

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

Week 9

#44 Hongkongers mix English and Cantonese into new language, Kongish

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening, & Writing

PART 1: Before you read and watch...

Preparatory questions

1. Have you heard of Kongish? Can you think of any examples?

Vocabulary

1. bilingual (adjective): being able to speak and use two languages
2. absurdity (noun): something that is unreasonable or stupid
3. prominent (adjective): very important
4. grim (adjective): hopeless, worrying
5. turmoil (noun): a state of confusion and uncertainty

PART 2: Article and Video

The article explores what Kongish is and its relationship with the identity of some Hong Kong people. The video provides some examples of Kongish.

Hongkongers mix English and Cantonese into new language, Kongish (*click the link to read the article and watch the video*)

<https://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/article/1903452/hongkongers-mix-english-and-cantonese-new-language-kongish>

(Source: SCMP)

PART 3: Let's discuss!

1. What did you learn from the article about Kongish? Have you heard of any Kongish before? Do you use Kongish? Can you provide some examples?
2. According to the article, who use Kongish? In what situations?
3. How does the use of different languages represent your identity (e.g., Cantonese, English, Putonghua)?
4. Do you agree that English is a global language? What is the importance of the English language in the world?

PART 4: Writing

Reflect on your language identity. Which languages do you use? In what situations? How do you feel when you use them? What is your attitudes towards the languages? How do the languages relate to your identity? (150 – 200 words)

PART 5: Learn further

1. **Kongish Daily**

This is the Facebook page of Kongish Daily.

<https://www.facebook.com/KongishDaily/>

2. **Do you speak Kongish ar?**

The reporter interviews the creators of the Facebook page Kongish Daily.

<http://varsity.com.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php/2015/12/kongish-hong-kong-english-redefine-identify/>

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