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Praise and gratitude are extended to the presence of Allah SWT, the Lord of the Universe, for His blessings, grace, and mercy. The author's team expresses gratitude for the completion of the book entitled "*SMART ASN: Be Smart with English*." This book is a compilation of writings created by the civil servants (ASN) of Karawang Regency and previously published on the online platform [retizen.republika.co.id](http://retizen.republika.co.id).

Several considerations led us to choose this title for the book. The content of the writings in this book reflects the experiences of the ASN related to learning and mastering the English language throughout their lives, both before and after becoming ASN. Additionally, all the writings in this book are in English, as part of our effort to support the ASN of Karawang Regency in realizing one of the characteristics of SMART ASN, which is proficiency in foreign languages, including English. Thus, this book can serve as a reference for ASN throughout Indonesia to learn or enhance their English skills.

The book comprises 28 (twenty-eight) writings categorized into 4 (four) themes: 1) Get English with Colleges, Scholarships, and Organizations; 2) Another Way to Learn English; 3) English Learning Journey; and 4) Tricks for Enhancing English Skills.

We would like to express our gratitude to all parties who supported and assisted in completing this book, making it a source of pride for us as authors. We acknowledge that there are still many shortcomings in the writings of this book. Therefore, constructive criticism and suggestions are highly appreciated.

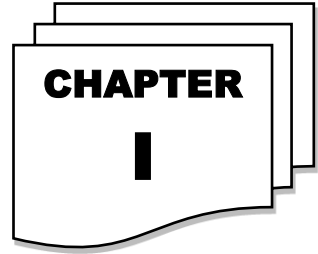
In conclusion, we hope that this book proves beneficial to the authors specifically and to readers in general, enhancing their insights and knowledge.

Karawang, November 2023  
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# GET ENGLISH WITH COLLEGES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

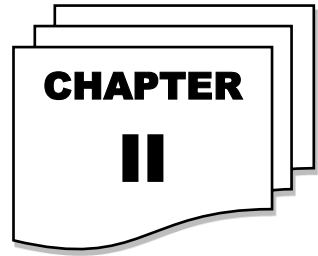
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## A. LEARNING ENGLISH AS A BONUS FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Rika Fauziah**

"*Dream comes true*" first came into my head when the awardee for BAPPENAS Scholarship was announced, back in 2011. Other than me, three of my colleagues were also accepted into the BAPPENAS (National Development Planning Agency) scholarship program. Actually, five of us applied, but only four succeeded. Two of my colleagues received scholarships in Indonesia. While, I and one of my colleagues had the opportunity to pursue postgraduate studies at two universities, in Indonesia and Japan (double degree). Alhamdulillah, with the grace of God, my dream of studying abroad was fulfilled.

According to Wikipedia (actually, this is an unreliable source, LOL), a dream is a subconscious experience involving vision, hearing, thoughts, feelings, or senses during sleep. Meanwhile, a dream is the hope of every individual for something unreal to become real. Usually, to make someone's dreams come true, one often has to navigate a winding and sometimes less smooth path than expected. This is what I felt when I strived to realize my dreams of studying abroad, the story of it can be read in the following paragraphs.



## ANOTHER WAY TO LEARN ENGLISH

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### A. SIMSALABIM, MASTERING ENGLISH WITH EASE WHILE CHILLING OUT

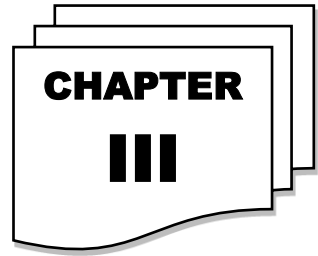
*Wiwin Masria Yosefine Sihotang*

English Language is the most commonly used as international language for communication, whether in business, government, technology, or academic publishing. But, in reality, learning English is not as easy as falling off a log. Many people experience frustration when trying to improve their language skills in English. For many people, Learning English is so scary, so they will always avoid it if they attempt to communicate in English.

This is very discouraging, considering the importance of mastering English in the current global world. In fact, Learning English can be very fun, even you can learn English when You Chill Out. "*How can it be?*" I Think this is the question that you have right now, right? However, what I've written down so far is definitely true.

According to some research, watching Movies in English is one of the most effective ways to improve your English communication skill. It means that you can learn English while you chilling out and watching movies in English. Isn't it interesting? Then, how can learning English through Movie become an effective method of learning English? The following are some explanations that I can give to you, let's check it out:





## ENGLISH LEARNING JOURNEY

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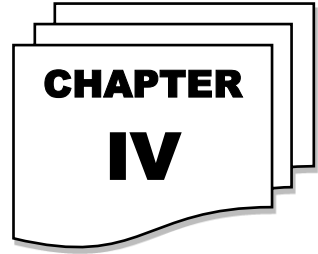
### A. ENGLISH AS AN IDENTITY TO OPEN THE WORLD

#### R. Ade Komarudin

I love stories, especially exciting adventure stories. When I was a child, I enjoyed watching television, where many fascinating films about the world out there were shown. My curiosity about foreign and new things beyond my own surroundings also led me to develop an interest in foreign languages, particularly English, because, of course, it was the language that most often reached my ears when enjoying those foreign films and stories.

