

UOW College Hong Kong / Community College of City University
Student English Enhancement Unit (SEE U)
Daily English Practice

Week 7

#34 Longer leave for moms draws closer to reality

Skills/ Objectives: Reading and Writing

PART 1: Before you watch...

Preparatory questions

1. How long is maternity leave in Hong Kong now?

Vocabulary

1. Maternity leave (noun): a period of time in which a woman is legally allowed to be away from work in the weeks before and after she gives birth
2. Entitle (verb): to give somebody the right to do something
3. Cough up (verb): give money to pay for something
4. Legislation (noun): a law suggested by a government and made official by the legislative council
5. Representative (noun): someone who is chosen to do something for a group of people

PART 2: Article

This article reports on the government's plan of extending maternity leave.

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http://www.thestandard.com.hk/section-news.php?id=200594&story_id=50021574&con_type=1&d_str=20180927

(Source: The Standard)

PART 3: Let's discuss!

1. Do you think extending maternity leave can help increase birth rate in Hong Kong? Why? Why not?
2. What can the government do to increase birth rate in Hong Kong?

PART 4: Writing

Write a letter to editor and discuss what can be done to increase birth rate in Hong Kong. You can submit it to SCMP (<https://www.scmp.com/comment/letters>).

PART 5: Learn further

1. Baby bonus to boost Hong Kong birth rate to be proposed in consultation

The article discusses measures that can be carried out to increase birth rate in Hong Kong.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/1331833/baby-bonus-boost-hong-kong-birth-rate-be-proposed-consultation>

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