

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

Week 6

#80 Does the Wealthiest Musician in the UK have Worries?

Skills/ Objectives: To train students' reading, writing, speaking and listening skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

1. Do you know at least one Beatles' song? Or are you already a fan?
2. If you led a band like the Beatles, do you think you would have anything to worry about?
3. What do you think the legendary Paul McCartney, now aged 76, has to worry about?

Vocabulary

1. Companion of Honour Medal: one of those medals given by the British Royal family to recognize special achievement
2. Buckingham Palace: residence of Queen Elizabeth and the rest of the British Royal family
3. Revenue (noun): the income that a government or company receives regularly
4. Income (noun): money that is earned from doing work

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

Answers to relevant questions in the preceding set of exercises:

Question 2: One way to overcome binary thinking, or any oversimplified, black-and-white views of the world, is through higher education. Studying the Humanities may widen our perspectives on life.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Check out this list of richest British musicians and see where your favourite has been placed:

Paul McCartney tops 2018 Sunday Times list of richest musicians

<http://www.musicweek.com/talent/read/paul-mccartney-tops-2018-sunday-times-list-of-richest-musicians/072424>

(Click the link to read the article)

PART 3: Speaking Skills

When people say, jokingly, of a modest-looking place, “Well, this is not exactly Buckingham Palace,” they mean they can bear with it, although they do not like it. They do this with a bit of British humour.

Now see if you can say it properly:

“Buckingham Palace”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBe_NaFvhZs

PART 4: Listening Skills

1. Watch Paul McCartney talks about anxiety and recurring dream he has
(11:57 minutes)

Like anybody who is serious about their work, Paul McCartney gets nervous about how he performs his music...

2. Paul McCartney: 76 years in 76 hits in 7:60 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Dio3PJcF8> (7:60 minutes)

Your parents (or your grandparents) can probably sing along with 70 out of these 76 Beatles' immortal classics.... Above all, the songs “Let It Be” and “Yesterday.”

Further Discussion

Write a short response to the following topic:

If you happen to know of a Beatles song, write about how you feel about it.

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

Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give feedback.