My enthusiasm for learning English grew even stronger as I started to read. English-language TV shows became more understandable to me because I could read the subtitles, albeit sometimes haltingly. If something interesting or intriguing was said, I would try to find its meaning in my brother's English dictionary. If there were "iconic" and captivating scenes, my brother and I would attempt to re-enact them in English, based on our interpretation at the time.

As I entered my teenage years, my interest in foreign languages, especially English, persisted. This was undoubtedly due in part to the teachers I had from junior high to high school. I never specifically studied English through lessons or courses; it was solely through formal education at school.



## TIPS AND TRICKS FOR ENHANCING ENGLISH SKILLS

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### **A. MYTH OR FACT: WORKING ABROAD - IS KNOWING ENGLISH NOT MANDATORY?**

**Annisa Ulhidayah Dwiyanti**

At first, I thought that being able to communicate in English was a requirement for working overseas. This idea was supported by the straightforward argument that English is the language that is recognized worldwide. English is therefore the best language to use when essential to bridge linguistic gaps across nations, especially when it comes to employment. Without learning English, how can someone converse with people from other countries?

Nevertheless, after having actual conversations with multiple potential migrant workers from various nations, this belief was disproved. People from Europe, including Slovakia, Poland, and Romania, as well as several Asian nations, including Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, and Saudi Arabia, interacted with one other. Officials from the Indonesian Migrant Worker Placement Companies (P3MI) were also consulted for information.



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Rika Fauziah, born in Karawang October, 10<sup>th</sup> 1981. Currently, working as Senior Trainer at the Personnel and Human Resources Development Agency (BKPSDM) Karawang Regency. As BAPPENAS Awardee for the Linkage Double-Degree Program, she holds 2 (two) master's Degrees from the University of Indonesia and the International University in 2013. Besides being a trainer, she also worked as a short-term fisheries researcher for Innovision Consulting Global Limited. Last year, as an Innovision consultant she contributed to writing journals called Gender Transformative and Responsible Investments in South East Asia Phase 2 (GRAISEA). Besides researcher, she joined the management of the Karawang English Club (KEC). Besides KEC, she is also a member of Team Coaching and Mentoring under Bappeda Karawang and became an evaluator for "PERIODA" an innovation competition in 2023. In The past two years she started writing articles published in Retizen. The articles were also published as a book consisting of a collection of articles called Antologi Kata Sang Abdi Negara in 2023.

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staying in line and focus, grab your goals," reflecting his dedication to maintaining discipline and staying focused on achieving objectives. With a background in geophysical engineering and a current position in civil service, Dimas combines his technical expertise with a commitment to public service. His unique experiences contribute to a well-rounded perspective that enriches his approach to both writing and professional endeavors.

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The author graduated from the Faculty of Elementary School Teacher Education at Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI) in 2018. The author is passionate about teaching, educating, and sharing knowledge, especially in developing students' literacy skills in a fun and meaningful learning environment. The author is currently active in various educational communities, including the 'Martabak' Learning Community, the Teacher Working Group called KKG, and the Karawang English Community for ASN (KEC). The author has also been a speaker at several events in the learning community and the Teacher Working Group (KKG). In 2022, The author was a nominee for the innovation in educational technology in the Gebyar Festival Berkarya, the teacher's day event held by the BBGP in Bandung. The author's motto is "*Never be afraid to dream and pursue your goals. Keep learning and trying, and never give up.*"

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The life motto of the author is *"it's okay if you're bored and tired, take a break for a while. But after that you have to get up and make your way again. Stay vigorous and don't give up."* The author has been through many things in her life, many failures, but she's always trying to rise and come back again deep through her way.

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Even though the obstacles you face are very difficult, believe in yourself. We must believe that we can overcome all obstacles to make ourselves better.

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Several considerations led us to choose this title for the book. The content of the writings in this book reflects the experiences of the ASN related to learning and mastering the English language throughout their lives, both before and after becoming ASN. Additionally, all the writings in this book are in English, as part of our effort to support the ASN of Karawang Regency in realizing one of the characteristics of SMART ASN, which is proficiency in foreign languages, including English. Thus, this book can serve as a reference for ASN throughout Indonesia to learn or enhance their English skills. The book comprises 28 (twenty-eight) writings categorized into 4 (four) themes:

- 1) Get English with Colleges, Scholarships, and Organizations;
- 2) Another Way to Learn English;
- 3) English Learning Journey; and
- 4) Tips and Tricks for Enhancing English Skills.

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