinking, media literacy, and complex problem-solving skills. Strengthening these aspects would better align the textbook with the Merdeka Curriculum's emphasis on holistic education, preparing students for the challenges of the 21st century. By integrating more activities that encourage higher-order thinking and engagement with current global issues, the textbook could further enhance its suitability for the Merdeka Curriculum's implementation.

#### **5.2 Suggestions**

From the research, the author suggests:

#### 1. For English Teachers

Teachers are expected to check in advance the relevance of the textbooks they use with the learning outcomes that are in line with the phases of the books used in the *Merdeka* curriculum. Teachers should not be completely dictated by textbooks, as the name of the *Merdeka* curriculum should give freedom to teachers to determine teaching materials not dependent on textbooks.

#### 2. For further Researcher

For future researchers who want to research relevant topics, they can examine the content analysis of different books used by teachers based on the *Merdeka* curriculum. This research can be used as additional reference information.

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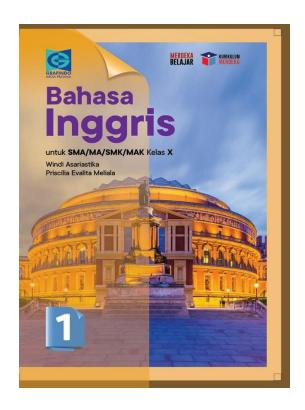
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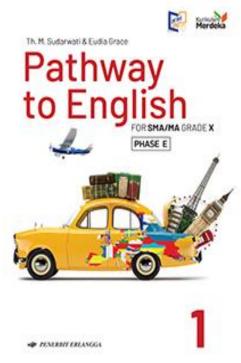
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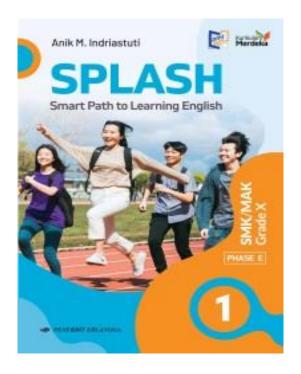
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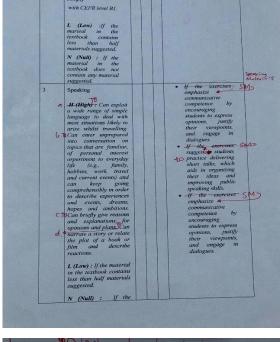
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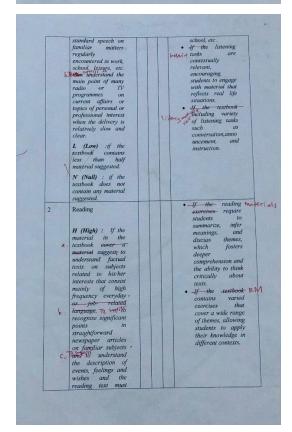
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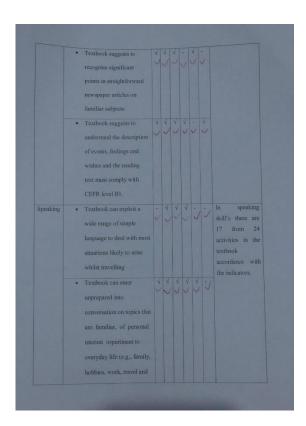
# Qualitative research data is collected using a variety of methods and interestingly, one of these data collection methods is the researcher herself because this is the reason why most experts regard the researcher as an instrument.\(^1\) Instrument used in this study is the researcher itself. The reason the researcher qualifies as an instrument is because the researcher has an expertise and deep understanding of the research topic and its various components, the researcher is the one who conducted the research and analysed the data. In this research, researcher used the instrument to analyzed the data. Document Analyzed in this study using checklist rubric. A conding to Mukumdan and Nimehchisalem a checklist is an instrument used to help teachers or researchers in the field of English Language Teaching (ELT) to evaluate teaching and learning resources such as textbooks.\(^2\) The checklist rubric is used to see whether or not the English textbook is relevant to the Mericka curriculum that refers to CEER level B1. The researcher determined the criteria to analyzed the data used in the checklist rubric, high, low, and null base of the material suggested. Rubric Checklist Instrument Table 3.3 Rubric Checklist Instrument Table 3.3 Rubric Checklist Instrument Table 3.3 Rubric Checklist Instrument Note | Note | Clear Standard | Clear | Computer Supported Qualitative Research. New Treats on Qualitative Research. Power of the Data Language Teaching Research. New Treats on Qualitative Research. New Treats on Qualitati



