

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

Week 9

#93 Dating customs around the world

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

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: Have you ever thought of dating with people in a group?

Qt 2: Which places in the world do you think you will find young people commonly practising group-dating?

The answer to Qt 2 will be provided at the next set of Daily English Practice exercises.

Vocabulary

- slumber party (noun): a party at which children spend the night at one child's home.
- intriguing (adjective) : interesting for being unusual.
- illustrated by (phrasal verb): shown by.
- matrimonial (adjective): related to marriage.
- curfew (noun): a time at which children must stay at home.
- courtship (noun): a period when a man and a woman engage in a romantic relationship.
- outrageous (adjective): shockingly strange.

The following is/are answer(s) to relevant question(s) in the preceding set of exercises "Falling in love":

Qt 1: According to the article which covers the results of a study by Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, most people would just hide their emotions after a break-up with their lover. Only 10% of respondents in the survey would bad-mouth their ex online.

Qt 2: According to the article which covers the results of a study by Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, 53 per cent of the interviewees in Hong Kong indicated that they had a love relationship when they were aged 13 to 15.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Are you aware that people have different styles of courtship in different cultures? Very often, this means what is the norm in one country may be considered unacceptable or even illegal in another. Find the following article posted by HealthGuidance for more details.

Dating Customs Around the World

<https://www.healthguidance.org/entry/15127/1/dating-customs-around-the-world.html>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Here is a video clip on You Tube to train your listening skills. It is an interview with a matchmaker who advises you about the do's and don'ts of online dating:

Online dating do's and don'ts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBmfdBEQ-l4>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Did you notice a very useful expression "..., be it.." in the main article. It says in the sentence:

"Many Spanish teens join groups or clubs that bring people together connected by common interests, be it camping or cycling."

This short expression is very useful to raise an example and it provides a good alternative to the common expression "no matter whether it is". Now, can you try to write a sentence using this expression and send it to see.u@cccu.edu.hk. Another demonstration of its use is provided below:

All students of the College are welcome to join the SEE U learning activities, be they boys or girls.

Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.