

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

Week 5

#73 Stan Smith

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking

Answers to relevant questions in the preceding set of exercises:

Question 2: Learning that involves drilling might appear dull and can hardly be fun: for example, learning to play a musical instrument. Just remember to diversify your learning styles.

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

1. Who is Stan Smith?
2. Where did you last see this name printed?
3. Are you a fan of any luxury brands?

Answer(s) to the relevant questions above will be provided in the next exercise.

Vocabulary

1. Substantial (adjective): large in size, value or importance
2. Iconic (adjective): very famous and popular
3. Customize (verb): to change according to the user's needs
4. Personalize (verb): to change something so that it becomes exclusively someone's
5. Crease (verb): to cause wrinkles

PART 2: Article for Reading

Based on 3505 user reviews, this list sums up 11 reasons in favour of Adidas Stan Smith and 4 against it:

15 Reasons to/ Not to Buy Adidas Stan Smith (*Click the link to read the article*)

<https://runrepeat.com/adidas-stan-smith>

PART 3: Speaking Skills

Used on formal occasions, whether you say it or write it, the word “**substantial**” is a useful expression. Meaning, as noted above, “large in size, value or importance,” “substantial” may be used like this:

*The findings from this study show a **substantial** difference between...*

Note also words from the same word family, like “**substance**” and “**substantiate**.” Sample sentences:

*The committee saw little **substance** in the complaint made against Mr. Jones and therefore dismissed it out of hand.*

*The committee is confident that there is evidence to **substantiate** the allegations against Mr. Jones.*

PART 4: Listening Skills

1. Top 10 Most Iconic Sneakers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BF-EtVt_MQs (9:53 minutes)

This video might well be your dream come true: imagine owning all of these classic beauties.

2. Are We Too Materialistic?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24L7r7SoK_Y (4:46 minutes)

This video helps us understand this “desire to possess” in just about everyone of us.

PART 5: Further Discussion

Write a short response to the following question:

If you had just the right cash for purchasing a pair of Adidas Stan Smith, would you go straight for it or would you rather spend it on something else?

Send your writing to: see.u@cccu.edu.hk.

Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give feedback.