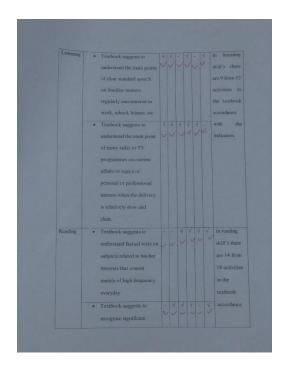


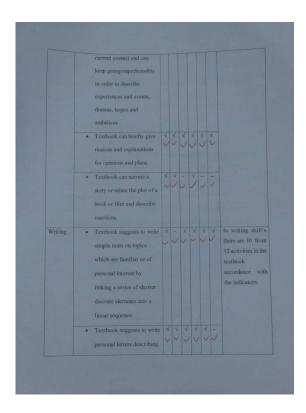


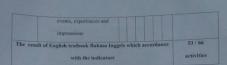
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#### **RATTER**







#### 1. Famous Athletes I Know

The first chapter of the book is taked Famous Athletes I Know. In this chapter there are instructional objectives, that are expected to be understood by the chapter of the

10 (see figure 4.12). But, the text is a recount text that is not as recommended by CEFR level B1 because the level of the text is higher than CEFR level B1. But in other Activity we can found the indicators line with CEFR level B1.

Figure 4.13 example reading task



The next reading skill in the textbook is found on pages 39 activity 13. In the task the student require to identify the main idea of each paragraph (see figure 4.13) after the students re-read the text, the students are asked to answer the questions based on the text that the students have read (S) researcher put checklist because it is line with Textbook suggests to English Textbook suggests to recognise significant points in straightforward newspaper articles on familiar subjects

Figure 4.1 example listening task



As can be seen in the table above, the listening skill in the textbook is found on pages 4 activity 1 which displays audio conversation tasks. After listening to the conversation, students are asked to fill in the blank with the word that the student's heard according to the audio conversation that has been heard (see figure 4.1). This is in line with the Merdeka curriculum that applies to the CEFR level 1 grid which involves students to be able to understand the main points in a conversation. Methods that the student's why researcher give checklist because it's forward with indicator ragish textbook suggests to understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, because etc.

The speaking elements of the textbook are found on pages 66 activity 8
In the textbook on Page 66, the assignment is given to students to be able to communicate directly with their classmates on the topic of sports and health (see figure 4.16). This is in line with what is on the CEFR level B1 grid regarding students being able to engage in unprepared conversations on familiar topics of personal interest, or relating to everyday life. Because it has been in line, therefore the researcher places a checklist the speaking skill in this chapter.

Figure 4.17 example speaking task

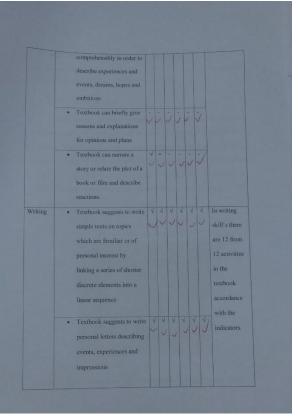


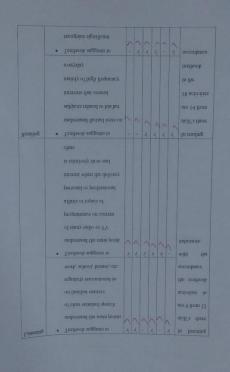
In the textbook on activity 9, the assignment is given to students to be able to communicate directly with their classmates on the topic of pandemic situation (see figure 4.17). This is in line with what is on the CEFR level B1 grid regarding students being able to engage in unprepared conversations on going comprehensibly in order to describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions.

Figure 4.18 example reading tas



	points in straightforward with the newspaper articles on indicators.  familiar subjects
	Textbook suggests to understand the description of events, feelings and wishes and the reading text must comply with CEFR level B1.
peaking	Textbook can exploit a wide range of simple language to deal with most situations likely to arise whist travelling  Textbook can enter unprepared into conversation on topics that are familiar, of personal interest orpertinent to everyday life (e.g., family, hobbies, work, travel and current events) and can keep going





linguistic features and present it.

