

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

Week 1

#104 Jackie Chan (成龍)

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: How does Jackie Chan compare with other Kungfu masters in his martial art style?

Qt 2: Which of Jackie Chan's Kungfu movies do you like most?

Qt 3: Why do you think Jackie Chan has got rich so quickly?

Vocabulary

1. sprawling (adjective): spreading and expanding in size.
2. stake (noun): involvement.
3. endorsements (noun): the celebrity appearing in advertisements to say that they like and use the products.
4. gesture (noun): a small body movement to express an idea.
5. stuntman (noun): a man performing difficult and dangerous acts for the main character in a movie.
6. premiere (noun): the first public performance of a show.
7. plummet (verb): to fall quickly and suddenly.
8. scrap (verb): to stop using something.
9. tenure (noun): period of ownership of something.
10. slew (verb): to murder someone.
11. mogul (noun): a rich, powerful and important person.
12. endeavours (noun): attempts to do something.

PART 2: Article for Reading

In the following article posted by SCMP, you will learn a lot about Jackie's entertainment business and how wealthy he is:

Jackie Chan's sprawling business empire: chairmanship with Hong Kong-listed company, links with Chinese tycoon, and antique collection

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/2186657/top-chinese-model-li-jingwen-bares-her-freckles-zara-and-all-hell>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Listen to the following short video clip to learn more about the topic while practicing your listening skills:

What the dude presents – Jackie Chan Oscar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLWzBeDgFJY>

Jackie Chan funniest interview ever

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beVSHiyog4o>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Do you understand the meaning of the expression “somebody has a stake in something” used in the following sentence of the main article?

Jackie Chan currently has stakes in six offshore firms.

The expression means the person has a strong personal concern in something and such concern can range from just personal interest to having a real financial involvement in it. The example above obviously tells that Jackie Chan has shares in the six offshore firms. Another example of the use of this expression is given below:

The parents have a stake in how well the school is run as their children are studying there.

Can you write a sentence of your own using this expression “somebody has a stake in something”? Send your writing to: **see.u@ccu.edu.hk**. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.