Figure 4.25 example listening task



As we can see in the table above, the listening element is found in this chapter of the textbook on pages 140 activity 2.. On page 140 presented audio about graffiti, after listening to audio about the graffiti students are asked to fill in the blank space (see figure 4.25). This is in line with the existing grid at CEFR level B1 element listening which states that so that students can understand the main points clearly from standard audio about things that are already known often found at school. The researcher therefore places a checklist in this chapter.

After the researcher analyzed it, the speaking element from this chapter is not present in the textbook. Noting in the assignments or materials demonstrates anything about speaking. The researchery do not gave this chapter a checklist level in the speaking component as a result.

writing element, the researcher placed a high level on the writing element in this

#### e) English Textbook Splash Smart Path to Learning English

Table 4.3 The Result of the conformity of the Material

with the Merdeka curriculum

: Splash Smart Path to Learning English

Instruction : Give checklist  $(\forall)$  for the level based on the indicator of each unit/chapter

Skill	Indicators	Unit/Chapter					Note	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Listening	Textbook suggests to	V	1	N	V	N	V	In listening
	understand the main points	V						skill's there
	of clear standard speech							are 7 from
	on familiar matters							12 activities
	regularly encountered in							in the
	work, school, leisure, etc.							textbook
	Textbook suggests to		-				3	accordance
	understand the main point		V					with the
	of many radio or TV							indicators.
	programmes on current							

	book or film and describe reactions.	
Vriting	simple texts on topics which are familiar or of personal interest by linking a series of shorter discrete elements into a linear sequence  Textbook suggests to write V V V V V V	writing It's there 12 from activities the atbook cordance ith the dicators.
The result	of English textbook SPLASH which accordance with	44 / 66 activities

#### 1. What Fables Do You Like To Read?

The first chapter of this book is titled What Fables Do You Like To Read?. This chapter describes the educational objectives that students should understand after studying this chapter: students will be able to identify a fable as a narrative, student will be able to understand the definition, the generic structures, and the language features of a fable, students will be able to process, interpret, and evaluate

Speaking	Textbook can exploit a
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	everyday life (e.g., family,
	hobbies, work, travel and
	current events) and can
	keep going
	comprehensibly in order to
	describe experiences and
	events, dreams, hopes and
	ambitions
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	reasons and explanations
	for opinions and plans
	Textbook can narrate a
	story or relate the plot of a

	affairs or topics of personal or professional interest when the delivery is relatively slow and clear.
Reading	Textbook suggests to understand factual texts on subjects related to his/her interests that consist mainly of high frequency everyday  Textbook suggests to recognise significant points in straightforward newspaper articles on familiar subjects  Textbook suggests to understand the description of events, feelings and wishes and the reading text must comply with CEFR level B1.

#### **FINDINGS**

#### 1. Famous Athletes I Know

Figure 4.1 example of listening task



Figure 4.2 example of listening task



Figure 4.3 example of speaking task

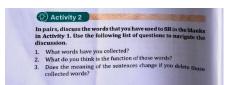


Figure 4.4 example of speaking task



Figure 4.5 example of speaking task



Figure 4.6 example of reading task



Figure 4.7 example of reading task

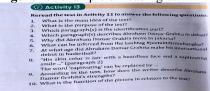


Figure 4.8 example of writing task



## 2. Sport Events I went to

Figure 4.9 example of listening task



Figure 4.10 example of listening task



#### 4.12 example of reading task

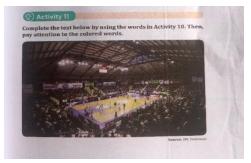


Figure 4.13 example of reading task



Figure 4.14 example of writing task



Figure 4.17 example of speaking task

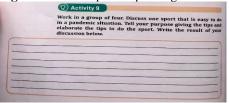
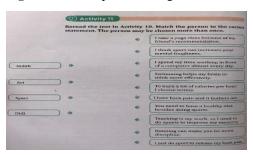
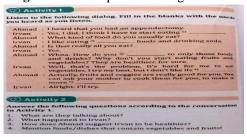


Figure 4.18 example of reading task



#### 4. Healthy Foods.

Figure 4.21 example of listening task



# 3. How Sports keep Us Healthy

Figure 4.15 example of listening task

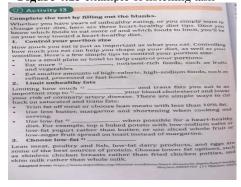


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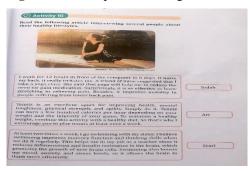


Figure 4.20 example of writing task

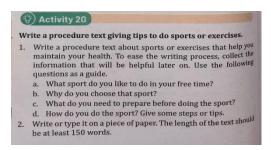


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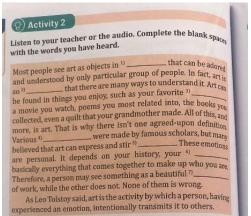


Figure 4.23 example of reading task



5. Graffiti, A Beautiful Art.

Figure 4.25 example of listening task



O Activity 2
Listen to the following story. Complete the story by filling out the blank spaces as you listen.
Three little pigs set out to build their own houses in the winter. The first pig built a house of <sup>1)</sup> , because they made the pig warm. The second pig built a house of <sup>2)</sup> , because it made the pig warmer. The third pig took the time, searched for bricks and dirt, and built a brick house and a <sup>3)</sup> They were all very tired after building their homes, and went to bed. At night, a giant hungry sheep came to their <sup>4)</sup> Feeling hungry, the sheep ate all the straws and hays from the pigs' homes. The pigs, woken up by the sudden snow, <sup>5)</sup> and caught
cold. The third, being warm and safe, slept soundly and didn't hear the other pigs knocking at the door.

Figure 4.26 example of reading task

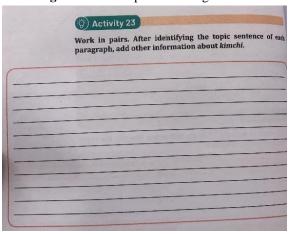


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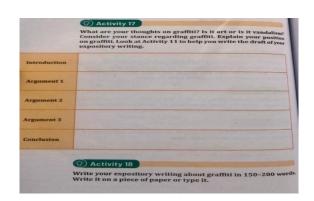


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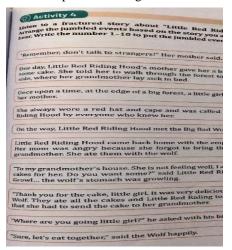
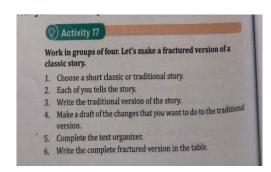


Figure 4.30 example of reading task



Figure 4.31 example of writing task



# b) English Textbook Pathway to English

Figure 4.32 example of listening task



Figure 4.33 example of listening task

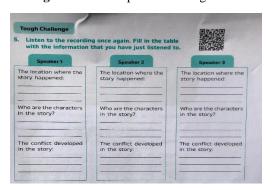


Figure 4.34 example of reading task

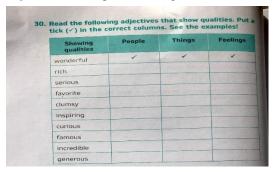
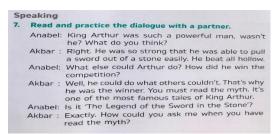


Figure 4.35 example of speaking task



#### 1. Lens of understanding.

Figure 4.36 example of speaking task

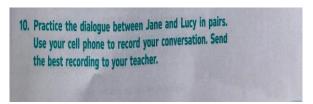


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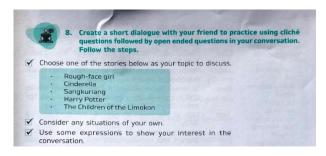


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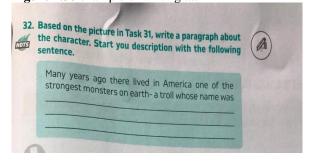
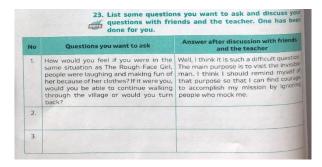


Figure 4.39 example of writing task



# 2. Unlock The Ideas to Arts Figure 4.40 example of listening task

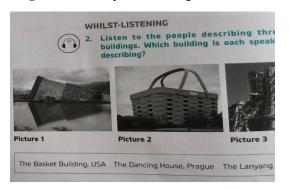


Figure 4.41 example of listening task



Figure 4.42 example of reading task



Figure 4.43 example of reading task

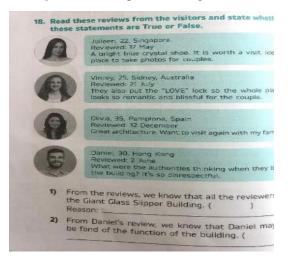


Figure 4.44 example of speaking task

# Speaking 1 In pairs, practice the dialogue with your friend. Then answer the questions. Passenger 1: They say that the train will arrive late today. Passenger 2: Uhm-hm Passenger 1: I hope it will arrive in five minutes. Passenger 2: Mm-hm Passenger 1: So that we won't be late to the airport. Passenger 2: Yeah, I hope so.

Figure 4.45 example of writing task

 Create a short dialogue with your friend to practice using back-channeling in your conversation. You can choose any topics and any situations of your own.

# 3. was Declared as a Pandemic Figure 4.46 example of listening task

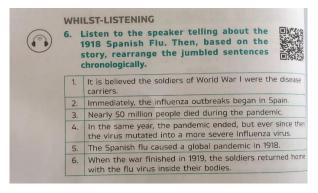


Figure 4.47 example of reading task

#### 20. Read Text 1 and answer these questions.

- 1) How does the writer describe the Bubonic Plague?
- 2) Why is it so described?
- 3) When did the plague begin?
- 4) How long did the plague last in Europe?
- 5) Draw a chain of paths to describe how the Bubonic Plague arrived in Europe.

Figure 4.48 example of reading task

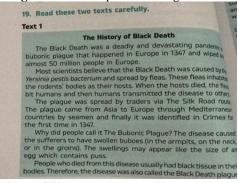


Figure 4.49 example of reading task



Figure 4.50 example of speaking task

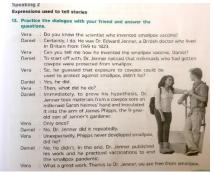
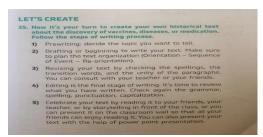


Figure 4.51 example of writing task

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Figure 4.52 example of writing task



#### 4. Good Habbits During Pandemic

Figure 4.53 example of listening task



Figure 4.54 example of listening task

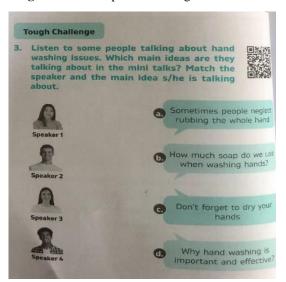


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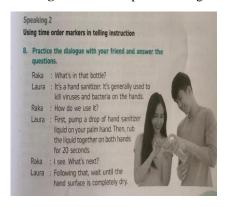


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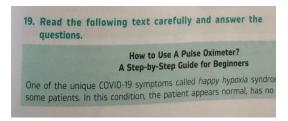


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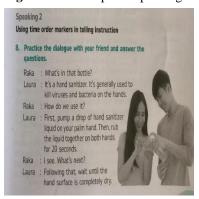


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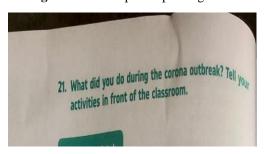


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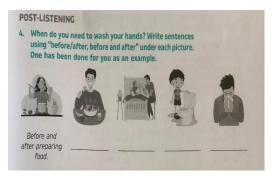
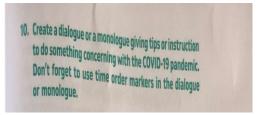


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# 5. Smart Teenagers in a Smart Community

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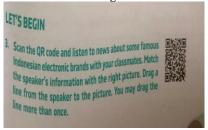


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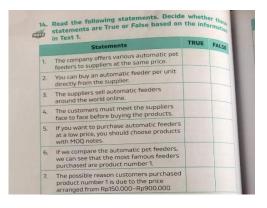


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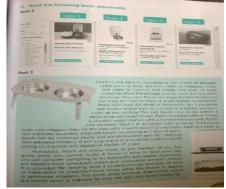


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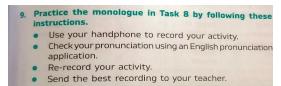


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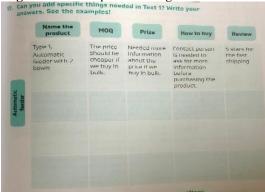
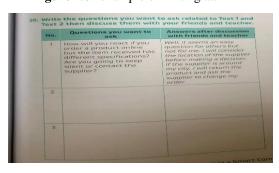


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# **6.Help The Planet We Call Home Figure 4.68** example of listening task



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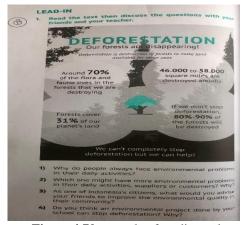


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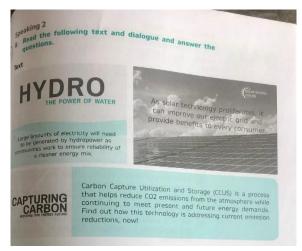


Figure 4.71 example of reading task

11. Work in groups to read and compare the followatest 1

Stop!
Plastic Pollotion
Do you want to know how to create more synome? Stop using plastic bags! Use reusabbags! Rather than collecting an abundance of plastic bags that are not only inconvenient to the environment and costly, try using shopping bag. Why do we need to use reusabbags? Lets find out.

Plastic bags are one of the top ten-common there are an estimated 500 billion to 1 to 1.

Figure 4.72 example of speaking task



Figure 4.73 example of speaking task

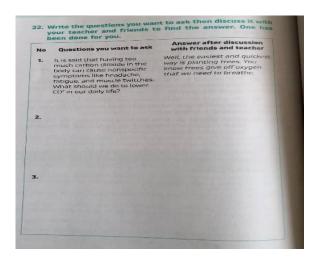
9. Practice the dialogue between Theo and Annis Use your handphone to record your activity. recording to your teacher.

Figure 4.74 example of writing task

7. Create a short dialogue with your friend to practic agreement expressions and the expressions of evidences in your conversation. Choose one of the below to discuss.

- Eat more fruit and vegetables
- Reduce water and food waste
- Decrease your energy usage
- Purchase and install solar panels

Figure 4.75 example of writing task



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Table 4.3 The Result of the

#### 1. What Fables Do You Like To Read?

Figure 4.76 example of listening task

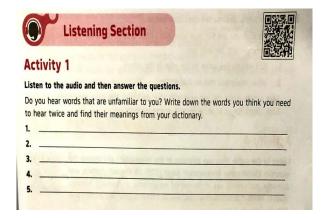


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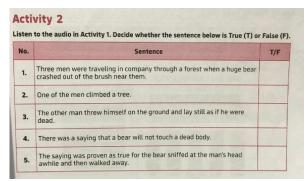


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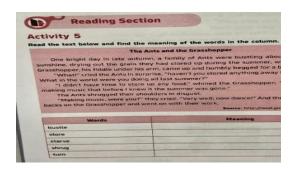


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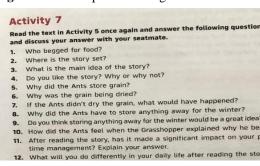


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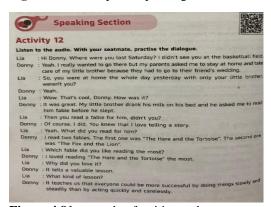


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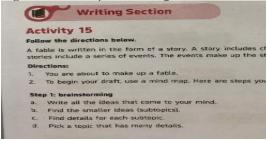
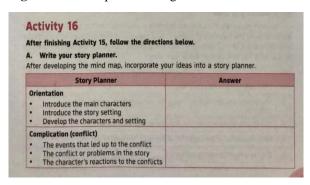


Figure 4.82 example of writing task



#### 2. What Is It?

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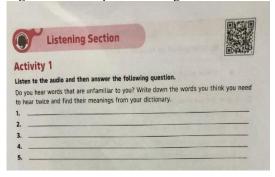


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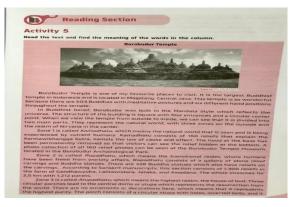


Figure 4.85 example of reading task

#### **Activity 4**

#### Read and follow the instruction below (Sustainable Development

Everyone in the world is expected to have a house where the with their family. But, in fact, some people can't afford to have a you find your friend living in poverty, what could you do to help answer in one or a few paragraph/s. Don't forget to show respect

Figure 4.86 example of reading task

#### **Activity 7**

Read the text in Activity 5 again and answer the questions. Comparanswers with your friend.

- 1. What is the largest Buddhist temple in Indonesia?
- 2. Where is Borobudur Temple?
- 3. What is the Borobudur Temple style?
- 4. Do you like to explore Indonesian heritage sites? Explain your an
- 5. Why has the hood at the base been permanently removed?
- 6. Why are there no ornaments or decorations in Arupadhatu section
- 7. If there had been no restoration in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, what wo to Pawon Temple and Mendut Temple?
- 8. What is the debate about the central stupa?

Figure 4.87 example of speaking task

#### **Activity 3** Describe your house using your own words, in two or three paragraphs. Use vocabulary to help you build your paragraph (you may choose words as n Vocabulary list bathroom living bedroom dining room utility room verand kitchen guest room garden basement window yard stairca bed sofa pillow roof floor bookcase library

Figure 4.88 example of speaking task

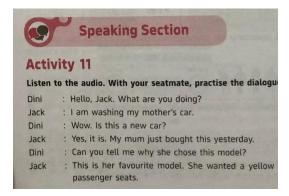


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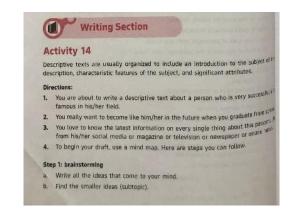


Figure 4.90 example of writing task

A.	Get acquainted with the genre and the cast of the film that you have watched Activity 9. Then answer the following question.		
	1. What is the genre?		
	2. Who was the director?		
	3. Who was the producer?		
	4. Who created the music?		
	5. Is there tagline? If so, what is it?		
	6. When was it released?		

Figure 4.91 example of listening task

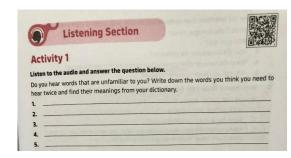


Figure 4.92 example of reading task

	Reading Section
activit	tv 4
read the f	texts below. Then answer the following questions.
ext I	Four Steps to Start a Manual Car
	you know how to start a manual car? There are four steps to do it. Here they are t, you need to insert your car key into the ignition.
on the c	cond, you need to make sure that your car is in neutral. Press down the peda- lutch until it hits the floor. After that, you move the gear level into the neutral resistion.
This or behin	rd, you need to make sure the handbrake, which can be found on the centre consoli d the gear on the passenger side of the driver's seat, is on. Before you switch or libn and start your car, ensure that the handbrake is at a 45-degree angle.
Las	t, once the car is in neutral, you are ready to turn the key in the ignition and star To let the engine get up to speed, you need to wait for a few seconds before
Text 2	
	Five Steps to Start an Automatic Car
Do five stop	you know how to start an automatic car? There are five steps to do it. Here are the ps you need to know.
Position	st, you need to insert your car key into the ignition and turn it to the third or or .
There a	cond, you need to press the brake pedat. An automatic car only has two pedats re the brake at the centre and the accelerator on the right. Do not forget to pres ner.
	ird, you need to reverse the gear level to 'D'. Automatic transmission cars ma me farms of D such as D, D1, D2, and D3. Move the gear level to the D position t car move.
Fo	urth, you need to lift your foot from pressing the brake as slowly as nossible
	th, you need to press the accelerator to make the wheels start rotating at a saf ike 30 or 40 km/hour for new drivers

Figure 4.93 example of reading task

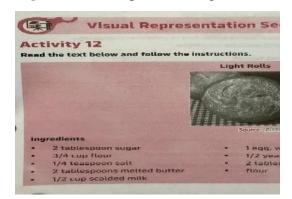


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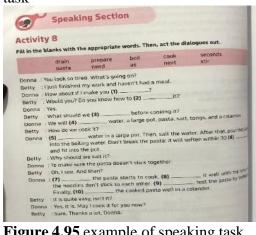


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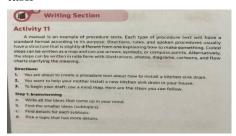
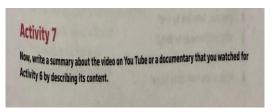


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# 4. Which Issues So You Agree with

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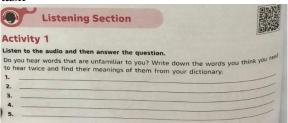


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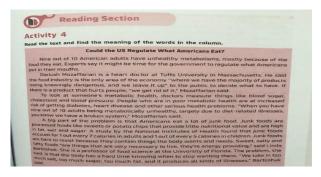


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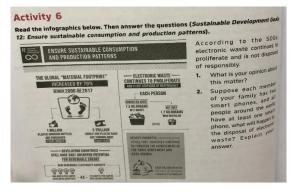
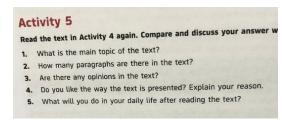


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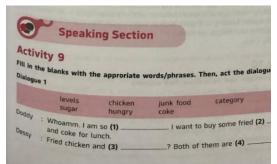


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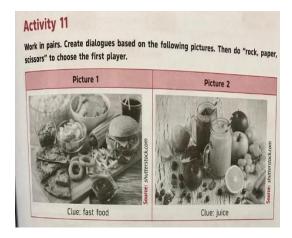
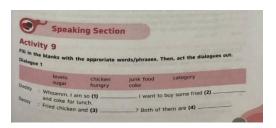


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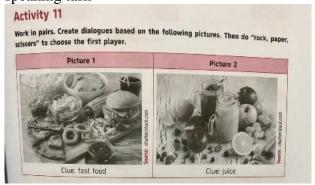


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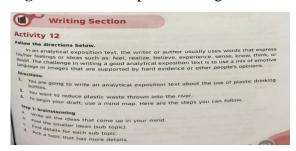
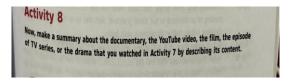


Figure 4.107 example of writing task



#### 5. Share Your Story

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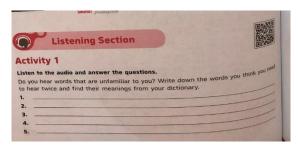
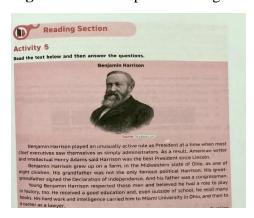
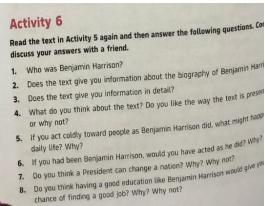


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**Figure 4.108** example of reading task



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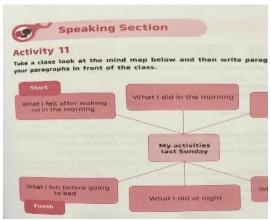


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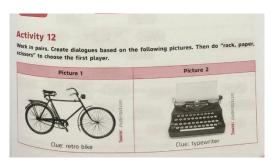


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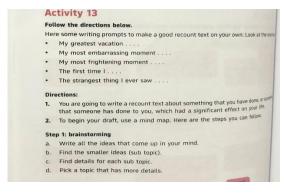


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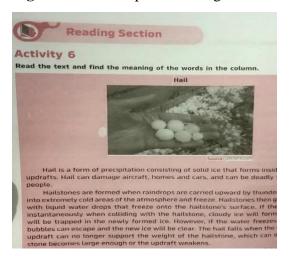
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Now, write a summary of the a film, an episode of TV series, or a drama a biography you have watched by describing its content.	bout someons

#### 6. How Do We Write Report texts?

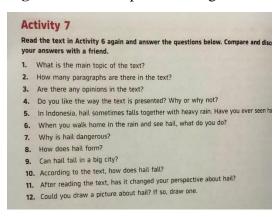
**Figure 4.113** example of listening task

	Listening Section	
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Listen to	the audio and answer the questions.  Near words that are unfamiliar to you? Write of the country	down the words you think you nee
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2		
3		
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Figure 4.114 example of reading task



**Figure 4.115** example of reading task



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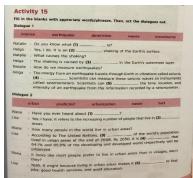
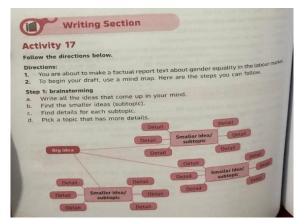


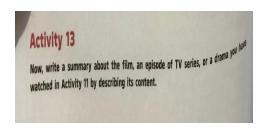
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